

Rotary Club of Honolulu
Date February 2, 2021
Presiding: **President Rich Proctor**

President Rich Proctor called our meeting to order. **Scotty Anderson** gave the inspiration. **Kevin Hall** led us in the pledge, and **Lyla Berg** led us in **You are My Sunshine**. **Rich Proctor** introduced our guests.

BIRTHDAYS Week of 2/2 - 2/8

Julia Allen 2/4
Robyn McCreary 2/4
Kiersten Faulkner 2/8

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES Week of 2/2 - 2/8

David Low 15 YEARS Sponsor: Tom Coyne

Additional Announcements:

Carolann Biederman introduced Samantha Trad who explained that there is a bill in the Legislature that would expedite and simplify use of the Compassionate Choices legislation which allows terminally ill residents to end their lives with medical assistance.

President Rich introduced **Rob Hale** who announced that Centennial Park Waikiki was transferred to the City & County of Honolulu yesterday. He said that we exceeded the challenge of raising funds for Phase II and thanked all for their efforts.

Lyla Berg announced mediation orientation sessions in March to promote skills of mediation and learning to keep calm.

President Rich announced we are going to go into “breakout” rooms next, with 5 to 6 people in each room, to allow you to engage more personally. Today’s topic is: “What Projects Should the Club Undertake?”

Scotty Anderson introduced **Mufi Hannemann**, President and CEO of Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association. He began by noting “If you think getting through the pandemic was difficult, getting back on the path of economic recovery will be much more daunting.” The Legislature has introduced a bill to fine those who fail to follow the mask mandate and a bill which would reduce the confusion of travelers allowing them to take a second covid test to avoid quarantine. They have advocated for three modifications of the testing rules to facilitate it. We need to strike a balance between ensuring public health and safety and reopening the economy. We need to increase the level of understanding and appreciation of tourism in our state.

PRESIDENT RICH announced that next week our speaker will be Jennine Sullivan,

Executive Director of The Pantry By Feeding Hawaii Together

Brian started the video of Hawaii Aloha.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED

Nancy N. Grekin, Scribe