

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting

May 4, 2021

Via zoom and in person, Dave & Buster's

Wow! The first in-person meeting for the Rotary Club of Honolulu in over one year! And we had greeters to prove it – **Sam Haas**, **James Pierce**, and **Bob Sumpf**. **Tom Coyne** handled attendance and the money. Take that COVID-19.

President Rich Proctor called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Brian Dunkel served as the Virtual Meeting Maestro. President Rich introduced **Jessica Rich**. Jessica talked to us about the discussions about possible defunding of the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii ("VASH"). VASH was founded in 1997 by the Rotary Club of Honolulu to assist visitors who have been victims of crime and other adversities.

After the inspiration, **James Pierce** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lyla Berg** led us in *Hawaii Pono*. President Rich then welcomed our visitors, including Mary Benson and Greg Gormanous.

President Rich acknowledged Birthdays, including **Jerry Rauckhorst**, whose birthday is on May 8, **Joanna Amberger**, whose birthday is on May 9, and **Rick Tabor**, whose birthday is also on May 9. Happy Birthday all!

President Rich also recognized Club Anniversaries for **Geoff Lewis**, who has been a member for 28 years, and **Sarah Nordwall**, who has been a member for 27 years. Speaking of **Sarah Nordwall**, she and **Sarah Richards** sponsored **Kent Reinker**, who is celebrating his 25th year of membership. And last but not least, congratulations to **Hiroko Dewitz**, who has been a member for 16 years.

President-Elect Gwen Lau announced the service project at Camp Erdman on May 22 and 23. Volunteers are wanted for this great project.

President Rich announced the Rotary District 5000 Conference which will be held on May 14 through May 16. You can go to the D5000 website to register to participate in this conference.

President Rich announced that Brian Dunkel had been selected as the Rotarian of the Month. Congratulations Brian! Mahalo for everything you do for our Club!

Club Members then went into breakout rooms to discuss the topic, "What does Peace mean to you?"

Donalyn Dela Cruz introduced our speaker, Danny Kim. Danny, a former member of our club, is the founder of the Aloha Living Project, specializing in resiliency programs through mindfulness, positive psychology and principals of Aloha. Danny is also founder of *The Aloha Journal*, a program designed to help individuals successfully navigate through important pivotal transitions in life. Danny's background is in banking and finance. His 25-year career at Bank of Hawaii included various assignments in retail, personal and private banking. In 2015, Danny was recognized by *Honolulu Magazine* as one of 20 people to watch for the next 20 years. His current mission and passion includes speaking, facilitation,

and helping individuals and organizations recapture their purpose and joy for life. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Loyola Marymount University.

Danny began by speaking about his childhood. His parents were Korean immigrants. His father died when Danny was five years old. This had a profound impact on him. He grew up feeling somewhat empty and was always striving to fill this void. After his long career in banking, he took time off to reflect on what he wanted to do. He also participated as a fellow in the Omidyar program. His project as a fellow was on "The Lonely Generation," Generation Z. All of this ultimately resulted in Danny forming the Aloha Living Project, which specializes in resiliency programs through mindfulness, positive psychology and principals of Aloha. Danny also founded *The Aloha Journal*, which is designed to activate your best self through living with Aloha. Thank you Danny for an inspiring presentation.

President Rich concluded the meeting with several announcements. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 11, at which the Peacemaker's Videos will be presented. On May 25, there will be a pau hana for potential new members. If you have a potential new member and would like to attend, please let Martha know. The pau hana is at the Pacific Club, 5:00 pm. There is a fee for members, but no fee for the potential new members. On June 8, our meeting will be at the Pacific Club, which can accommodate 50 members. On June 29, our meeting will be at Oahu Country Club, which can also accommodate 50 members.

The meeting concluded with the singing of *Hawaii Aloha* via video, except for technical difficulties with the sound. We were fortunate to have **Lyla Berg** who stepped in to sing in person!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Aloha,
Scribe, **Karin L. Holma**

P.S. A special mahalo to my better half, **Scotty Anderson**, who covered for me for the first 15 minutes of the meeting.