

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM
FEBRUARY 12, 2019
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO

Our Rotary meeting was held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in the Monarch Room. **President Bub** brought the meeting to order and **Rich Proctor** gave the inspiration. **Bob Sumpf** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lyla Berg** led us in the singing of America the Beautiful. **Dawn Marie** introduced and welcomed all of the visitors to the Rotary Club of Honolulu. **President Bub** also announced the Rotarian birthdays and anniversaries.

President Bub announced a memorial service for Dr. Charman Akina which is planned from 5:00-7:00 Tuesday, February 26 at Bishop Museum.

Jessica Rich announced a VASH event on Feb. 16. A healing event for those killed and injured in the terrible accident in Kakaako a few weeks ago. All are invited.

Reese Liggett announced the Paul Harris events for the week of Feb. 19.

Dave Shanahan recognized all of the John Warren fellows.

Ron Tsukamaki and Sonya Mendez are working on the Rotary Convention to be held here in 2020. They placed brochures on the tables that explained the fundraising that will be taking place. To kick things off **Ron** gave Sonya a check for \$500.00. We will need to raise \$240,000. They are asking all Rotarians to go into their communities and ask for a Mahalo Level contribution. They expect 25,000 global attendees from 179 different countries. So this is a big event for our club and we want to do it right.

Rick Towill introduced his good friend, Firefighter Captain Mike Carter to share his special arson dog, Kukui with us. Kukui is a 60 pound yellow lab. Her name means leader or guide, which is perfect for the dog. Mike and Kukui had to go through very special training. Kukui is a special accelerants, gas-sniffing dog. Kukui's sense of smell is so great that she could smell a teaspoon of sugar in two Olympic size swimming pools. The two trained in New Hampshire for 7 days a week for a month. Mike (and Kukui) had to take special tests to graduate from the training and they have to return once a year to get recertified. This is all sponsored by State Farm Insurance and Kukui is one of the first arson dogs here in Hawaii.

Mike and Kukui train several times a day and she gets no other food except what Mike rewards her with when training. Mike asked for 10 volunteers. He put a spot of an accelerant on the shoe of three people. Kukui then had to identify the people by sniffing and then sitting down. She performed beautifully.

Mike informed us that many times an arsonist will stay around after setting a fire just to watch. When this happens, he can walk the dog through bystanders and often the gas sniffing dog will identify the arsonist because they will have spilled the accelerant on themselves. Captain Mike gave a great presentation and the audience had many questions. We just hope Kukui got an “extra treat” for coming.

President Bub, as usual, offered us an inspiring Chinese proverb about dogs and he adjourned the meeting.

Paul Harris events next week. We will be back in the Monarch Room on Feb. 26.

Respectfully,
Ann Stamp Miller, Scribe