

With all the current news surrounding whistle blower and spy accusations, it was a gasp inspiring revelation about the international intrigue surrounding Hawaii throughout history. From Captain Cook's geo-intelligence gathering while exploring the Pacific Islands from 1778 until 1840... to Russians' int'l intrigue via forts built on Kauai in the 1800's. More on what was shared by our speaker, Former Senior Intelligence Officer Peter Oleson.

Pleased to be back at the Monarch Room at the Royal for our October 1, 2019 meeting, RCOH **President Paul Saito** welcomed **Jim Harrow** to inspire us. Actually I think we inspired Jim, when we answered his request to clap out loud for our personal, successful previous experiences. **Rick Tabor, Sum Howard and Carol Sakata** guided us through our patriotic paths, and **Dawn Marie** welcomed our large number of guests. **President-Elect Rich Proctor** proudly shared the accomplishments by more than 20 Rotarians at Kahi Mohala Rotary Gives Thanks project: painting, digging, carpentry, fellowship and fun. This coming Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, even more Rotarians and families will continue and hopefully complete the project. Sign up with **Reese Ligget** to join in.

This Friday, our Rotarians are encouraged to join our latest and potential members at HASSR for our Hui Ho'owali. And mark your calendar for 9 to 11 a.m. on October 12<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Centennial Park cleanup. For more than 30 years, Rotary and partners have been working to end Polio...and eradication is within reach. **President Paul** got a jump on World Polio Day, October 24<sup>th</sup>, by passing around piggy banks for donations...more piggy banks to come.

**Dr. Gary M. Farkas** introduced our speaker, Peter Oleson, whose topic was "Intelligence around Hawaii". He started his 50 year career as an Air Force Intelligence officer and worked with the CIA in support of covert operations against the North Vietnamese. He's worked for the Secretary of Defense, National Security Agency, and more, including teaching at the CIA University and UH. **Gary** was in Peter's class at UH and (a bit of a spook himself) he contacted his Rotary Sponsor and former agent in Charge, **Myron Fuller** for information on Oleson, and he was told "You are in elite company on intelligence matters."

Oleson's details of the start of focused spying in 1934, what resulted from intel-intrigue in pre and post Pearl Harbor bombings, Cold War technical and crypto analysis revealing information which successfully sabotaged the Battle of Midway, intelligence in Hawaii regarding

submarine warfare, discovery of underground and under water nuclear tests & communications by Russia, and interruption of Chinese nukes... our State of Hawaii military and defense agencies were critical to intelligence. And our speaker can chronicle it all. I wish I could report the presentation with more detail as shared today.

I hope you took advantage of **Dr. Farkas'** offer to sell his Olympic sized weight bench and weights. Check with Martha, to see if it is still available.

With Aloha,  
Linda Coble, Scribe