

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU

MINUTES

JUNE 29, 2021 HYBRID MEETING

Oahu Country Club and Zoom

President Rich Proctor called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all in attendance. The inspiration by **Jessica Lani Rich** asked us who inspired us during this time of Covid. She quoted club member **Jesse Lopez**, the local head of the Boy Scouts of America, who said the BSA want boys to learn resilience and become responsive. **Jessica** believed our club was inspired by its members throughout the pandemic and *was* resilient and responsive. **Carolann Biederman** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Kent Reinker** the singing of the National Anthem. **Rich** introduced the many visitors, including PP Paddy Griggs, PDG Nalani Flinn, Edward Cordasco, Kevin Parle, Nancy Youngren, Sandy Matsui (District Governor Elect), Scott Wishart, Del Green, Kent Lau, Arjun Aryal, Maja Grajski, Alicia Chang, and Katherine Wellington. **Still-President Rich** announce the club anniversary (**Patti Lyons**, 33 years) and birthday (**Kevin Hall**, July 5) for the upcoming week.

Joanna Amberger reported updated campaign information. The club is 80% of the way toward the goal and 55% of the membership has pledged. She thanked those who have contributed and encouraged those who have not to take the opportunity to do so by the November deadline.

President Rich give his thanks to the many who supported him throughout his presidency. He highlighted past president **Paul Saito** for transition help, **Lyla Berg**, **Brian Dunkel** for his tech prowess, the Board of Directors and, very significantly, Martha German for all she did to help him through the year. He presented Award Certificates with personalized comments as follows: Rotary Spirit Award to **Lee LaBrash**, Quiet Rotary Award to **Carolann Beiderman**, and Rotarian of the Year Award to **Reese Liggett**.

Linda Coble took the podium to emcee the Change of Command Program ushering out **President Rich Proctor**. She called upon the committee leaders to report on what they accomplished during the year and to reflect on working with **Rich**. First up were the “sheckle seekers” Service above Self campaign chairs **Carolann Biederman** and **Joanna Amberger**, who “sang” their appreciation of **Rich** to a Burt Bacharach tune. Song leaders **Kent Reinker** and **Lyle Berg** followed suit, praising **Rich** to the tune of “The Caissons Keep Rolling Along”. **Linda** then introduced the Eveready Battery of Beauties or Dollies of Diplomacy (**Hiroko Dewitz** and **Nancy Pace**), better known for their work with Sister Clubs. With kimonos and fans they did a responsive reading about the impact of Covid on their plans, working with **Rich**, AND their thanks to the Sister Clubs of Japan for the \$45,000 contribution to the Centennial Park Project. **Linda** detained **Hiroko** and asked her to dance for **Rich**, which she did. Next up, the Best Yet Duet, by membership and retention

leaders, **Erin Auerbach** and **Bob Sumpf**, respectively. To the tune of “A Little Grass Shack”, they sang about missing the little Pink shack and getting back up to speed after the pandemic. **Lee LaBrash**, the sole member of the Sunshine Committee, sang and read a letter to **Rich**. **Tom Coyne**, who was charged by **Rich** with Club Operations, claimed not to sing or dance. But he did sing the praises of **Pres. Rich’s** leadership. Mele Rotarians **Jessica Lani Rich**, **Lyla Berg** and **Bob Sigall** sang their praise and thanks to **Rich** to “Going to a Hukilau”. **Linda** invited **Alice Tucker** forward for recognition of her 29 years in charge of arranging programs for the meetings. **Dave Shanahan** gave a thoughtful limerick in praise of **Rich** followed by the many Community Service Committee chairs singing another paean of praise that also highlighted their year’s activities.

President Elect Gwen Yamamoto Lau took the podium to present **Rich** with the club’s gifts of appreciation, an engraved monkey pod bowl, a travel certificate for **Rich** and his wife to go on the next international Rotary project and his past president pin. **Gwen** was sworn in as the new president by District Governor Elect Sandy Matsui. The Board of Directors was called forward and sworn in for the new Rotary year of service: **Tom Coyne**, **Rick Tabor**, **Scotty Anderson**, **Ann Miller**, **Beth-Ann Kozlovich**, **Bob Sumpf**, **PE Lyla Berg**, and **Erin Auerbach**. **Club President Gwen Yamamoto Lau** asked **Bub Wo** and **Lyla Berg** to lead the singing of “Hawaii Aloha” after which she adjourned the meeting at 1:19 PM.