

Our holiday meeting was called to order at the Outrigger CC by Christmas sweater clad **President Lyla Berg**, who welcomed a number of guests who had already been partying with members prior to the bell.

Jesse Lopez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he then inspired us with the story of a dad showing his son how to save beached starfish by tossing them back into the ocean. **Jesse** noted if you do something good...others will see that...and they will follow suit.

Jolly **Kent Reinker** led us in a holiday song, and **Past President Gwen Yamamoto Lau** led our Annual Membership Meeting portion, which included the proposed club leadership selections from the Nominating Committee. Club members voted and unanimously approved the following 2023-24 leaders: **President Elect Joanna Amberger, President Elect Nominee Tom Coyne, and Board of Directors Lee LaBrash, Michael Marsh, and Mitch Weld.**

We have had a wonderful Rotary year of activities and Service Above Self, and **President Lyla** singled out **Rick Tabor**, for his valuable attendance at so many of our events. Rick is our Rotarian of the Month! This Rotary meeting day marked the 20th Anniversary of RCOH International Projects, and **Past President Dave Shanahan** shared details of our next service trip to the Philippines...Cebu Island, Philippines, March 11-19, 2023. Our volunteers will work to revitalize a typhoon damaged Jolomaynon Elementary School with Philippine partners, Rotarians, Atherton YMCA students, and UH Engineering students, among others. The Nan Chun Shin Foundation-funded project will include concrete pouring for 2 classrooms, wall plastering, landscaping and more. Please let Dave know you want to make a difference around the world!

Past President Mitch D'Olier introduced our guest musicians, who by the generosity of **Dave Moss** and **Peg Jackson**, have taken time to entertain our Rotary Club this holiday meeting. The Hawaii Symphony Orchestra string quartet featuring outstanding musicians Maile Reeves, Nikki Ebisu, Steve Flanter, and Josh Nakazawa infused the beautiful Christmas Spirit in us all. It was a beautiful, talented tribute to the holidays! JOY TO THE WORLD!!!

Hawaii Aloha ended the concert and **President Lyla** reminded us our first meeting of 2023 will be January 10th. She added "at times our own lights go out...but you have lighted the flame of Rotary in me!"

Respectfully submitted with Mele Kalikimaka & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou,
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