



Hybrid Lunch Meeting
22 July 2025
The Pacific Club

Review & photos by Rick Tabor

Our meetings open with the pledge of allegiance, song & inspiration. Then we greet our guests, make a few announcements and enjoy a thoughtful presenters discussion.



Please stand if you can... 'I pledge allegiance...'

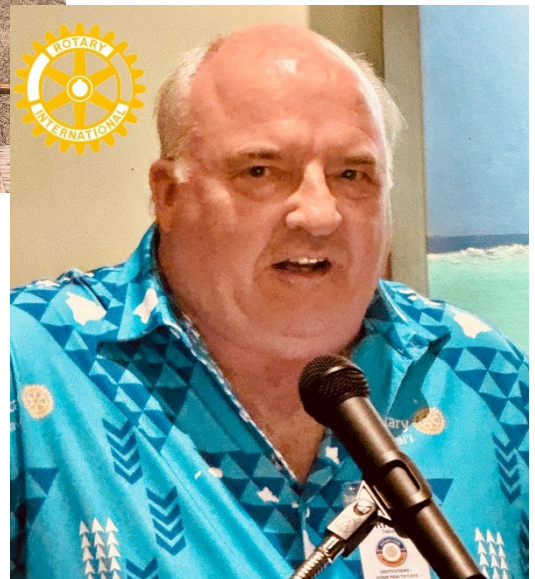


Bub Wo led us in a lovely rendition of 'O beautiful for spacious skies,. For amber waves of grain,. For purple mountain majesties. Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee ...'



& then Past President Tom called on me for the Inspiration.

I opened with a thought I've been playing around with;



'Life is remembered backwards while living forward.'

Here are **Six Little Stories with Meaning;**

1. The Villagers decided to pray for rain, during a draught. When everyone gathered, a young boy came with an umbrella.... That is Faith.
2. When we throw babies in the air, they laugh, because they know we'll catch them... That's Called Trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set our alarms so se don't oversleep... That's Called Hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow, in spite of zero knowledge of the future... That is Confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but we still get married and have children... That's Called Love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written the sentence;
I am not 80 years old; I'm sweet 16 with 64 years of experience!' That is Attitude!

Have an awesome day! & remember, good friends are rare jewels in life! Enjoy your time with them.

& then our guest speaker took the stage...

Introducing . . .

Admiral Alma Grocki (Ret.)

Her topic was; **WWII 80th Anniversary**





Alma M. Grocki is a retired [United States Navy](#) Two star [rear admiral](#). After graduating from the [United States Naval Academy](#) in 1981, she served in a succession of warship and submarine maintenance postings before transferring to the [United States Navy Reserve](#) in 1988. Grocki commanded various U.S. Navy facilities, shipyards and programs before becoming director of fleet maintenance for the [United States Pacific Fleet](#) and deputy commander of [Naval Sea Systems Command](#).

Grocki joined the [United States Naval Academy](#)'s second class of women in 1977^[3] and was the first woman from Hawaii to enter the academy, and the first female admiral from the state^[1]

Since retiring in 2016 she has been very active in retirement, serving on the boards of Pacific Historic Parks, The Battleship Missouri, and Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. As well numerous other military related volunteer roles.



If interested in joining us for a meeting or project, let me know, I'm always happy to bring guests. Here's our upcoming schedule. <https://honolulurotary.com/events>

Have an Awesome Day!

-Rick Tabor, Rotary Trustee & RYLA Oahu Chair + Can You Hear Us Now | Gift of Sound Hearing Aid Program & Mental Health Rotary Action Group, + Alzheimer's Rotary Action Group, and Along with Tutu Mele Linda Coble, I truly get into the Holiday Spirit, Shaka Santa Rick-Ho Ho Ho Style...