



February 19, 2020

**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
 Rotary on the Road  
 Honolulu Hale

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



**HAWAII CLUB 30**  
**DISTRICT 5000**  
 CHARTERED:  
 JUNE 20, 1939  
**RI PRESIDENT**  
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**RI CONVENTION**



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

With a strike at the bell, **President Carol Riley** opened the meeting at precisely 12:15 p.m. **Chuck Braden** got everyone on their feet to recite the pledge to the flag. **Tony Gedeon** invited God to our gathering with a prayerful thanksgiving for Rotary. **Patti Mitchell** welcomed all the guests:

**Ikko Tomita** introduced the twenty members of the Okayama South Rotary Club who came to celebrate our 30th Anniversary as “sister clubs” and the 100th year of Rotary in Japan. (They brought with them a new member, the son of the Okayama South President who signed our original sister club agreement.) Their club President, **Masanobu Izawa**, addressed us in perfect (non-Trumpian) English.

To add to the diversity **Sylvia Makk** informed us that next Wednesday’s meeting, 19 February, would be Rotary-n-the Road where we will gather at Honolulu Hale (city hall) at 12:30 p.m. for a no-food (Masticators Anonymous) meeting. (Confront Authority through Fasting.). **Gene Grounds** invited all to bring a potential member as your guest and save \$72.00.

**Dana Land**, plugged the paperback book, “How to Make Choices,” as an excellent read for young and old who want to master “Aloha” and share character building with others. **Alida Jurconi**, after seven mouths of make-ups in Vancouver, B.C., was given their club banner which she presented to us.

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**President Carol** also called a stand-up Board of Directors meeting for quick actions and reminded Board members that the next one is next Thursday, 20 February, at her Waiea condo. (If you don’t know, you’ll probably not go.?)

Everyone is getting older, **Magda Alexander**, however, wanted all to know who will celebrate birthdays this week: **Chad Adams, 2/26; Charod Dodd, 2/7; Chris Fidelibus, 2/11; Sylvia Makk, 2/19** (to be celebrated at Honolulu Hale next week); **Rhodora Pagay, 2/17**.

Club joining anniversaries: **Chad Adams, 7 years; Magda Alexander, 30 years**.

DA SPEAKAHS: **Bob and Utufa’asili McDermott**, National Parents of the Year 2019

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“Dad” is a seven term representative for Ewa Beach in the State Legislature, past Director of the Navy League, and realtor. “Mom” is a Registered Hospice Nurse with an M.A. in Pastoral theology.

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Their message was simple: We did it, and continue to be rewarded by the consequences of our undertaking and only incidentally by recognition awards.

By expanding the meaning of *ohana*, they were able to embrace that which others could not, or would not handle. More than just a public service they transformed their own lives to enhance the potential of those who could not do it alone.

A pleasant insight into benefits of moving beyond conventional forms of family and creating an alternative to punishment as a consequence of social neglect unforeseen by the uninvolved.

**Bob McDermott** drew the winning ticket, “972”, **Dave Livingstone** drew the red marble and nothing changed. We all recited the Four-Way Test and the bell rang and we dispersed.

*Respectfully submitted by Bob Tellander, Scribe*



*Today's total including our Japanese visitors was 52 in attendance. A record day!*

Party at President Carols place for members of our sister club



Sister Club signing ceremony



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## Today's Speaker: Honolulu Hale Honolulu

Hale was an idea started by Joseph J. Fern. Before becoming a mayor-council type of government, Honolulu was administered by the Board of Supervisors. After the creation of the now-defunct County of O'ahu, the Board of Supervisors met in city halls located in various downtown Honolulu locations. Supervisor Fern had a vision of a permanent home for the fledgling municipal government, which had only been created in 1900 upon passage of the Hawaiian Organic Act. When the County of O'ahu and the Board of Supervisors dissolved in 1907 and established the City & County of Honolulu, Fern became its first mayor and began making preliminary plans for the construction of a city hall. Unfortunately, Fern died in 1920 of diabetes before he could persuade residents of the need for a permanent city hall. Mayor John H. Wilson, who was also the Honolulu Chapter President of the 4, carried on Fern's dream.

Honolulu Hale was finally completed in 1928 with the help of every major architect in town—does not exist)" C.W. Dickey, Hart Wood, Robert Miller, and 4—but did not open for business until the following year.does not exist)" [1] It was built in an Italianate Spanish Colonial Revival style that was popular in the islands at the time. Its interior courtyard, staircase, and open ceiling were modeled after the Bargello in Florence. Einar Peterson was commissioned to paint frescoes in the interior while Mario Valdastris was commissioned to install intricate stonework. In 1951, two three-story wings were added to the original structure. [2]

A new, high-rise **Honolulu Municipal Building** was later added at 650 South King Street. In 2006, it was renamed the 4 in honor of the city's most colorful and longest-serving mayors.



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