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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

NO SPEAKERS TFN

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Sharon Hicks, a former Rotarian from Metro Honolulu, spoke to the Club about her book titled, "How Do You Grab a Naked Lady?" She opened by talking about growing up in the East Honolulu area and her father Harold Hicks. Her father developed most the

Aina Haina area and is the founder of Hicks Construction. Ms. Hicks estimated there are about 20,000 homes, known as "Hicks Homes," on Oahu either built or inspired by her father. Ms. Hicks talked about wanting to be a writer since she was a young girl. Her debut book was published in October 2012 and has been getting good reviews; she has already turned down two movie offers and more continue to come in. The book is her memoir and the title was inspired by a memory of her mother. Ms. Hicks described her mother as a very beautiful lady, similar to Ava Gardner at the time. Her mother was also bipolar. She said when she told the story at a writing workshop of her mother riding naked up and down the escalators at Liberty House and a security guard asked, "how do you grab a naked lady," a fellow writer told that should be the title of her book. Ms. Hicks said the title resonates throughout the book as an ode to getting a handle on mental illness. She said the book is written from her perspective growing up and the impact of those memories. She told the Club several stories about her mother and the medical treatment administered to people with mental illness when psychiatry was in its infancy. Her mother received shock treatments without consent and was recommended for a lobotomy, which her father refused. Ms. Hicks is a member of NAMI, the National Association of Mental Illness. Club members present were very engaged with Ms. Hicks' discussion, they asked questions and related their own experiences. Ms. Hicks' book is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



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**Coming Events** 

## September 17th

Kaiser High School Interact Club Induction

District Governors Meeting has been delayed until September 23rd.

Late Ducky Dash Winner





Kaiser High School Computer Club







