Rotary Minutes 8 December

Rotary Club of Honolulu Zoom Meeting

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT Rich Proctor

The inspiration was given by **Rick Towill**, who spoke on what he learned about Christmas tree stands by hanging it from the ceiling and the battle with Christmas tree lights: LED has made all the difference as they work year after year. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Eileen Hilton**. The singing of "The National Anthem" was led by **Al Linton**. **President Rich** introduced our visitors who included: Hideo Yamanaka from the Kyoto Club, Bruce Van Tassell, father of **Rob Van Tassell** and former members Paddy Griggs & Byron Eliashof.

Birthdays this week: Diana Sakurai on 14 Oct

Club Anniversaries: Ananda Ferreira 2 Years (Sponsor Don Anderson)

Announcements:

Annual Meeting: President Rich presented the three candidates for Directors to the Board for the 2021-2024 terms: Erin Auerbach, Bob Sumpf, and Rick Tabor. President Rich also presented the nomination for President Elect 2021-2022: Lyla Berg. Alice Tucker moved to close the nominations, there were multiple seconds, and the candidates were approved.

President Rich for absent **Reese Liggett announced a work opportunity for members on Centennial Park:** There is a need for Volunteers for the **morning of SAT 12 Dec.**

Rick Tabor announced that **The Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) Feb 26 and** 27th Virtual Camp needs volunteers who will need training before the event.

Breakout Discussion:

Club members and guests participated in breakout room discussion with the question: "What do you need to do to get ready for Christmas?"

Program:

Bob Sigall filled in initially for invited speaker Daniel Martinez. It soon became punctuated with member anecdotes: **Scotty Anderson** about the lone Navy pilot aloft during the Pearl Harbor attack..You wonder how he feels?..." **Erin Auerbach** on her mother's recollections. **Rick Towill** told amusing anecdotes about Warren Bull and Bamboo Haines who was able to get fishing boats cheap from Japanese who were no longer allowed to fish. **Bob Robinson** told a story about a unique Pearl Harbor commemoration of days gone. The conversation went to Christmas prep ideas and the Stadium Christmas Lights (\$50 per car). **Eileen Hilton** gave solicited update from Tues morning meeting of physicians with Lt Governor Green on COVID Vaccine roll-out for Hawaii and the general situation for the State. Generally a good news story as compared to the rest of the mainland. Vaccine precise vaccine distribution priority methodology TBD.

President Rich – Next Tuesday is our holiday program, with Bobby Moderow, Jr. as our guest entertainer. Bobby is a founding member of the group Maunalua, and a renowned slack key guitar and falsetto artist. This is the last meeting of 2020.

Respectfully submitted, David M Shanahan, Scribe