

Rotary Club of Honolulu

Zoom Meeting

Date: **November 10, 2020**

Presiding: **President Rich Proctor**

President Rich Proctor called our meeting to order. **Bob Sumpf** gave the inspiration with reminiscences of the election and the record turnout. **President Rich** led us in the pledge, and **Al Linton** led us in **America the Beautiful**. **Rich Proctor** introduced our guests.

BIRTHDAYS

Week of 11/10 – 11/16

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong	11/12
Jack Dwyer	11/13
Tracey Wiltgen	11/13
Gigi Davidson	11/14
Alika Mau	11/15

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 11/10 – 11/16

Linda Coble	33 Years	Sponsor: Tucker Gratz
Sally Mist	22 Years	Sponsor: Tom Matthews
Richard Hunter	19 Years	Sponsor: Hersh Singer

Additional Announcements:

PRESIDENT RICH announced we are going to go into “breakout” rooms next, with 5 to 6 people in each room, to allow you to engage more personally. Today’s topic is: “What you will do for Thanksgiving and how it is different from previous years.”

Beth-Ann Kozlovich introduced **Chad Blair**, the Politics and Opinion Editor of Civil Beat. He gave a most interesting report on the State, local and national elections.

- Neither candidate for Honolulu Mayor has any political experience. It appears the voters wanted that. He believes it will be a challenge for Mayor Blangiardi to manage the bureaucracy of the City and County.
- There are five new members of City Council several of whom have served in State government. They will honeymoon in the beginning but will be challenged by COVID-19 and the resulting reduction in revenue, homelessness, and affordable housing.
- He commented that we should all vote for OHA but few do.
- He feels that the County did not do a good job of getting information on many referenda on the ballot. He felt that there were not enough in-person voting locations for those who wanted to vote in person. We had an excellent voter turnout of 70%.

- He is not surprised that President Trump is not accepting the election and is asserting that it was “rigged” if he didn’t win despite getting more votes than he got four years ago. He stated that he is a “sore loser.” Leaders of foreign allies have congratulated Biden but not China or Russia. He is a sore loser who won’t concede and will go down in history as a sore loser.
- Republicans picked up seats in the House of Representatives, so Trump is not a fluke. Depending upon the outcome of the Georgia election we may still have a Republican Senate and a divided government.
- Department of Justice is investigating alleged fraud. There would have to be a remarkable amount of fraud to change the outcome of the election.

PRESIDENT RICH announced that next week our speaker will be Kevin Pease, Director of Performing Arts at ‘Iolani School.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED

Nancy N. Grekin, Scribe