

If I could have danced with my classmates toward an answer to my 7th grade math questions, my report card would have looked different. But I am getting ahead of myself.

**President Rich Proctor** called our zoom meeting to order at noon, but not before members had a chance to chat and laugh together...even though from afar.

**PP Dave Shanahan's** inspiration included the words of Henri Nouwen, who wrote "Instinctively we know that the joy of life comes from the ways in which we live together and that the pain of life comes from the many ways we fail to do that well." **Sally Mist** proudly led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Lyla Berg** beautifully sang our National Anthem and Hawaii Pono'i. Our visitors included frequent attendee Hideo Yamanaka, and **Lee Labrash** introduced our new "go getter" member she sponsored, company advisor **Lucci Pinoliad**. Lucia's father was a Rotarian, and she recalls how he was inspired by the comradeship.

Our Centennial Park Waikiki update was shared by Chair **Rob Hale**, who noted various blessing/soft/grand openings/ and volunteer opportunities. The project needs another \$25,000 to meet our matching challenge grant. Our help was requested. Swing by and view the amazing addition to Waikiki! Break-out sessions were held, and we discussed things we are pleased with and what we're missing through these challenging times. Zoom family meetings seem to be a positive. When pau breaking out, Rich asked **Brian Dunkel** to introduce our **speaker, Kevin Pease**, Director of Performing Arts at Iolani School, with more than 20 years experience in education and the arts.

A performance artist on stage and aboard cruise ships, Pease has been in Honolulu for 7 years...now in his 6th year at Iolani as Director of Performing Arts and making sure that the arts have a well deserved place at the education table. He outlined the cultural shifts post WW2, and the challenge of the education model that rewards 'certain types of thinkers'. The model needs to include students of all stripes...flexible, elastic thinkers with divergent thinking and various ways of positive engagement. The arts move us into a place where we can celebrate all types of learning, and our senses are at peak. Pease asked us to quietly think back to our elementary school years...and feelings and emotions arose inside. The arts can capture and capitalize on those emotions and engage and create well rounded and culturally motivated citizens. Pease noted that Hawaii is a culturally rich place that is ripe for increased incorporation of the arts in education. He closed his excellent presentation by discussing the challenges of the Covid era...skills through the mask...how to use technology...innovation and optimism to keep students engaged and bring the community/audience together. Not only is Pease focused on Iolani, but he is sharing the arts vision as a consultant at public schools.

We ended our meeting with Hawaii Aloha, and that's how I end my minutes. Stay Safe!  
Linda Coble