

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**

**MEETING VIA ZOOM, 12 – 1 PM**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

**PRESIDING: PRESIDENT RICH PROCTOR**

Presiding: **President Rich Proctor**, who called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Inspiration: **Scotty Anderson** gave an excellent inspiration regarding Election Day. No matter if your candidate wins or loses, we are fortunate to be able to elect our leaders. Our system has worked for more than 250 years. And if you do not like the result, get involved.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Liz Howard**. **Kent Reinker** led us in God Bless America. **President Rich** introduced our visitors, and then made the following announcements:

Birthdays this week: **Amanda Ellis**, November 3; **Laren Eustace**, November 3; **TC Gray**, November 7

Club Anniversaries this week:

**Gigi Davidson**, 8 years, sponsor: **Jim Harrow**

**Brian Dunkel**, 3 years, sponsor: **Robyn McCreary**

**Alice Tucker**, 31 years!!!!, sponsor: Ken Froelich

A moment of silence was held for Club Member **Tom Rosenswike**, who passed away on October 25.

**Bob Sumpf** asked members to check in with Club Members who have not participated in our Zoom meetings and encourage their participation. Also, consider getting together with them at your home or office.

**President Rich** announced that the Board of Directors reviewed nine grant proposals and have approved a total of \$17,125 for one-time contributions to the following: Hawaii Kids Can, YMCA of Honolulu, The Pantry by Feeding Hawaii Together, and Hawaii Meals on Wheels

Breakout Sessions: The Club members then went into separate Zoom breakout rooms of 5-6 members to talk story on the question, "When was a moment of time when you were at complete peace?"

Speaker Presentation: **Alice Tucker** introduced our guest, Justice Steven Levinson (ret.) of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Justice Levinson's presentation was entitled *Serendipity and Me*. Justice Levinson spoke about the Hawaii Supreme Court's decision in *Baehr v. Lewin*. In *Baehr v. Lewin*, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled, in an opinion written by Justice Levinson, that Hawaii's law prohibiting same-sex marriage discriminated on the basis of sex and therefore violated the Hawaii State Constitution. It was decided in 1993 and was the first major same-sex marriage case in the nation which resulted in a decision in favor of same-sex marriage.

Justice Levinson spoke about the concept of serendipity and that if he had not rejected a job offer he received from the mainland after he completed his clerkship at the Hawaii Supreme Court in 1971, he would not be able to decide *Baehr v. Lewin*.

After his presentation, **President Rich** thanked Justice Levinson for his presentation.

**President Rich** announced that next week's Rotary meeting, November 10, will feature Chad Blair, Politics and Opinion Editor for Honolulu Civil Beat. Chad will speak regarding the election.

The meeting ended with a video of *Hawaii Aloha* performed by Club Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

**Karin Holma**, Scribe