

**PRINCE WAIKIKI HOTEL
NOVEMBER 20, 2018
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO**

President Bub called the meeting to order and welcomed home our Rotarian project team who recently returned from Nepal and Bhutan. He described the visit to the only Rotary club in Bhutan; very formal. **PP Rick Towill** thanked the group for their help with his wife Crystal, who broke her ankle on a hike. Everyone chipped in to help her continue the journey.

Jim Reed provided a humorous inspiration with some Thanksgiving turkey stories. **JP Cercillieux** led us in the pledge and **Kent Reinker** led us in National Anthem. **Liz Howard** introduced visitors.

President Bub recognized **JP** for receiving an award recognizing the New Otani Hotel after a recent renovation. His motto is worth repeating: *"Hospitality is our business - Aloha is our style"*.

President Bub's Chinese proverb for today is *"A single conversation with a wise man is worth studying for ten years"*.

Alice Tucker introduced our program, the President of the East-West Center, Dr. Richard Vuylsteke. Dr. Vuylsteke is a former East-West Center grantee and staff member and earned an MA and PHD at UH Manoa. He has extensive experience in Asia-Pacific business and trade. He headed the Chamber of Commerce in both Hong Kong and Taipei.

Dr. Vuylsteke believes the EWC is missing the military and business sectors in approaching solutions to Asia-Pacific issues. He would like EWC to be more engaged with the military given the wide range of mutual security concerns in the Pacific-Asia region. Areas such as climate change, storm power changes, fishing resources, capacity needs, and NGO development, to name a few. EWC hosts a wide range of military and non-military visitors along with their multiple military commands in Hawaii. EWC has begun to highlight these areas to those who visit the Center encouraging them to work together on these issues.

The second area he wishes the EWC to engage is in business activity. Working to bring the business sector together and articulate what business can do with EWC. Business could benefit from the EWC research in social, humanitarian, cultural and financial information they develop. Forget academia vs. business idea and develop connections across the Asia-Pacific. Currently EWC hosts 46 students who live and work together developing lifelong friendships which will pay off in the future for the countries they represent.

His vision is to redefine the importance of Hawaii. It has a role to play internationally, building programs and bringing people together.

Scribe, **Jake Jacobs**