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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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RI CONVENTION



HONOLULU HAWAII 2020
6-10 JUNE



Our speaker today was **Capt. Chuck Merkel**, Executive Director of the Bowfin Museum at Pearl Harbor, who gave a very interesting talk on how the Bowfin was saved from being sold for junk and becoming a museum. He also related a brief history of the USS Bowfins actions in WW2



PP Gene Grounds was awarded the White Hat from the White Hat Society for 50 years of donations that placed him in Level One of the Major Donor Categories. He received a white Stetson and a crystal dove trophy



PE Paul McGillicuddy and **President Carol Riley** welcomed guest of Rotarians. Among them are **Cecilia Marsone** guest of **Adrienne King**, **Steve Sarcie** and **Akili Jones** guest of **PP Dave Livingston** and our regular frequent visitor **Shoky Kaleel**

President Carol Riley opened the meeting to a full house. Alumni had returned: **Kathy Higa** and **Charod Dodd** reappeared. **Lisa Ahmed** led the pledge. **President-Elect Paul McGillicuddy** gave the Inspiration based on personal tragedies overcome by surfing and the supportive fellowship of Rotarians. He also welcomed volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee for our next International Food Fest.

Charod Dodd introduced many guests: **Adrienne King** brought **Cecelia Marsone** (a kinesiologist); **PP Dave Livingston** introduced **Steve Surcie** (a media reporter stationed in Japan), **Akili Jones** (a media advertising). Others included the Gedeon Boys' Australian Godfather, **Shokie**; **Redie Wong** (a social worker focused on vulnerable youth); **Aileen Fong** (a full-body massage professional), also present were **Paul Hadik** and **Jo Matsuoka**. In all, a full house.

From the Aloha Bucket we learned that **Dr. Denny Meyer** is thriving but still at the Rehab Center of the Pacific. **PP Janet Scheffer** leaves for Arizona to participate in the National Racket Ball Championships in the 60-year-old class, **Toan Doran** gave \$20 to celebrate the Year of the Rat. **Flora Lu's** youngest daughter will be getting married in Hawaii. Others announced the births of grand and great grand children.

The equivalent of Rotary Foundation "knighthood," The White Hat Society, elevated **Gene Grounds** for 50 years of donations that placed him in Level One of the Major Donor Categories. He received a white Stetson and a crystal dove trophy that made him taller and a recognized giver. In District 5000,

"White Hatters" have given over \$520,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

12th Annual Rotary Garage Sale at Waikiki Elementary School is scheduled for February 29, 2020. Set up begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, and the Sale opens at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 29th and ends at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Waikiki Elementary School.

Rescue Tubes for O'ahu Beaches. The Club has purchased twenty to be installed. Contact Stephen Morgan for date and times of their installation.

DA SPEAKAH: Chuck Merkel, Executive Director of the Bowfin Submarine Museum

Although the nine submarine fleet constitutes only 2% of the U.S. Navy, they sunk 50% of all the Japanese ships during World War II. Because of this and the fact that the one christened at Pearl Harbor became known as the "Pearl Harbor Avenger," our speaker had a wealth of information to share about the stealthy survivor of many of the fifteen hundred missions undertaken by the submarine fleet in World War II, named the Bowfin.

Decommissioned and sent to Lake Union in Washington State, it was consigned to be sold for junk. Harold Estes, a former member of our Rotary Club, who also got the the USS Missouri consigned to Pearl Harbor, managed to do the same for the Bowfin.

WEEKLY REPORT — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

Having sailed half-way around the world and engaged in active naval combat it came home to Pearl Harbor to become another trophy in our maritime museum located there. Today it sits at anchor surrounded by all the evidence of its adventures in three Museum buildings that display its technology and history, as well as the future of the modern submarine fleet.

After **Tony Gedeon** failed to pick the white marble out of the raffle bowl, we recited the Four-Way Test and adjourned. (I stayed on to finish my meal and **Toan Doran** joined me to eat his three Princely desserts.)

Respectfully submitted , PP Bob Tellander



We had a good turn out on Wednesdays Lunch of 37 Rotarians and Guests. Good speakers result in good attendance. PP Dave Livingston is doing a great job!



INFORMATION ON RI CONVENTION IN HAWAII

As you all know District 5000 has the honor to host the 2020 Rotary International Convention in our Aloha State. Each year, RI holds an international convention. It is in incredible opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world, exchange ideas and learn from a multitude of excellent, inspiring speakers. As the Host, D5000 gets to showcase our culture and our beautiful State. Rotarians will be able to sign up for events, tours or just enjoy our islands. One of the most popular functions at all the conventions is the “Host Hospitality Night”.

Host Hospitality Night is an RI convention tradition, whereby local Rotarians provide a memorable evening of hospitality and international fellowship, hosting visitors in their homes or in restaurants or a larger venue. For the 2020 RI convention, this will be on Monday, June 8, 2020. District 5000 Rotarians will have the opportunity to host visiting Rotarians from around the world. See the document on the left for more information.

Of course, there is a lot of work to do, a lot of volunteers to enlist, lots of fun and friends to be made, but it will be well worth all the effort!!



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TODAYS SPEAKER: ERNIE NISHIZAKI



Ernest Nishizaki is the Principal and Managing Member of Acumen Advisor, LLC, providing consulting and advocacy advice and services in the field of hospitality tourism-related issues, and sustainability. He has over 44 years of visitor industry experience of which 32 years in executive level positions with Starwood Hotels and Resorts and Sheraton Hotels and Resorts and 12 years in hotel asset management as Executive Vice President of Kyo-ya Company,

LLC and as President of Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.

Born in Honolulu, Nishizaki graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Business Administration degree in Travel Industry Management. The University of Hawaii College of Business Administration Alumni Hall of Honor selected him as the first recipient of the **Travel Industry Management Outstanding Alumnus Award** (1992-93). In 1998, he was honored with the **University of Hawaii Distinguished Alumni Award**. In 2012, he was the recipient of the **Public Schools of Hawaii Kulia I Ka Nu`u Award** and the **UH Travel Industry Management Legacy in Tourism Award**.

Very active in community organizations, he served as the Vice Chair of the Aloha United Way from 2012-2018. He is the past Vice Chair and Commissioner for the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission. In support of the University of Hawaii he is a member of the University of Hawaii TIM School Advisory Council. He also serves as an executive committee member and director of the SoFi Hawaii Bowl as well as President of the Hawaii Bowl Foundation. He is a member of the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic steering committee.

Clearly committed to the sustainable of our island environment and our economy and resources, he currently serves as Vice Chair and board member of the Blue Planet Foundation and a member of the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Center for Sustainable Coastal Tourism as well as an advisor to the Sea Grant Program.



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