

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
OAHU COUNTRY CLUB
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PRESIDING: PRESIDENT ELECT PAUL SAITO**

I've reluctantly dragged myself away from watching the election results to write up today's meeting. If I accidentally throw in the words "trending" or "apparent winner", I hope you'll bear with me.

Today's meeting really was a totally positive experience. The weather was immeasurably better than a week ago; the turnout was substantial; the energy in the room was uplifting and (thankfully!) non-partisan.

President-Elect **Paul Saito** called us to order, and **Dawn Marie** gave a splendid inspiration about Rotary's Four Way Test. How appropriate for Election Day!! **Tom Coyne** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Sum Howard** stepped up to leading us in America the Beautiful. **Signe Godfrey** greeted our guests.

PE Paul noted **T.C. Gray's** and **Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong's** birthdays this week. He also noted the club anniversaries of **Gigi Davidson, Brian Dunkel, Alice Tucker, Nikki Forrester, Linda Coble, Dee Helber, and Sally Mist**. Their combined years of membership in Rotary are—are you ready?—98!!

Diana Sakurai announced another Story Time on November 17, but she also expanded on the enormous value of these reading mornings to the children of Kuhio Park Terrace—and to the Rotarians who participate in the readings. We should all support **Diana** in this beautiful project.

Tom Coyne reminded us to sign up for the several Paul Harris venues during the week of November 27. There are several enticing venues, so sign up and learn a lot.

Tom Coyne reminded us to also sign up for our continuing project of cleaning out the invasive algae in Maunalua Bay (Remember, folks, it's not Moanalua, but Maunalua.) on November 17. The algae that's choking out the coral is a terrible menace, and really needs our attention. **John Cavanah** has offered a really great enticement to those who participate in the November 17 event: **John** lives nearby, and will be opening up his home for a post-project potluck barbecue. That sounds like a huge bonus! Please take **John** up on his offer.

After some fellowship time **Alice Tucker** introduced today's program, which was an overview of Manoa Valley Theatre and Honolulu's theatre community in general, provided by Dwight Martin, Producing Director of MVT; Dwight then introduced Playwright/Director Lorenzo DeStefano, who told about the upcoming production at MVT—the world premiere of Lorenzo's play "Shipment Day". The play is about Lorenzo's "long-lost" cousin, who contracted leprosy and was sent to Kalaupapa. The cousin was never spoken of because of the ages-old world-wide shunning of people with a disease that is now easily treated. Lorenzo met and became very close to his cousin, and the play is about her life before she was "shipped" away. Lorenzo introduced Kuulei Shafee, a lovely young actress who portrays the young woman in the

play. Kuulei gave a very touching reading from the play; I watched as there was not even a tiny movement of the membership during the performance. Very enthralling performance indeed.

All three guests signed our donated book, and boom! Just like that this week's meeting was adjourned.

Aloha, **Alice Tucker**