

Rotary is our Ohana. In my case, my Ohana stood by me when I became your first female President...when I lost my radio job...when I needed volunteer service and health advice...and most significantly, when my honey Kirk passed. Today's meeting with the Rotary Club of Honolulu was an eye-opener, because it unveiled the remarkable achievements beyond what we share during fellowship time or new member introductions. I know my Ohana more now, and I am so proud of how you are making a difference at home and around the world. Hana Hou.

Brian Dunkel nailed the gift of inspiration, when he shared how not only do we find sharing inspiration as Rotarians, but in our families. After **Beth-Ann Kozlovich** and **Al Linton** and **Craig Robinson** guided us through God Bless America, **Signe Godfrey** introduced visitors and announcements followed.

President Bub Wo welcomed back **Bryan Watkins**, who is still a member after 5 years, and who brought his business partner **Philip Martin**...hopefully the next member of our Ohana. **Tom Coyne** was excited to announce we have filled our Beer Fest volunteer needs, but we are encouraged to get guests to the Blaisdell = 3 dollars each for RCOH. **Reese Liggett** reminded us to sign up as hosts or attendees for the Paul Harris meeting February 19, and James Pierce encouraged us to take part in the Camp Home'Iani RYLA CAMP.

There are so many challenges in our Aina...and yet, as President Bub noted...out of the mud grows the Lotus blossom. And he noted that when we look out at our members and their accomplishments, we see Paul Harris on steroids! It is tough to summarize the achievements of the 10 members, who stepped up to share their business and non profit work in our community...chicken skin, every one!! But here is a brief summary of what our Ohana is doing after the Rotary gong strikes:

Dawn Marie shared the work done by the Hawaii Life Charitable Fund...a donor grant program to protect our environment pre and post environmental disasters.

Rick Tabor is someone we may need for prevention of falling and home care assistance via Right At Home Aiea. Companion, personal and hospice care in place.

Amanda Ellis

is the Executive Director of Hawaii and Pacific Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability...the first of its kind in USA to offer research,

education and business practices for an urbanizing world and our environmental challenges.

Terry Yorga is known as the Gadget Guyz guy...able to repair, inspect and help us with cell phones and tablet fixes.

Beth-Ann Kozlovich is the Senior Development Officer for Sutter Health Kahe Mohala...the psychiatric hospital focused on residential mental health care for teens suffering from anxiety, depression and other serious issues. Kahi Mohala will be one of our January 29th tours.

Tracey Wilkins was noted in Midweek recently, for her outstanding leadership at the Mediation Center of the Pacific. For quality mediation resources that are not that expensive...this is the place to go. More than 7-thousand people (1800 cases) served last year.

Al Linton could take us down Keawe Street and point out just about every building window in Kakaako he put in as the head of Kalu Glass Company...now co-owned by him and wife Kathleen. And he credits Rotary as part of his success.

Judy Lind is the Executive Director of the Kukui Childrens Foundation...the center is a collaborative partnership serving the homeless, healthy mothers, Hale Kipa, Hawaii Literacy, Kids Hurt Too, Learning Disabilities, Mediation Center of the Pacific and more services.

Don Anderson representing his personal passion for international service projects and the 'mind blowing' experiences shared with Rotarians across the globe.

Sam Haas shared how she has worked with WestPac World Partners with eleven offices in seven states...working with owners of small family-oriented businesses ... everything from exit planning to tax issues.

Around my table, the response was 'great meeting...loved meeting our members'. That's meeting in a nutshell.

All speakers and Bub signed a book "I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark".

Aloha,
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