

I am still wearing my Santa hat and feeling the holiday Ohana spirit following our December 15th RCOH zoom Holiday meeting. After a delightful back and forth with smiling members, **President Rich Proctor** called all of the Santas and Elves to order. 'Shaka Santa' zoomed in to inspire us with a personal story of Christmas 2020. Quarantined in Santa's lodge with the elves and trying to avoid Covid, Shaka saw 4 of his rain deers shuttle a train load of children in masks to his lodge. They gave him a favorite teddy bear, a handmade quilt, delicious goodies and more. 'Shaka Santa' said the love, the smiles and the Service Above Self they showed, was his favorite gift ever. Mahalo for the inspiration Shaka **Rick Tabor**.

Kevin Hall led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Lyla Berg** in the singing of America the Beautiful, and **President Rich** in birthday wishes for **Constance Tice** and **Nancy White**. Club Anniversaries: 2 years for **Rick Tabor**, 3 years for **Joanna Amberger** and 3 years for **Terri Leon**. Attending Hui meetings, Board meetings, Pau Hana events and service projects grab attention within the club, and those now hanging up their yellow badges for new white ones are proof of that. Mahalo to White Badgers **Erin Auerbach, Donalyn Dela Cruz, Peg Jackson, Lee Labrash, Tim Parker and Walt Flood**. Walt is recovering from an accident...let's say howzit.

Reese Liggett and his team organized a great Rat Pack park project on Saturday, resulting in all the stubborn curtains on the entire fence being ripped down and the underlying fence weeds pulled away. Another opportunity to contribute time at the park comes January 16th. Oh, it's so worth it! Mayor Kirk Caldwell held a City blessing of the park after our Rotary zoom meeting. Caldwell's event was via facebook and allowed only a few individuals to participate on site. A major event will come in several months to mark the public opening of Centennial Park Waikiki.

Rick Tabor encouraged us to use our skills to inspire leadership possibilities in the hearts and minds of middle, sophomore and junior age students, by getting involved in their February RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) activities. There are many ways to volunteer, and Rick would appreciate hearing from you. And put December 29th at 5pm on your calendar for an early Eve zoom Pau Hana. Details for all to come.

We discussed our favorite holiday dishes and desserts during breakout sessions, and with our tummies growling, we returned to the meeting in time for **PP Nancy Pace** to introduce our special holiday guest entertainer. Talented, engaging and a former performer for our holidays at the Royal, 6-time Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner, Bobby Moderow Jr., rocked it out of his back yard! He is the founding member of the award winning group Maunalua, and shared stories of how he began singing with Honolulu Boys' Choir back in the 70's and entertained for years at the original Roy's Restaurant, and that he performed at the Inaugural Luau for Barack Obama. Bobby is now teaching at UH, and he was entertaining us on the eve of his birthday. Mele Kalikimaka and other holiday favorites along with his own creations and slack key and falsetto energy gave us a beautiful sense of the season.

There will be no club meetings December 22nd and December 29th, and our next zoom get together will be January 5th, with Chicago resident and Journalist Peter Von Buol. Happy and Safe Holidays, and keep a smile on your face and Service Above Self in your heart! Aloha,
PP Linda Coble, Scribe