

PRESS RELEASE

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 66 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, January 23rd., at the MGR:

+Jim Donovan – Athletics Director – University of Hawai'i
+Charlie Wade – Head Coach – Men's' Volleyball – University of Hawai'i

Jim Donovan - Athletics Director - University of Hawai'i - Jim has been Athletic Director since March 2008 and is responsible for 19 teams with over 500 athletes in the state's only Division I athletics program. There are over 150 full-time employees under his administration and he is responsible for \$25 million dollars in construction projects and a \$17 million operating budget. Jim continues to cement his relationship with the Legislature, since he was the first AD since Hugh Yoshida to go to the Capitol without being requested. In addition to hiring Norm Chow, the new head coach of the Football Warriors, he has hired several other coaches since taking over the AD's position. Jim has hired new coaches for men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, and women's golf. He has understood the concerns of the coaches and has improved communications within the department, resolved the assistant coach shortages and provided contracts for several coaches that had expired? Jim's vision is to have the University as a designation of choice for student athletes and that the athletic department provide entertainment value for the fans. The biggest news this year was the move of the football team into the Mountain West Conference. Last year, he provided value by reducing ticket prices and the creation of family packs. He had taken over the concessions on lower campus and anticipated a 25% reduction in food prices. He has negotiated new Television and Radio Contracts which will provide more revenue for the University and secured a partnership with ESPN Regional Television. Koa Anuenue enrollment has increased since Jim became AD and the University received a \$5 million dollar donation by the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation – the largest in athletics history– towards building of a new football/track complex Jim will be available to answer any questions from luncheon attendees on Monday.

Charlie Wade - Head Coach - Men's Volleyball - University of Hawai'i - Coach Charlie, begins his 3rd season as Head Coach for the Men's Volleyball team which is ranked 12th this season. The team ended in 3rd place at the Outrigger Hotels Invitational with a victory over Springfield and losses to Lewis and UCLA. Outside hitters Steven Hunt and J P Marks were selected to the Outrigger Invitational all-tournament team for outstanding play during the series. The "Warriors" are currently 2-3,1-1 in the MPSF after a split with UC San Diego. The team will be returning to Oahu after playing a two-match MPSF Series with Pepperdine and Coach Charlie will give us a run-down on the series at the luncheon. As usual, Coach Charlie will be available for questions on Monday.

The Maple Garden Restaurant is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and

Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED

Come to our meeting & celebrate these speakers!

There is parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant and plenty of street Parking.