

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM
DECEMBER 18, 2018
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO**

Gorgeous day. No AV presentation, so we had that stellar view of Diamond Head and the beach. Festive mood. Lots of red and green clothing. "It's Christmastime in the city." The Mele Rotarians serenaded us as we entered the Monarch Room, adding to the upbeat atmosphere.

President Bub called us to order, and **Jed Gaines** inspired us with a reading of "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, and It's All Small Stuff". Thanks, Jed, and we're going to miss you. **Brian Dunkel** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and our dear former member Kalani Brady led us in singing "God Bless America". What a voice that guy has! **PP Carol Sakata** did her usual stalwart duty on the piano.

Hugh Damon welcomed our visitors, who include not one, not two, but three Past District Governors----Jane and Carolyn from Alaska and Leon Hirsh from Florida. Welcome to you all.

Steve Nikkola and **President Bub** are sponsoring our first new member of the day. **Mil Rohan**, who's originally from Australia and was a Rotarian there, is a financial advisor. She spends a lot of time in California, Australia and Hawaii, but her primary home is here. **President Bub** is also sponsoring our newest member, **Rick Tabor**, who's in the mental health and eldercare field. **Rick** is a rabid Seattle Seahawks fan. Hearty welcome, **Mil** and **Rick**! You've joined a great bunch of folks.

President Bub congratulated our Birthday Boys and Girls: **Constance Tice, Nancy White, Lynn Babington, Carol Kimball, Anwar Kazi, Sarah Richards** and **Max Besenbruch**. **Max** will be an amazing 95 on January 1. WOW! **Max**, you're amazing! Happy, happy birthday to all you folks.

Club anniversaries were also announced by **President Bub**. Hooray for **Joanna Amberger, Terri Leon, PP Tom Matthews** (36 years), **Tim Motts, PP Phil Whitney** (42 years!), **Craig Nakanishi** and **Alika Mau**. Happy to have you all in our club.

PP Dave Shanahan called to order the annual meeting-within-a-meeting of the club foundation. Foundation Pres. **Dave** explained the three avenues of contributing in our club. **PP Dave** reported that our Maile Hale Fund, through which we finance the club's many activities and projects, is at a healthy \$1.6 million. He also thanked outgoing foundation trustees **Kiersten Faulkner, Jim Harrow**, and himself.

President Bub recognized all the members who participated in the caroling at Shriners, Arcadia and YWCA's Fernhurst Residence. He noted that the chocolates on each table were thank-you gifts from Fernhurst. How sweet!

President Bub recognized **Geoff Lewis** who's ending his term as president of the local chapter of the AIA. **Geoff's** award for his work on the Manoa Heritage Center was a highlight of the past year.

President Bub then called up the wonderful, patient, helpful, ever-cheerful staff of the Monarch Room to thank them for their great work. He gave them gift certificates from the club. HOORAY FOR THE MONARCH ROOM STAFF!

President Bub then called up the marvelous, hard-working, doubly patient, ever-creative, always cheerful, triply tolerant, truly sharp, funny-even-under-pressure Martha, our Extraordinary Club Administrator. He gave her a gift certificate for dinner, as well as some wine. MARTHA GERMAN FOR QUEEN!!!!

President Bub then noted that there will be a follow-up meeting in January concerning further explanations of and sufficient question time concerning the Centennial Park. He regretted that there was not sufficient question time at last week's meeting, so an entire meeting will be set aside for comments, questions and clearing the air.

The meeting was then turned over to former member Dr. Kalani Brady and his Honolulu Madrigal Quartet. The group, resplendent in medieval costumes, sang for the club many beautiful holiday songs, from centuries-old to modern-day. The writer noted that only one person quietly left during the performance. Translation: the audience was extremely receptive and enthusiastic in their appreciation of the fine singing. What a great way to send us all off for our holiday break!

Have a splendid holiday season, folks!

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