

## Rotary Minutes 19 April 2022

### Rotary Club of Honolulu Hybrid Oahu CC/Zoom Meeting

PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT GWEN YAMAMOTO LAU**

**President Elect Lyla Berg** gave a beautiful inspiration about sharing gifts through a wonderful rendering of the Folk Tale of "Stone Soup." *It is reproduced in full at the end of the Minutes.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Julia Allen**. The singing of "*God Bless America*" was led by **PE Lyla Berg** standing in for President Elect Designee **Al Linton**.

**President Gwen introduced** our lunch visitors who included members' guests Tim Cooke, Leslie Allen, Suzanne Skjold, and Pam, prospective member Danielle Haviland, and on Zoom, Hideo Yamanaka, RC Kyoto, Kevin Parle, RC Bristol, and Michael Forthofer.

**MEMBER INDUCTION:** Three new members were inducted during the meeting:

**CHRIS EDWARDS** (SPONSOR: REESE LIGGETT)

Director of Finance and Treasurer, Young Brothers LLC

**TRAVIS SAITO** (SPONSOR: PEG JACKSON)

Office of Managing Director C&C of Honolulu, Kaimuki Neighborhood Board

**CLIF PURKISER** (SPONSOR: BOB SUMPFF)

Business Mentor at Blue Startups, Board of Directors Pacific Historical Parks

#### April Club Anniversaries:

<b>Kathie Cooke</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Joshua Nam</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Reed Myers</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>Taro Fujisawa</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Ken Kaneshiro</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Gwen Yamamoto Lau</b>	<b>9 years</b>
<b>Glenda Anderson</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Takamasa Yamamura</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Bob Sumpf</b>	<b>13 years</b>
<b>Bill Brizee</b>	<b>16 years</b>
<b>Phil Wright</b>	<b>18 years</b>
<b>Carol Sakata</b>	<b>33 years</b>

#### Announcements:

**Rick Tabor:** Announced **Paul Harris "Day" Events** several of which have limited numbers that can be accommodated. Please sign up early on the website <https://www.honolulurotary.com/Events> Questions can be directed to **Sam Haas** at: [Samantha.Haas@WestPacWealth.Com](mailto:Samantha.Haas@WestPacWealth.Com)

- Monday, May 9 - Mysteries of Hawaii Haunted Crime Walking Tour
- Tuesday, May 10 - Overview of the Howard Hughes Ward Village Master Plan
- Wednesday, May 11 - Tour of Shangri-La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design

- Thursday, May 12 - Tour of the new Bank of Hawaii Kahala Branch
- Friday, May 13 - Honolulu Museum of Art Tour & Lunch

**Rick Tabor** as well announced that volunteers were needed for 20 May Youth Leadership event at the District 5000 Conference in Kapolei. **Rick** also announced that he had just taken on a role as Volunteer Ombudsman for Kupuna in licensed Care Facilities on Oahu and solicited volunteers who might like to join him in that role.

**Peg Jackson:** Announced Centennial Park Weeding projects for April 20 and April 30.

**Tom Coyne:** Announced Earth Day Waikiki Clean Up Event On Saturday, April 23, 8:30-10 am. Sign-up with **Peg Jackson**.

**Tom Coyne** as well announced need for 25 volunteers for the Beer Fest on June 25 at Bishop Museum's Great Lawn. Fun event that benefits our Club's project budget: Contact **Tom Coyne**.

**James Pierce** announced need for volunteers to do Bike Path Clean-up in conjunction with Earth Day. This is being organized by Honolulu Sunrise Rotary Club member Rob Hail. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact **James**.

**Gwen:** Announced volunteers needed for April 21 at Rotary Village, Camp Erdman. 8am – 2pm. Lunch Included. **Reese Liggett** organized the event.

#### **Breakout Discussion:**

Club members and guests participated in Table/Zoom breakout room discussion with the question: "What was your reaction when you first saw the movie "Jaws" and how old were you?"

**Program: Dr. Kim Holland**, Research Professor at The Shark Research Lab at The Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology located on Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay.

**Tom Coyne** introduced Dr. Holland by describing him as a consummate waterman, conservationist, and outstanding fisherman. He grew up in Hawaii and after his BS at UH he sojourned to Univ of PA for his masters and back to Hawaii for his PhD and stayed on the faculty as a research professor. Dr. Holland gave a fascinating presentation replete with images and charts describing the evolution of Shark Research in Hawaii and several of his efforts to guide understanding and policy related to shark attack prevalence and response efforts. One of his significant findings was that sharks that have been most involved with attacks on humans are generally nomadic and that culling efforts following shark attacks have little to no effect on attack prevalence. The higher frequency of attacks in Maui County can be generally attributed to the higher proportion of its coastal shelf being at the depth of less than 600 feet where tiger and other aggressive shark types are most prone to frequent. Dr. Holland showed and described the technological evolution of the tracking devices that have enabled his research which have evolved from sonar ping devices to devices that communicate with satellite, as well as camera devices that have revolutionized what he has been able to "see" in following shark habits and migration. He gave an example in what they have been able to learn about the diving patterns of hammerhead sharks that over the course of a night can dive repeatedly and continuously to a depth of 3000 feet and return "holding their breath" at depth to retain body heat.

Following his engrossing presentation **PRESIDENT Gwen** asked **Dr. Kim** to sign a book “**Bee Still; An Invitation to Meditation**” that will be donated to a local Elementary School. **Pres. Gwen** closed the meeting by thanking **Dr. Kim Holland** and announcing that next Tuesday we’re on Zoom, with Guest Speaker **Rick Tabor**, who will guide us through a *Progressive Relaxation Experience*.

The meeting closed with our video of *Hawaii Aloha* featuring members of our club including **PE Lyla Berg, PP Bub Wo, Erin Auerbach, PP Paul Saito, Pres. Gwen Yamamoto, Ann Stamp Miller, and PP Rich Proctor.**

Respectfully submitted, **David M Shanahan**, Scribe

Inspiration as given by **PE Lyla Berg: Stone Soup**

*Imagine a world in which we all shared our gifts and bounty with each other, rather than focusing on self-preservation.*

There are many variations on the story of stone soup, but they all involve a traveler coming into a town beset by famine. The inhabitants try to discourage the traveler from staying, fearing he wants them to give him food. They tell him in no uncertain terms that there's no food anywhere to be found. The traveler explains that he doesn't need any food and that, in fact, he was planning to make a soup to share with all of them. The villagers watch suspiciously as he builds a fire and fills a cauldron with water. With great ceremony, he pulls a stone from a bag and dropped the stone into the pot of water. He sniffs the brew extravagantly and exclaims how delicious stone soup is.

As the villagers begin to show interest, he mentions how good the soup would be with just a little cabbage in it. In a little while, a villager brings a cabbage to share. This episode repeats itself until the soup has cabbage, carrots, onions, and beets and, indeed, becomes quite a substantial soup that feeds everyone in the village.

This story tells about the human tendency to hoard in times of deprivation. When resources are scarce, people often pull back and put all of their energy into self-preservation. We isolate ourselves and shut out others. When we hoard ideas, creativity, courage, love, or energy, we make the world, and ourselves, poorer, not richer.

As the story of stone soup reveals, whenever we greedily stockpile our reserves, believing we will not become poor if we keep them to ourselves, we not only deprive other people of a feast, but also ourselves. This metaphor plays out beyond the realm of food.

The traveler was able to see that the villagers were holding back, and he had the genius to draw them out and inspire them to give, thus creating a spread that none of them could have created alone.

Let us be that traveler who draws people to who we are by showing them WHO WE ARE, as Rotarians..... When we come forward and share our gifts, we inspire others to do the same -- and the reward is a life experience that can nourish more people than we could ever imagine!

As Benjamin Franklin is noted to have said: "Hide not your talents. They for use were made. For what is a sundial in the shade?"

Carpe Diem! Aloha 😊