ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM FEBRUARY 26, 2019 PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO

President Bub called the meeting to order at noon. **Don Anderson** gave a humorous inspiration about our choices and outcomes in life, and, bottom line, we should worry less. **Rick Tabor** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Kent Reinker** the singing of "American the Beautiful" with the piano accompaniment of **Carol Sakata**. **Gwen Yamamoto Lau** introduced the one visitor. **President Bub** announced the birthdays for the week (**Tom Rosenswike**, 2/26, **Byron Eliashof**, 2/28, **Rolf Nordahl**, 3/1, **Liz Howard**, 3/2) and the week's club anniversary (**Jim Forbes**, 6 years). The memorial service for **Dr. Charman Akina** is today from 5:30-7:30 at Bishop Museum. **President Bub** encouraged members to attend the District 5000 Conference May 17-19 and to use Lewers Street when exiting the hotel due to construction blocking Royal Hawaiian Road. Past President **Nancy Pace** gave information about the Japan Sister Club trip from September 2 - 10 and encouraged participation. **Glenda Anderson** promoted the 4-way speech contest and asked members to alert friends with high school age children of the competition. The deadline for submission is March 25.

Following a significant time for fellowship, **Bob Robinson** introduced the speaker, John Schuyler, who represented SCORE. Following a PowerPoint entitled "Business Start-Ups 101", Mr. Schuyler explained the organization's mission and activities. SCORE is an organization of professional business people and entrepreneurs who mentor small businesses and budding entrepreneurs. It is a national organization with about 11,000 volunteers who help more than 400,000 business people annually. Hawaii has about 50 SCORE volunteers. Clientele fall in three general categories: 1. entrepreneurs who want to start a business, 2. owners of small businesses who want to increase their success, and 3. military veterans transitioning to working in business. The SCORE free counseling is done in person, via phone and on line. Mr. Schuvler's mentoring specialty is small business startups, helping people leave "payroll addiction" and buying into their employers' dreams to having their own businesses. He teaches many workshops, some of which are free and others have small fees. To become a SCORE volunteer one needs to be vetted by the FBI and pass various certifications. Mr. Schuyler spoke of his own experience learning about the organization and then becoming so involved with it. He extended an invitation for volunteers. His talk was followed by a brief Q & A.

President Bub thanked Mr. Schuyler and gave him the book *Nonni's Moon* for signature that will be given to Palolo Elementary School. Next week's meeting will be in the Regency Room and the speaker will be Neal Hitch, Executive Director of Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives. After the weekly Chinese proverb, **President Bub** adjourned the meeting.

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