

Rotary Club of Honolulu
October 8, 2024
Outrigger Canoe Club

President Tom Coyne called the meeting to order at 12 noon and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Marsha Bohnett** and **Kent Reinker** led the song.

Kent Reinker gave the Inspiration by relating his experience with polio as a physician at Shriner's Hospital for Children and providing treatment in areas in the Middle East and Africa. October is Polio month for Rotary International.

President Tom welcomed guests joining the meeting.

Sam Haas announced that next week is Restaurant Week; sign up on the website.

Dawn Marie reminded attendees of the dates of the community service project at RYSE, a facility in Kailua that houses young people 14 to 22 years old who are experiencing homelessness. The dates for the project are October 21 through November 17, with work scheduled for Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Volunteer sign-ups were on each table.

Dr. Phil Wright, one of the leaders of the project, shared that he and his brother contracted polio as children in Minnesota.

President Tom announced a project at Palama Settlement. Check the *Tradewind* for more info. He also told the attendees that he wants feedback on the proposed move to the Pacific Club.

Following some time for fellowship, **President Tom** introduced guest speaker Dr. Naoto Ueno, Director of the University of Hawaii Cancer Center in Kaka'ako. Dr. Ueno traced the start of the center to 1960, as the Hawaii Tumor Registry. He noted that the Center covers the entire West Pacific, which poses challenges of care due to the diverse population, with no ethnic majority. Most clinical trials are done with Caucasian patients, so clinical trials here include ethnicities with higher mortality rates, like Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, who have a higher incidence of smoking and obesity, as well as area-focused health issues like mesothelioma and melanoma.

The Cancer Center does not have an in-patient clinic but has a consortium of partners in the major hospitals. Dr. Ueno hopes that Discovery and Intervention will replace Prevention and Treatment. He also seeks more emphasis on Geriatric Oncology for physician training.

President Tom closed the meeting with the Four-Way Test.

Martha German, Scribe