

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM
DATE: MARCH 10, 2020
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT PAUL SAITO

President Paul called the meeting to order. Inspiration by **Beth-Ann Kozlovich** who spoke of kindness. All of us are so very interdependent on each other and we all need to be kind to each other, especially in trying times such as these. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Hai Cha Lambert**. The singing of the National Anthem was led by **Al Linton**, accompanied by **Carol Sakata** on the piano. **Linda Coble** introduced and welcomed two RCOH guests.

President Paul inducted a new RCOH member, **Jesse Lopez**, who was sponsored by **President Paul**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthdays, Week of 3/10 – 3/16

Bryan Watkins	3/11
Kitty Yannone	3/11
Rick Towill	3/13
Lyla Berg	3/15

Club Anniversaries, Week of 3/10 – 3/16

Sid Snyder	50 Years (sponsor: Bob Robinson)
Susan Robinson	23 Years (sponsor: Ray Engle)
Mitch D'Olier	35 years (sponsor: Dallas Smith)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Paul announced postponement of March 24 Pop-Up Pau Hana at Entrepreneurs Sandbox.

Beth Ann Kozlovich announced volunteers are still needed for the Rotary Convention Host Event committee.

Mitch D'Olier gave an update on the Centennial Park. The work has started this week and it looks to be on schedule. Our partner is Hawaiian Dredging Company, doing all the foundation work. The hard cost of the park is coming out to be \$1,265,967. The RCOH pledges have covered all of the costs associated with the 1st part of the construction! Imua Centennial Park!

Alice Tucker introduced the guest speaker, Kip Wilborn, Executive Artistic Director of Manoa Valley Theatre. Kip spoke of his childhood in a small town in Texas where he first developed his interest in music and performing. As his career progressed, he became a professional opera singer and later a Board of Directors member at Manoa Valley Theatre (MVT). Kip spoke of MVT's history which dates back to 1969. Each decade brought different goals and challenges to the Theatre – raising construction funds, artistic growth, searching for Hawaii talent. Currently, the Theatre's main goal is to engage the younger generation whose interests are social media and entertainment they can watch on their devices. The Theatre is also generating new revenue from their new concert series and education.

President Paul wrapped up the meeting with a joint signing of the book 'Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln' with Kip. The book will be donated to Palolo Elementary School.

Next meeting will be in the Monarch Room for a panel discussion on Aging with Dignity.

Lyla Berg and **President Paul** led in singing *Hawaii Aloha*.

At 1 pm, **President Paul** gonged the bell and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Sakurai, Scribe