

## **Rotary Club of Honolulu**

Date May 2, 2023

Presiding: Lyla Berg

**President Lyla Berg** called our meeting to order. **Lee LaBrash** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lee LaBrash** led us in the “National Anthem”. **Linda Coble** gave the inspiration: “Our Club, Our Story” **President Lyla** introduced our guests. Virtual Meeting Maestro: **Brian Dunkel**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: 10/29-11/4/23** **Dave Shanahan** announced the Cambodia international service project.

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### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

**Pam Chambers** introduced our guest Emily Greene, Education Manager of the Hawai'i Marine Animal Response. The organization is a non-profit which protects and rescues marine animals. If a marine animal is injured, they transport it to a veterinarian. They find animals in distress and monitor them with electronics. There are Federal and State statutes which protect sea animals and monitor ocean conditions. They utilize “sentinel animals” which can provide information on sea and animal conditions. We learned where the expression “canary in a coal mine” originated. Coal miners brought canaries into the mines and their behaviors could determine the conditions and whether to abandon the mine. We learned that green sea turtles eat seaweed and that if they were not eating it, the seaweed overgrows the coral and endangers it. She talked about what individuals can do to protect the sea and sea animals. Don't use plastic straws which are not bio-degradable and don't leave fishing lines in the ocean to entrap sea animals.

### **MEETING IS ADJOURNED**

**Nancy N. Grekin**, Scribe