

Meeting with our Rotary Ohana in person was an early Christmas gift! We gathered together at the Oahu Country Club, and via Zoom, December 14th to share smiles, hugs, and catch-up stories around the tables during our entertainment laced meeting. I haven't worn my name tag for months and flipped it on and off several times and nearly forgot to return it to the box with it's string.

President Gwen Yamamoto Lau called us to order at noon and invited **Lee LaBrash** to inspire us with her thoughts on the value of inspiring youth. **Rick Tabor** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Le LaBrash** shared her beautiful voice as we sang America the Beautiful. In honor of our Sister Club Rotary Club of Taipei's 73rd Charter Anniversary, we joined **PP Nancy Pace** in a celebration that included us all cheering and toasting our Japan Ohana during video and photo gifts. **President Gwen** congratulated our seven December birthday babies and noted that during our meeting, the results of our 2022-2023 annual Officers and Directors election ballots were being tabulated. Results coming.

Joanna Amberger updated the members on our Serviced Above Self campaign, which had a goal of \$100,000 this year. We applauded the pledges totaling \$103,067.20 from 79% of our membership. In January, we will learn how our donations will be benefiting our local and international communities. Joanna also recognized multiple Fellows who have contributed an outright or cumulative gift of \$1,000 or more to our club's Paul Harris, John Warren and Maile Hale funds. There are so many generous Rotarians in our club! And topping the overall contributions for each fund...**Max Besenbruch**, with a loving total of 93 Fellowships throughout his Rotary years.

Beth-Ann Kozlovich introduced our award winning 'meeting mele makers' Bryan Tolentino, Kama Hopkins and Halehaku Seabury, who shared their talent and joy via Hawaiian voices, ukulele and guitar. They were captivating, but in the local spirit, they didn't mind us munching and chatting throughout their time up front. Mahalo Nui, NUE. We all appreciated your spirit of the holiday!

President Gwen congratulated our Rotarians of the Month, for their dedication and Service Above Self....**Jessica Lani Rich**, **Kent Reinker** and **Lee LaBrash**...all who work to make our monthly meetings meaningful from behind the scenes. And Gwen announced the selection of our 2022-23 Rotary Club of Honolulu Officers and Directors:

Al Linton	President Elect Nominee
Francis (Scotty) Anderson	Secretary
Kevin Hall	Treasurer
James Harrow	Director
Peggy Jackson	Director

MELE KALIKIMAKA, and wishing my Ohana health and happiness in the New Year!
Our next regular Rotary meeting will be our annual Club Assembly January 4th, via ZOOM.
Until Then... Aloha,
Linda Coble, Scribe