



GETTING TO KNOW ROTARIAN BOB ROBINSON

Rotarian Linda Coble may be retired from TV and Radio broadcasting, but the joy of reporting remains. She will be interviewing many of our new and longtime members over the year, and their brief stories will be shared in the Tradewind.

When Bob Robinson was invited to join the Rotary Club of Honolulu in 1965 by sponsor Lou Price, he figured it was time to relish the honor of membership with business and community leaders he admired. Bob dove right into community service

projects...pounding down walls and building new ones around hallways widened for disabled. Working with fellow Rotarians on meaningful projects has been his pride and joy.

Bob had been in Hawaii since moving from California in 1949 after graduating from UCLA. After his first construction job on Kauai, Bob eventually ran Pacific Concrete and Rock Company for 15 years, creating enough cubic feet of concrete in one year to build a one-lane freeway from Hawaii to the Mainland. While continuing his Naval Reserve position in intelligence work, Bob left Pacific Concrete and led The Chamber of Commerce for 15 years.

An enchanting blind-date with an incoming stewardess (set up by musician Arthur Lyman), led to Bob's romantic 1960 marriage to stewardess Susan. The Rotary Club of Honolulu invited Susan Robinson to join in 1997, and since then, together they have made our Tuesdays special. This past Sunday, the Robinsons celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Their advice to new members: take part in projects and committee work, attend meetings and mingle and meet, take advantage of the Ohana that will be with you forever, and bring in new members. Bob stressed we need to revive the movers and shakers population, but notes that post Covid, those potential members are spending more time filling the voids at work, and it's tough.

Future plans? "Probably no more cruises...I will continue to listen to Tony Bennett's 'San Francisco', and I plan on trying to visit the gym for another year. I'll be calling friends I haven't talked to in years. And I hope to see you on Tuesday."