

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM
DATE: MAY 28, 2019
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT BUB WO**

Prior to the official start of the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, members, visitors and guests were welcomed by **Jeff Martin**, **Kekoa Tsukikawa**, **Dee Helber**, **Brian Dunkel**, and **Carol Kimball** armed the registration tables.

President Bub called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at 12:00 pm. After the President's welcome, **Brian Dunkel** gave a great inspiration about his participation in the District 5000 Conference. **Michael Marsh** led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Lyla Berg** surprised us all by leading us in "You Are My Sunshine." Members **Steve Nikkola**, **Rick Tabor**, **Amanda Ellis**, and **Reese Liggett** all brought guests to the meeting.

President Bub announced member birthdays and club anniversaries, including **Samantha Haas** (7 years), and **Judy Meyer** (18 years). **President Bub** also recognized **Samantha Haas** for PBN's 40 Under 40 award. Congratulations **Sam**.

Carolann Biederman provided an update on the Service Above Self Campaign – the Club is very close to meeting its goal. **Rick Tabor** was recognized for his achievement as the West Region's Client Satisfaction Award. **Reese Liggett** announced a Sierra Club hike on June 2, 2019 at 1:00 pm. **President Bub** reminded us of the Hui Ho'owali on Friday, May 31 from 5-7 pm at the HASR Bistro. Finally, **President Bub** acknowledged May as Military Appreciation Month, asking all Rotarians who have served and all family members of Rotarians who have served to stand and be recognized. **President Bub** also acknowledged those Rotarians who provided support to the Armed Services YMCA in the form of cabinets to Armed Services YMCA preschools.

Past President Rick Towill introduced the guest speaker, Henk Rogers. Henk is the founder and Board Chair of Blue Planet Foundation.

Henk was born in the Netherlands and went to high school in NYC. Thereafter, he moved to Hawaii, where he attended the University of Hawaii and studied computer science. In the late 1980's, he acquired the rights to the world's most popular video game Tetris. After a near death experience in 2006, he started Blue Planet. The mission of the Blue Planet Foundation is to lead Hawaii's and the rest of the world's transition to clean energy. One of the Foundation's most significant achievements is legislation that requires Hawaii to become energy independent by 2045. Henk is currently helping eight other states with similar 100% renewable energy mandates.

Henk is also the founder and CEO of Blue Planet Energy, one of the leading providers of energy storage systems that power homes, businesses, and utility grids. He is the founder of the International MoonBase Alliance, and the chair of PISCES – the Pacific International Space

Center for Exploration Systems, a nonprofit organization which is working to bring the business of space exploration to Hawaii. Henk spoke on his current mission and project – building a “backup” of life on Earth.

Henk then addressed questions from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Karin Holma, Scribe