

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**  
**ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM**  
**DATE: JUNE 18, 2019**  
**PRESIDING: PRESIDENT BUB WO**

Today's meeting began with an inspiration by **Bob Sigall**. First, **Bob** thanked **President Bub Wo** for his wonderful leadership as **President Bub's** time ends this month. Then **Bob's** inspiration was about his journey in having Parkinson's. It all started with a shake in his right arm and then he found out it was Parkinson's. **Bob** reflected on his life he described as a charmed life, as he named those life events that made his life special and now having Parkinson's how he is finding opportunities to value the time he has and knows he has no time to waste. So he is valuing his moments of time with everyone. I was touched by this and as many of us know, time is really all we have in life. Thank you **Bob Sigall**, for inspiring us to value what we have.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Robyn McCreary**, **Carol Sakata** played the piano so we could sing America the Beautiful in tune and we were led by **Al Linton**. Visitor introductions were given by **Carolann Biederman**: we welcomed the following: Deanna Huot from Lincoln Woodstock, NH, David Weston from La Jolla, California, Susan Stevens from La Jolla California, Peg Jackson from Lafayette, California, Kris Westmoreland from Windward Oahu, and Geoff Horvath from Wahiawa.

Announcements: **Tom Matthews** introduced Kristine Westmoreland who is heading the HRYF and are seeking help from the Rotary Clubs. **Carolann Biederman** updated us on the Service Above Self campaign drive which is now at \$99,578; we need \$422 more to reach our goal of \$100,000. **Geoff Lewis** topped off the Service Above Self and we have reached our goal. **Don Anderson** gave an update on our Maile Hale Foundation of \$1.8 million to date and recognized the members who reached another Maile Hale (\$1,000) donation.

Birthdays: **Gaylien Larita** 6/20 and **Beth-Ann Kozlivich** 6/24. Club Anniversaries: **Tracey Wiltgen** 18 years, **Scotty Anderson** 2 years.

Rotarian of the Month: **Diana Sakurai**, Congratulations **Diana!!**

Other Announcements: Need Paul Harris hosts for week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Seaweed picking Malama Maunalua on 6/22 meet in front of John Cavanah's home; Beer Fest on 7/13 at Bishop Museum, see **Tom Coyne**; there was a Japan Sister Club trip meeting after the club meeting. **Linda Coble** gave a report on the RI Convention in Hamburg Germany and updates on the 2020 Convention in Honolulu. **Ron Tsukamaki** is our club's representative and 27,000 people have signed up. Expectation is to be sold out and could leave the local members out so sign up now. **Rob Hale** gave an update on the Centennial Park which seemingly sailed through City Council. Archaeological work is now being done, work permits are being worked on, contract with Hawaiian Dredging is complete and construction will begin in July. Rotary work day is scheduled for 6/29/2019 to pick up litter and weeds; sign up now. **President Bub** made another special announcement and gave **Rob Hale** the Rotarian of the month designation. We are grateful to **Rob Hale** for helping complete the Centennial Park for Rotary. He has done quite a bit since taking over.

Our speaker, Dr. Neal Hitch spoke about the Hawaiian Mission Houses, its mission and what they are doing to keep the mission houses alive and continuing its mission. The houses were built in 1820 and they are in the Bicentennial year (200 years) since the mission houses came to Hawaii.

Today the mission homes have many events and their events are being given through the Cemetery Pupu Theater. Neal brought tickets for our members and encouraged us to come and join them in their presentations. One of the activities the mission homes did was to have Shakespeare readings and today they are now doing a lot of theater through the Cemetery Pupu Theater. Cemetery Pupu Theater provides the best theater experience on humanity.

Some of the history of the Mission Houses were the missionaries arrived in Honolulu in 1820. One of the most dramatic changes they made was to begin educating the Hawaiian people and printing the written Hawaiian language.

**Geoff Lewis** shared that his great great grandfather was one of the people who helped bring the printing press to Hawaii.

There is a group of people from Hawaii this summer who will be going to Boston Park Street Church to give a Hawaiian sermon to show how the Hawaiian language was almost lost but now it is revived with the help of those missionaries who came from the Park Street Church in Boston. Henry Opukahaia was one of the first native Hawaiians to become a Christian. Inspiring American Protestant missionaries to come to the islands during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He is credited with starting Hawaii's conversion to Christianity. He was at a seminary in Boston and ready to return to Hawaii but passed away before he returned. The missionaries then took up Henry Opukahaia's goal and came to Hawaii as missionaries.

We all came away from the presentation having a better understanding of what the Mission Houses represent in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Signe Godfrey**