

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
PRINCE WAIKIKI HOTEL
DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2018
PRESIDING: PAST PRESIDENT TERRY GEORGE

Past President **Terry George** opened the November 13, 2018, meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu a few minutes late to accommodate members still acquiring their lunches from the excellent Prince Waikiki buffet. After welcoming guests, he asked that a moment of silence be observed for those who lost their lives and homes in the California fires and for the fire responders. **Scotty Anderson** gave an inspiration focused on the value of working in the trenches of the voting process on election day. **Mike Herb** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Kent Reinker** the singing of "America the Beautiful". **Lynn Babington** introduced the visitors, who included two couples from Germany. **PP Terry** announced the birthdays and club anniversaries for the upcoming week (see this week's *Tradewind* for details). **Jed Gaines** announced the birth of his first grandchild in honor of whom he donated \$1,000 to the Mediation Center of the Pacific. **Terry** also prevailed upon him to announce his upcoming (February) third marriage. **Kent Reinker** explained his month's absence due to attending the Muhimi Vili orthopedic conference in Tanzania, which is partially sponsored by Rotary International. He introduced one of the institute participants, a new Tanzanian orthopedic surgeon who is spending two weeks at the Honolulu Shriners Hospital. **Terry** reminded members of the opportunity sign up for Storytime at Kuhio Park Terrace and Mayor Wright Housing on November 17. **Samantha Haas** reminded members to sign up for the November 27th Paul Harris venues. **Hugh Damon** reminded people to join the group pulling seaweed at Kuliouou Beach Park from 9 am to noon on November 17, which will be followed by a pau hana party at John Cavanah's home. **PP Terry** asked members to bring canned goods and non-perishable items for the "Rotary Gives Thanks" collection next week.

After a brief time of fellowship, that afforded attendees a chance to refuel at the buffet, **Jim Reed** introduced Dan Boylan, the speaker of the day. With a witty delivery and copious self-deprecation, (professor, journalist) Boylan gave his views on last week's election, his election take-away. Having written about local politics since 1978, he declared this Hawaii election the most boring ever. In some detail he discussed his reasons for that assessment as it related to several of the contests. He also indicated the local Republican Party was in the saddest shape ever and discussed some of the reasons for that. He moved on to the national elections with only a few minutes of speaking time remaining. The first political lesson learned from the last two years is don't p— off a lot of women. The addition (increase in number) of the women newly elected to the House of Representatives will change the nature of the House and how it operates. Electing more women is going to change things. His second view related to the Great Midwest electorate, who he believes is suffering from buyers' remorse. The surprising change of the Midwest's support for the new president in 2016, was probably due to their tendency to the single-issue approach. People are basing their voting on a single issue rather than the larger whole. Buyers' remorse was somewhat evidenced by the Democrats' success this election in the Midwest. He discussed how Trump embarrasses us, not necessarily on his point or action but by his process. His outrageousness caused a backlash. Having run out of speaking time, the discussion continued in a brief Q & A session.

After thanking Mr. Boylan, **PP Terry** named the book to be signed for Palolo Elementary School, *How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids*. He announced his hope that next week's meeting might be back at the Royal. He adjourned the meeting with a wish for all to have a great week.

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