

Rotary Club of Honolulu
August 20, 2024 Meeting
Outrigger Canoe Club

President Tom Coyne called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

PP Bub Wo led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Inspiration. Bub explained that he had just returned from a trip that took 24 hours, and that he had watched many movies. He described “The Donut King”, about a Cambodian immigrant in California in the 1970’s who got his first job at a Winchell’s donut shop, then became a manager, then the owner, then ended up opening many Winchell’s donut shops. He saved a few cents on each takeout box by switching from white boxes to pink boxes, which became ubiquitous with Winchell’s. His success prompted other Cambodians to emigrate to California to open donut shops. Eventually 95% of donut shops were owned by Cambodians. **Bub** then presented each table with a box of specialty donuts from Purve Donut Shop! Mahalo **Bub**!

Lee LaBrash led the singing of “America the Beautiful”.

President Tom acknowledged the guests, including a Rotarian from the Fukuoka Heisei Club.

Announcements:

President Tom thanked the August 17 Beer Fest volunteers and said that the next Beer Fest will be in January.

Rick Tabor announced the Out of Darkness Walk on September 14 at 9 am at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds (Skygate). **Rick** also announced the annual Punchbowl Grave Decorating event on September 28 and September 30. (See the club website for more information.)

After a brief period of fellowship, **President Tom** asked **Judy Lind** to introduce guest speaker The Honorable Patrick Yim (retired), Board Chair of the Princess Abigail Kawanakoa Foundation. Mr. Yim began with an *oli*, then described the lineage of the princess and how she came to be heiress to the Campbell Estate. The Kawanakoa Foundation was established in 2001 and is dedicated to supporting the people of Hawaii. One beneficiary of the \$200 million trust are the Native Hawaiian children at St. Andrew’s Priory. Mr. Yim and his guest, attorney Jim Wright, answered questions about Hawaii’s last ali`i trust. There are three foundation trustees who aim to fund communities where the funding will make an immediate difference. The grant process is informal, and the princess was adamant that there be no publicity about the foundation and its giving.

President Tom adjourned the meeting at 1:01.

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