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**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
Yvette Lee  
American Medical Response

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



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**HONOLULU HAWAII 2020**  
**6-10 JUNE**



Our speaker. **Dr. Keli'I Akina, Ph.D.** is the President/CEO of Grassroot Institute of Hawaii. The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii is a nonprofit, public policy think tank that seeks to educate people about the values of individual liberty, economic freedom and accountable government



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**Ikko Tomita** visited two sister clubs in Japan. Here she is participating in the 45th Anniversary of the Osaka Hirono Rotary Club with the traditional opening of the sake barrel. She later attended the 30th Anniversary of the RC of Okayama South

Our club's regular room wasn't available for today's meeting, so everyone made their way down the hall to our temporary venue. **President Carol** opened the meeting with a hearty Aloha.

**PDG Dave Benson** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since no members seemed to be ready to provide the daily inspiration, President Carol picked up the mantle and provided the inspiration via our visiting students.

Aileen made the rounds and introduced guests. Several Rotarians brought guests and introductions were made. Aileen brought guest Neela Vadivel, who represented the Still and Learning Center as well as the MIT Bootcamp for Responsible Tourism.

International Sister Club Chair **Ikko Tomita** provided a brief explanation of our ongoing exchange program with Japan and introduced our student representative.

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On the heels of this talk, we heard from another guest from Japan. Atsuki Iko is currently in Hawaii honing his English skills for a month before returning to Tokyo for work. He was pleased to join our club for a meeting because he was also the beneficiary of a Rotary Youth Exchange when he was younger. He expressed his gratitude over that opportunity. Thanks for visiting us Atsuki.

We also had a few other visitors from Japan today to wind down guest introductions. Yokose!

Shifting gears, we heard the weekly announcements. **PP Stephen Morgan** reminded us about the upcoming garage sale benefitting Waikiki Elementary School. Drop off items on Friday at the school between 5pm-8pm. The event is on Saturday from 8am to 12pm. Please come by and support the effort if you have time.

Stephen also showed a sample of the life rings that will be placed on beaches around Oahu. We are currently working with the Parks department to finalize details.

**Glenn Perry** provided a brief announcement about Foundation. Good news is we are at 152% of our goal! Good job everyone. We are still trying to increase total number of contributors from our club. Please consider even a \$5 donation to the foundation. Every dollar matters.

**PE Paul McGillicuddy** announced the International Food Fest Date as October 17. It will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel. Start thinking about who you might invite!

**Dave Benson** introduced our guest speaker. **Dr. Keli'i Akina**, Ph.D. is the President/CEO of Grassroot Institute of Hawaii. The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii is a nonprofit, public policy think tank that seeks to educate people about the values of individual liberty, economic freedom and accountable government.

Through the publication of accurate and timely research and commentaries, as well as by organizing events, conferences and seminars, the Institute informs Hawaii's policymakers, news media and the public at large about key public policy issues. Since its founding in 2001, it has helped provide the intellectual foundations for many public policy debates. While the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii functions as a thought leader, it is just as committed to promoting action through practical change. In the spirit of "E Hana Kakou / Let's work together!", it strives to bring Hawaii's people together to work for a better economy, better government and better society.

The focus of today's talk was around the fact that Hawaii is currently experiencing outflow of residents to other States due to the extremely high cost of living. Dr. Akina spoke to how the State of Hawaii has large Union influence and high percentage of Government workers, how the cost of housing is unnaturally high, and how the Jones Act is currently not framed to benefit Hawaii. Dr. Akina provided some avenues to address these issues as well, such as changing the Defined Benefit Retirement currently received by State Employees and Union Members to Defined Contribution

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Retirement Plans, freeing up land currently owned but unused by the State of Hawaii and working with legislators to modify the Jones Act.

President Carol thanked Dr. Akina for the informative talk, then asked PDG Phil Sammer to lead the club in the weekly rendition of Welcome to Rotary. The club was so wrapped up in other items, we managed to forget this agenda item earlier in the meeting!

PP Steve Koyama was lucky enough to have the winning ticket for our weekly drawing, but not lucky enough to walk away with the cash prize. Better luck next week Steve.

President Carol led the club in the 4 way test and closed the meeting. See you next week everyone!

**Respectfully submitted, Chad Adams, Scribe**

**Okayama South RC 30th Anniversary**



**International delegation of Rotary leaders visit Pakistan in support of Polio eradication.**

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan. (February 6, 2020)** – A delegation of Rotary International leaders from around the world traveled to Pakistan this week to meet with government leaders including Prime Minister Imran Khan, Minister of Health Dr. Zafar Mirza, Army Chief of Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Dr. Rana Safdar, head of Pakistan’s Polio National Emergency Operations Centre.

The Rotary delegation included Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 2020-21; K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran, Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation 2020-21; and Michael K. McGovern, Chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. The group was accompanied by incoming Rotary Foundation Trustee Aziz Memon, who leads efforts for Rotary’s Pakistan PolioPlus program.

The government leaders praised Rotary for its prominent role in polio eradication and for providing vital financial support to Pakistan and other polio-threatened countries. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to ending polio. Rotary is the organization credited with initiating the global effort to eradicate polio. When Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, there were more than 350,000 cases of polio annually around the world. Today, due to the efforts of Rotary, its partners and world governments, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

In this week’s meetings, the Prime Minister acknowledged recent challenges in the effort to rid Pakistan of polio, and confirmed that Pakistan considers polio eradication among its highest priorities. The Government of Pakistan has already taken a series of highly effective organizational steps to manage the polio vaccination program and provide much-needed resources to ensure the resurgence of polio in Pakistan is put to an end. General Bajwa assured the Rotary delegation of the unwavering support and cooperation of both the Army and the civil forces to ensure that every child in every community throughout Pakistan is reached with the lifesaving polio vaccine.

Dr. Zafar Mirza, Minister of Health of Pakistan confirmed the country’s improved efforts to eradicate polio, noting that during the last round of national polio immunizations, approximately 40 million children were vaccinated.

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## TODAYS SPEAKER: YVETTE LEE



“Be my friend. I know CPR.” She is serious when she says you can be anyone’s heart-throb. Our hearts never stop. When someone’s does, their receiving CPR can be the lifesaving difference.

Yvette considers herself a life-saving skills coach. In her repertoire, she includes teaching confidence in recognizing and performing first-aid, CPR and AED skills, and has been doing so for the past 20 years for American Medical Response. At our upcoming March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting we will learn how to help and respond to ourselves if we are choking, and how to recognize and help someone else if they are choking.



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