

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

Prior to the official start of the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, members, visitors and guests were welcomed by **Sarah Nordwall**. **Kekoa Tsukikawa**, **Carol Kimball**, and **Brian Dunkel** handled the registration table.

President Bub called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at 12:00 pm. After the President's welcome, **Beth-Ann Kozlovich** gave a great inspiration – give some thought to what is “good” when you are contributing to the “greater good.” **Glenda Anderson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kent Reinker** led us in The National Anthem, accompanied by **Carol Sakata** on the piano. **Dawn Marie** introduced our guests and visitors. **Bob Sigall** was our photographer. **Robyn McCreary** handled the audio/visual.

President Bub announced upcoming member birthdays, including **Chris Cloward** (3/28), **Brian Dunkel** (3/29), and **Chris Hochuli** (3/30). Club anniversaries were also announced: **Eileen Hilton** (7 years), **Judy Lind** (13 years), and **Rick Towill** (25 years).

Brian Dunkel thanked the volunteers at the March 23, 2019 Pearl Haven Rat Pack Project.

Ann Stamp Miller announced signups for the Hamakua Marsh Workday on Sunday, April 14 (to be followed with some liquid refreshments).

Glenda Anderson announced that the deadline for the Speech Contest Applications was extended in light of spring break.

Rob Hale gave us an update on the Centennial Park Project. The work on the archaeological impact survey is beginning. Rob routed worksheets with potential vendors for the Project. If you know anyone the list, please contact Rob.

President Bub then announced the Rotarian of the Month – **Tom Coyne**. Tom has led path for the RCOH to participate in certain Beer Fests which have provided lots of Rotarian fellowship as well as much needed funds. Congratulations Tom! Well deserved.

Mitch D'Olier introduced our guest speaker, **Alex Teese**. Alex is the Founding Director of **DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach**, a new charter school scheduled to open in August in Ewa with 100 6th grade students. DreamHouse is the result of a seven-year vision which began in 2012, when Alex and a group of educators, parents and community members began working to design a public charter school in Ewa Beach. In his presentation, Alex described the multi-year process it has been to establish DreamHouse, including the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission's denial of the first charter application for DreamHouse in 2016. In 2017, after DreamHouse reworked its charter application and demonstrated that it had the power and the ability to raise funds necessary for the school, the Public Charter School Commission approved

DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach. Since then, Alex and his team at DreamHouse have continued to demonstrate their passion and commitment for the school and educating children in Ewa Beach.

DreamHouse's mission is to empower children to be affirmed in their individual identities, grounded in and committed to island culture and community, and equipped with a 21st century skill set to be leaders within our community and state.

DreamHouse's charter plan is to open 6th grade with 100 students in August, adding one grade each year and eventually growing to a 700-student, 6-12 middle and high school.

Alex closed his remarks and answered several questions from the audience. **President Bub** thanked Alex for his presentation and contributions.

President Bub closed the meeting by announcing next week's meeting in the Monarch Room for a presentation by Guest Speaker Dr. Andrew Rossiter, Director of the Waikiki Aquarium.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Karin Holma, Scribe