

Rotary Club of Honolulu
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL Monarch Room
Minutes of 9 April 2019
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT BUB WO**

President Bub called the meeting to order at 1200 welcoming all to a very special Club meeting to honor student 4 Way Test Speech contestants. **Rich Proctor**, Jerry Hay Inc, inspired us by describing the term “glossophobia”- the fear of public speaking - and congratulating our 4 Way Test Speech contestants for overcoming this affliction. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dee Helber**. The singing of “God Bless America” was led by **Kent Reinker**, Novelist. Photographer was **Bob Sigall** Author/Journalist.

Jessica Rich, Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii, introduced our visiting Rotarians who included visiting Rotarian Jim Simons from the LA Club 5, LA CA, and Rotary guest Cindy Horikawa.

Dawn Marie introduced new member **Laura Hankins** who is being sponsored by **Steve Nikkola**. Laura resides in Amarillo TX and is a frequent visitor and short time resident of Hawaii in her work with Keller Williams Realty. She and her husband own several businesses and enjoy all Hawaii has to offer loving to Hike, Swim and Travel. After being introduced and inducted by **Bub**, **Laura** offered her greeting to the club and said she wanted to join to honor her memory of our deceased member and good friend **Clint Basler**.

President Bub turned the program over to **Glenda Anderson**, Details International, who described the 4 Way Test Speech contest and the process of winnowing the contestants. She thanked the Committee members who helped in judging the contestants and their dedication that arrived at our final three who would speak at the meeting and who members would be asked to rank order. The speakers were introduced simply as Speaker A, B, and C and presented in order without intervening pause or commentary. Contestant “A” (later introduced as Juliette Rodrigues of Damien Memorial High School) spoke of the concept of it takes a village to raise a child and the profound impact in her life growing up in Public Housing of participating in the *Lawakua O Kalihi* Kajukenbo martial arts program. She related each point of the 4 way test to the transformative experience for children who are presented with such opportunities. The second speaker Contestant “B” (later introduced as Eileen Chang of McKinley High School) subjected the Anti Vaccine movement and its adherents to the 4 Way Test. Without notes and with great theatrical flourish and passion, point by point, she showed where the movement failed and offered that only through honest engagement and education might we stem this significant threat to public health. The third speaker- Contestant “C” (later introduced as Melody Hartman of Damien Memorial High School) spoke with clarity and persuasion of her involvement in the “All Stars” after school program and its transformative impact. She applied the program and its elements to the 4 Way Test to the program and finding it passed with flying colors in all respects.

After the speeches members were asked to rank order the speakers and **Pres Bub** used the opportunity to recognize Club member Birthdays and membership anniversaries:

Birthdays This Week

Week of 4/9 – 4/15

Jack Lockwood	(4/10)
Gary Farkas	(4/12)
Sax Barrett	(4/13)
Montine Hansl	(4/15)

Club Anniversaries

Week of 4/9 – 4/15

Jim Reed (33 YEARS)

SPONSOR: **Steve Santagelo** (Former Member)

Chris Hochuli (9 YEARS)

SPONSOR: **Gae Bergquist Trommald** (Former Member)

Lance Kawano (10 YEARS)

SPONSOR: **Ron Tsukamiki** (Member/Past Pres)

Following Announcements **President Bub** Turned the program over to **Linda Coble** who in her signature interview style was able to evoke from each of the contestants a bit about their background and interests and ended with expressing - what each of the audience felt – that we had an extraordinary representation of today’s youth as contest finalists and that our future seemed to be in good hands as they ascend to positions of greater service and influence. **Rich Proctor** was called forward to announce the results of the members’ rankings and awarded 3d place and \$500 to Juliette Rodrigues of Damien Memorial High School, 2d Place and \$900 to Melody Hartman of Damien Memorial High School and 1st place and \$1700 to Eileen Chang of McKinley High School. **Rich Proctor** recognized the other 4 Way Test committee members **Glenda Anderson, Brian Dunkel, Constance Tice, Sally Mist, Dee Helber, and Linda Coble.**

President Bub closed the meeting with an Oliver Wendell Holmes quote describing that “language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow”. He congratulated the finalists for souls grown rich and fertile with language. He showed the book Of Thee I Sing by Barack Obama signed by the contestants to be donated to Palolo Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

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