

HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 69 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, March 23rd, at the MGR:

+ Tommy Kono - Olympic Gold Medalist & World Weightlifting Champion

+ Alika Smith - Head Coach - Boys' Basketball Program Kalaheo High School

Tommy Kono - Olympic Gold Medalist & World Weightlifting Champion - Tommy, Olympic Gold Medalist and World Weightlifting Champion, also former Coach in Olympic Weightlifting for countries, Mexico, West Germany and the United States, was a gold medalist at both the 1952 Summer Olympics and 1956 Summer Olympics, and a silver medalist at the 1960 Summer Olympics. He won the World Weightlifting Championships 6 consecutive times from 1953 to 1959, and he set a total of 21 world records. Tommy is also a 3 time Pan American Games champion for 1955, 1959, and 1963. He was the head coach for the United States' Olympic weightlifting team in the 1976 Summer Olympics held in Montreal. Tommy is also a successful Bodybuilder, winning the Iron Man Mr. World title in 1954. In 1993, Tommy was elected to the International Weightlifting Federation Hall of Fame and he is also an inductee to the A.O.B.S. (Association of Oldtime Barbell and Strongmen) Hall of Fame. He will cover the current world of weightlifting and weightlifting here in the State of Hawaii. Tommy will take questions from luncheon attendees.

Alika Smith - Head Coach - Boys' Basketball Program Kalaheo High School - Coach Alika returns to the Honolulu Quarterback Club with the 2015 New City Nissan Hawaii High School Athletic Association State Basketball Division I Championship under his belt. His team beat Iolani 53-45 to take the championship. Coach Alika was named as 2015 Co-Coach of the Year and Kaleb Gilmore, a member of his team was named Oahu Interscholastic Association Eastern Division Boys' Basketball Player of the Year. During his years as a player at Kalaheo, under his father, Coach Pete Smith, the first father and son combination, Coach Alika and his team only came close to winning the state title so winning the Division I title was a great accomplishment. Coach Alika will cover the season, his team and players on Monday at the Honolulu Quarterback Club luncheon. Coach Alika will be available for questions.

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 food is fabulous!

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED

Come to our meeting & celebrate this speaker!

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