

HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 71 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speaker for their luncheon, Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg St., Honolulu, HI 96826:

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Kirk Dodson - Commissioner - Aloha Youth Lacrosse Association (AYLA) - President of Ford Island Wildcats - Head Coach of Middle School & Elementary School Wildcat Boys - Originally from Pasadena, MD, Kirk started playing lacrosse at age 11. He attended Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, MD where he ran cross country, played basketball, and played lacrosse in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association which is known as one of the best, if not the best, high school lacrosse conferences in the nation. After arriving in Hawaii, Kirk joined the Hawaii Masters Lacrosse team and started playing every Sunday in Kapiolani Park with the Hawaii Lacrosse Club. In the Summer of 2014, he became the President of AYLA, and since taking over he has added teams to the Windward side and Ford Island, coordinated with the Hawaii Chapter of US Lacrosse to compete against high school teams from the Big Island for the "Founder's Cup," and has increased AYLA's registration over 97% in just three seasons. The entire Dodson family is involved in lacrosse. His wife of 16 years - Jess - was awarded the AYLA Volunteer of the Year Award in 2016 and has spent time as AYLA's secretary, volunteer coordinator, and assistant coach. His daughter, June (14) has been playing lacrosse for five years and earned her team's Sportsmanship Award in 2016 and was named Team Captain in 2017. His son, Kirk Jr. (12) has also been playing lacrosse for five years earned his team's Sportsmanship Award in 2017 and was named Defensive Player of the Year, despite being one of the youngest players on the team. Kirk has also coached Basketball the past three years for the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam youth league.

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 \$16.00 per person for members and guests which include 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.

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