

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
Hybrid Meeting
Outrigger Canoe Club
March 28, 2023

President Lyla Berg called the meeting and many attendees to order at 12:15 p.m. She welcomed the members of our club's four sister clubs from Osaka and the young men/boys in the Osaka Youth Band. **Kent Reinker** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the state anthem, "Hawaii Pono'i." The inspiration by **Judy Lind** highlighted the Children's Justice Center, an organization begun by RCOH to bring together multiple disciplinary professionals to help the judiciary deal with children of abuse and neglect. Our club members instrumental in organizing the Justice Center included **Jack Dwyer, Rob Hale, Tom Matthews, and Linda Coble**. Judy called the project an inspirational legacy of our club. **Bob Sumpf** announced the second club survey which deals with service projects and asked members to participate. A flyer of survey instructions was on each table and instructions will be in the *Tradewind*.

President Lyla asked **Taro Fujisawa** to welcome the many guests from the Osaka East Rotary Club, and visiting members of other Rotary Clubs in Japan, which he did in Japanese. He singled out and introduced members of four clubs: Yasuo Yamada, Osaka East President Elect, Kazuo Nobuta from the Rotary Club of Shibata Jonan, Kimiko Schaumleffel from the Rotary Club of Atami, Shizuoka, and Past District Governor Dr. Yoshihiro Shibata from the Rotary Club of Nishinomiya Shukugawa.

A young man from the Konan Brass Ensemble spoke about the band's mission to come to Hawaii and turned the program over to the performance. The band of 14 to 16-year-old young men was terrific! They played jazz numbers interspersed with comments by different band members. The mini concert, which included trumpet, sax, and trombone solos, was exceptional and most entertaining. It was truly appreciated by all those in attendance.

President Lyla thanked the band and proceeded with the exchange of banners with each club president. PE Yamada from Osaka East gave a donation to support Centennial Park Waikiki, which the visiting group was to visit following the meeting. **Taro Fujisawa** thanked the visitors in Japanese. **Lyla** announced the donation of a **Bob Sigall's** book to the Rotarians and band members, the leadership retreat for Interact students, and adjourned the meeting.