

# Minutes of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting

March 7, 2023

Meeting at the Outrigger Canoe Club  
In person and via Zoom

**President Lyla Berg** welcomed Club members and called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

**Lee LaBrash** led us in singing “If You’re Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands.” **Past President Gwen Yamamoto Lau** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Past President Gwen** also gave us a wonderful Inspiration on “those who went first,” including Jackie Robinson (first African-American MLB player), Eric Shinseki (first Asian four-star general), and our own **Past President and Past District 5000 Governor Linda Coble**, the first female District Governor for District 5000.

**President Lyla** introduced a new part of our meeting, “A Happy Moment.” **Rob Hale, Kathie Cooke, Tom Coyne, Liz Howard, and Ben Eger** shared some good things in their lives. A huge congratulations to **Ben Eger**, who is celebrating his U.S. citizenship and naturalization on March 8, 2023!!

The members then participated in fellowship in person and via Zoom.

**Amanda Ellis** introduced our guest speaker, **Tiffany Huynh**, Director of External Affairs of Elemental Excelerator. Elemental Excelerator was started in 2009 to support start-up companies focused on climate change. Since 2009, Elemental Excelerator has invested in more than 150 companies and can now be viewed as a venture capital firm. For more information, visit its website at [elementalexcelerator.com](http://elementalexcelerator.com).

Our next luncheon meeting is on March 14 at the Outrigger Canoe Club. The guest speaker is Axel Clauss, Mayor of Coswig, Germany, the home of Heinrich Berger, the first Royal Hawaiian bandmaster and close friend of Queen Liliuokalani.

**President Lyla** closed the meeting with a quote from Zig Ziglar: “Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.”

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. **President Lyla and Past President Bub Wo** led the Club in *Hawaii Aloha*.

Aloha,  
Scribe, **Karin L. Holma**