

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2024 HYBRID MEETING

Outrigger Canoe Club

President Tom Coyne called the October 22, 2024, meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at 12 noon with a welcome to all in attendance. **Michael Marsh** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bub Wo** gave a brief history of the composition of Gershwin's "America the Beautiful" and led the group in the singing of the song. It was a hymn of peace and for unification of the country. **Linda Coble** gave a moving and informative history of Paul Harris' formation of Rotary and how his loneliness in a new site paralleled her loneliness after coming to Hawaii as the first woman newscaster.

President Tom asked **Michael Marsh** to come forward and acknowledged his being honored by *Pacific Business News* as a Pride Week Leader. **Dawn Marie** and **Reese Ligget** described the current RYSE project and encouraged members to participate. See the info on the RCOH website. **President Tom** asked members to sign up to host the next Paul Harris Day (November 19.) He also encouraged members to attend the Rotary Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel from May 30 - June 1. He announced that October 24 is World Polio Day and described Rotary International's participation to make a polio-free world. The October 24 date commemorates the birthday of Jonas Salk, producer of the first polio vaccine. Two new members, **Greg** and **Nancy Lui-Kwan** were inducted into the club, both of whom expressed their desire to do Rotary service, **Lucci Pinoliad** encouraged members to participate in the March 2025 Rotary project in the Philippines.

After a few minutes of Fellowship, **Judy Lind** introduced her replacement as Director of the Kukui Center, Lorraine Gershun. This human services center includes seven agencies (listed below) that work cooperatively both at providing service to needy families and reducing operating costs. The former streamlines getting help for children/families needed support as they are all in one location, a one-stop shop. The second reduces administrative costs by sharing administrative services, equipment and the like. The seven

agencies served 25,000 people last year, a 40% increase over the year before. The organization has built capacity by adding mobile services (medical vans for women's health, book mobiles) and adding satellite services, i.e setting up offices on Maui after the fire. The organization has over 70 partners, with RCOH being one of them. Commemorating that partnership, Ms. Gershun gave a plaque to our club after the showing of a Fukui Center video. Ms. German's presentation ended with a Q & A session.

The Kukui Center Agencies:

Family Promise

Hale Kipa

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

Hawaii Literacy

Kids Hurt Too

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawaii

After thanking the speaker, **President Tom** led the group in the Four Way Test and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submit,

Nancy White