

# Rotary 🛞

### ROTARY CLUB of EAST HONOLULU

Weekly Meeting Monday at 12:00 Noon—Waialae Country Club





#### President: Jamie Apuna

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Check our Website

http://rotaryclubeasthonolulu.org/

# NEWSLETTER



Our speaker was Melialani (Meli) James head of a New Ventures at Sultan Ventures, a boutique venture firm focused on early-stage startups and investments. She is also the program director at XLRB8UH, the University of Hawaii's award winning venture accelerator. She is president of the Hawaii Venture Capital Association. Born and raised in

Honolulu, Meli lived in Silicon Valley for over 10 years, where she cofounded numerous start-ups, including an app that most Rotarians know well, Vivino wine app. Meli was recognized in 2015 as one of the "20 to watch for the next 20 years" by Hawaii Business Magazine. Recently, Entrepreneur Magazine listed her as "1 of 5 women to watch in 2016. Just a short couple of weeks ago she was selected as one of PBN's "40 under 40 for 2016". Meli attended Punahou and an alumna of and Entrepreneur in Residence at Cornell University.



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# Speaker Schedule

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## June 27,2016

Mahelani Sims-Tulba

July 4, 2016

DARK

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#### July 11, 2016

Rory Lee, President

Shares his vision for New Year

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July 18, 2016

Clint Schroeder Distric Governor visit

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Just in case you don't know. NEW ROTARTY YEAR BEGINS: JULY 1, 2016

Official club visit from District Governor, Clint Schroeder. Monday July 18th. BODM 10 am, Club Visit 12noon.

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# **Inspiration by Pat Yee**

My father always used to say that when you die, if you have got five real friends, you've had a great life

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The YMCA PacLeaders Program, an outgrowth of RCEH's Pacesetters, is looking forward to a very productive 2016, and we wanted to keep you posted.

Ten college students have been accepted from among the applicants this year, and they represent UH Manoa, HPU, and KCC. The group has gotten together twice, once for a Meet and Greet and then for an orientation in April. This summer, the PacLeaders will participate in a social event to get to know each other better and have some fun before September when they will get down to the business of acquiring skills for their future careers.

We hope to be able to reach out to our Rotary friends and invite them to training events in the fall when we feature young professionals and more experienced professionals in discussions with PacLeaders. I look forward to seeing you then and maintaining the ties of support for the program.

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Rory Lee being Inducted as New President

Here's a year-end tax tip: Buy a Polio Plus Volcano mug, donate \$10 to Polio Plus and get tax deduction for your donation. Email Charlene Meyers at <u>CharleneVolcanoRotary@gmail.com</u> or call DG Del Green at 808-523-2363 to get a case of mugs (36 in a case). Did you know we are down to only 2 countries with polio cases?

Also wanted to let you know that the District Conference early registration fee deadline has been extended to December 31, 2015. See flyer attached.

One of the conference keynote speakers is Deepa Willingham of the Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley, who was recognition on International Women's Day as a woman who works tirelessly on behalf of others, and whose efforts touch lives across the world, often in remote and inhospitable places.

Willingham is founder and chair of <u>PACE Universal</u> (Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere), a nonprofit organization that educates girls in the world's poorest areas and works to prevent child trafficking. Working with Rotary clubs around the world, the center she formed provides education, microloans, health care, clean water and sanitation, and community infrastructure. "Together, we have created a site that is affecting the lives of 30,000 to 40,000 people," Willingham says.

Check the district website at rotaryd5000.org for more conference information (link on the bottom section of the home page.)

Naomi Masuno, District Treasurer

Congratulations to the following members who were voted in to lead our club in 2016-17! Let's please give them all of our support as they are leading OUR club. Be active, be engaged, be giving, be there.



President: Rory Lee President-Elect: John Strandberg Immediate Past-President: Jamie Apuna Secretary; Ashli Taguchi-Sasano Treasurer: Kawehi Akau Sgt-at-Arms: Tony Cara Directors: Chuck Allen Wendy Chang Mark Gilden Kaili Honbo Lauren Okinishi Bob Yee

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