

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**  
**ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM**  
**DATE: APRIL 2, 2019**  
**PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO**

35 minutes into our meeting at the Monarch Room: *Beep ... Beep ... There is a hotel emergency, and you are required to exit the hotel now. Do not use the elevators.* That loud announcement annoyingly continued several times until 12:51, when we were advised to *disregard the warning.* And throughout it all, our speaker, Director of the Waikiki Aquarium, Dr. Andrew Rossiter, knocked it out of the ‘living reef’, and Honolulu Rotarians remained seated to hear his inspirational presentation. This would have been funny, if it was yesterday...but this was April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I love the confidence of my fellow Rotarians, and the quality of our speakers...no matter da kine.

President **Bub Wo** opened our meeting by introducing the inspiration by **Jack Dwyer**, who shared the remarkable story of how a good deed never goes ‘unpunished’. Remember the story of Alexander Fleming and Winston Churchill? **JP Cercillieux, Sum Howard** and **Carol Sakata** guided through our pledge and America the Beautiful. **Dawn Marie** introduced us to our visitors and Rotarian guests.

**Tom Matthews** introduced our newest member, **Reed Myers**, who will bring his Metro club experience and business knowledge ... and friendship with sponsor Tom...to our club’s greatness. And you know me...always checking out our growth potential...and I attended an organizational meeting last month at RevoluSun in Kakaako, for the Eco Rotary Club of Kakaako. And I was pleased to see PE **Steve Mazur** at our meeting, who shared the newest club’s goals, and who invited us to check it out on Wednesdays at 6p.

**President Bub** introduced our speaker, Dr. Andrew Rossiter, who, as Director of the Waikiki Aquarium, has been making a difference there since his arrival 15 years ago. 65 percent of the visitors there are tourists. 35 percent locals. 30,000 students visit the Aquarium ever year. Rossiter is proud that the Waikiki Aquarium has the goal of employing the **right** people, with the **right** attitude, in the **right** positions, doing things **right** now. The diverse collection of coral species and fish has captured visitors for years...but the emphasis now includes ocean science resources, quarantine & disease facilities, endangered corals, biology and growth. The Waikiki Aquarium offers the entertainment of beautiful displays, education, research and conservation...feeding us for a lifetime.

Mahalos to Andy Rossiter for sharing his story through multiple alarms. And best wishes to **Alice Tucker**, who is recovering from a broken wrist and hip discomfort after a fall.

Aloha, **Linda Coble**, scribe