

RCOH **President Lyla Berg** called our energetic group to order at the Outrigger Canoe Club, and in keeping with the joy we were about to embrace from our upcoming speaker, **Kent Reinker** led us in singing “When You’re Smiling” after leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. For her Inspiration, **Amanda Chou Ferreira**, YMCA Executive Director at Kaimuki-Waiālae Branch, shared the loving story of one child who benefited from the service of Rotarians...and certainly, not the only one!

**PP Rich Proctor** congratulated our members who graduated from Yellow to White badges: **Clif Purkiser** and **Lucci Pinoliad** (fresh off our Philippines project) were in person to receive their upgraded badges. **Greg Waibel** and **Len Rossoff** are also white badges. Welcome to our future long-time Rotarians!!!! **President Lyla** thanked them for their Service Above Self and welcomed guests and long-time-no-see members.

I don’t know about you, but I evolved into the diverse Hawaii spirit with the unique comedy of **Frank De Lima**. I recall all of the weekends at Noodle Shop in Waikiki, when **Frank** took the stage in costume after costume and made us cry-laugh with his culturally defined jokes and music. He wove the locality into my Hau’oli soul. When he took the microphone at today’s meeting, we all learned so much about what created that creative genius that evolved into a successful 45+-year comedic career. **Frank** shared how growing up in his Pāhoa Valley neighborhood with every cultural ethnicity known in Hawaii formed his daydreaming life through colleges to seminaries. His career soared with Portuguese jokes and music like “Lucille’...and by 1980, his talents transferred not only stage to stage, but to sharing his values and advice to youth throughout Hawaii. Kindergarten to third...fourth to eighth...and beyond...students in 225 schools a year statewide welcomed him on campus to share his mana and Aloha. Most recently...150 schools per year. **Frank** shared that throughout his daily life, his focus is on the spirit of ALOHA. His stand-up routines are funny as ever...and his Rotary visit today earned a stand-up ovation.

**President Lyla** noted that Saturday, **Tracey Wiltgen** will participate on the Spring Learning Webinar at 9 a.m., **Rick Tabor’s** Youth Leadership Event in Mililani will be April 16th, and **Bob Sumpf** encouraged us to join in the April 22nd Earth Day Waikiki Cleanup and the April 29-30 Camp Erdman Renovations projects. **Lyla** closed our meeting with a Walt Whitman quote: “Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you”, and we joined Lyla and Bub Wo in singing “Hawaii Aloha”. I don’t know about you, but I felt our hands holding tighter than ever.

Submitted with Aloha,  
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