

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**  
**ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019**  
**PRESIDING: PRESIDENT PAUL SAITO**

**President Paul Saito** called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at noon in the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. **Steve Nikkola** gave an ode to his mother and all single parent mothers for the inspiration. **Michael Marsh** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sumner Howard** the singing of "God Bless America", accompanied by **Craig Robinson**. **Dawn Marie** welcomed all the visitors and thanked **Tom Matthews** for the visitors' lei. **President Paul** named the birthdays of the week (**Jim Reed** on November 5 and **T.C. Gray** on November 7). He also congratulated those celebrating their club anniversaries this week. (See the *Tradewind* for the complete list.) **President Paul** announced the Pop-Up meeting for November 26 and encouraged members to sign up for the Prince Hotel meal and talk. He also indicated the "End Polio Now" pig would be passed around for donations. **Ann Miller** described her recent Rotary club visit in Salzburg, which took place in the city's oldest restaurant (810 AD). After making prior arrangements and then appearing, she learned the club does not accept women. Even so, she and her husband were invited to visit by the club president and ended up being the *de facto* "speaker for the day". **Diana Sakurai** sought volunteers for Rotary Story Time this Saturday. **Scotty Anderson** thanked the organizers of Friday's Pau Hana wine tasting event. **Rick Tabor** showed a PowerPoint about RYLA and asked members to nominate 9th through 11th graders with leadership qualities to the weekend program February 14-16. He also asked for donations to sponsor attendees. **President Paul** said our club would be sponsoring three students.

After fellowship time, **Past President Nancy Pace** introduced her husband, **PP Mel Kaneshige**, as the speaker. Her introduction included his academic credentials and his employment history, which ranged from Softie Ice Cream Truck to lawyering to his post-retirement affordable housing campaigns. **PP Mel's** talk, entitled "*Bill 7: Honolulu's Private Sector Affordable Rental Housing Approach*", began by describing the severe need for affordable housing. Bill 7, which the City Council passed May 21, 2019, is a private sector approach to solving Honolulu's housing crisis. It aims to stimulate the development of affording units by relaxing development standards and providing incentives for property owners to develop their land heretofore restricted by zoning requirements. He compared the results of the private versus public sector approach. The biggest need is for working families that can pay \$1,000 to \$2,000 monthly rents; a need that can only be achieved by lower costs of land and construction. The DPP found that approximately 9,800 - 21,000 additional units could be built under Bill 7. **PP Mel** went on to describe the eligibility requirements under Bill 7, the building code requirements, the incentives, and what happens next. The Bill is aimed at smaller lots with third-generation owners who need a way out of dealing with their antiquated, low-rise homes and buildings. The four major Honolulu banks are ready to deal with the small developers. They are also the overriding "governors" that would prohibit poor proposals. Bill 7 is a private sector project that leaves

government out of the decision-making process and hopes/plans to address the low-income families housing crisis.

After a Q & A time, **President Paul** invited **Mel** to sign the book to be donated to Palolo Elementary School entitled *Most People*. He thanked **Mel** and announced next week's meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

**Nancy White**, Scribe