

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**  
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL REGENCY ROOM  
**DATE: JUNE 4, 2019**  
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT BUB WO**

**President Bub Wo** called the June 4, 2019, meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at noon. He welcomed visitors and members and announced the meeting participants. **Jim Reed** inspired with a talk about miracles, from D-Day survivors to those in his personal life. **Sally Mist** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sumner Howard** the singing of "God Bless America". **Brian Dunkel** introduced the visitors, which included Rotarians from California and the Philippines and several guests of members.

**President Bub** reminded members to sign up for next year's International Convention, as it will be a sell-out. He announced the birthdays of the week (**Nancy Grekin** 6/4, **Sally Mist** 6/7, **J. P. Cercillieux** 6/10 and **Mitch D'Olier** 6/10), and club anniversaries (**Hai Cha Lambert** 8 years, **Maria Lopez Haney** 14 years and **Kalo Mataele-Soukop** 31 years). Other announcements included notice of a meeting for the September Japan tour in two weeks, **Carolann Biederman** updating the Service above Self Annual Campaign (70% participation and a total of \$94,328.00 given or pledged). She reminded members of the importance of 100% participation. **Brennan Purtzer** announced the premier of his talk about international development at Anna O'Brien's at 7:30 p.m. **Reese Liggett** announced the new Rat Pack project, prepping and installing book shelves for the Hawaii Literacy mobile unit. **John Cavanah** has taken over the Maunaloa Bay reef cleaning project and will announce future reef cleaning dates during low tide. **Robyn McCreary** invited those interested in the hearing aid project to meet after the lunch meeting.

**President Bub** announced the many District 5000 awards as follows:

Club Service Award	<b>Martha German</b>
Community Service	<b>Liz Howard</b>
International Service	<b>Don Anderson</b>
Freedom Fighter Award	<b>Rich Proctor</b>

And three individual awards:

Spirit Award	<b>Rick Tabor</b>
Inspirational Rotarian	<b>Don Anderson</b>
Quiet Rotarian Award	<b>Gwen Yamamoto Lau</b>

**Don Anderson** announced the new and repeat Paul Harris awardees and explained the use of the Paul Harris Foundation monies, which was followed by a brief time of Fellowship.

New member **Donalyn Dela Cruz** introduced the meeting speaker, Chad Blair, who has a Masters and PhD in Political Science from UH and has reported for PBN, HPR, *Honolulu Weekly*, *StarAdvertiser*, and Civil Beat. His talk was entitled "The Inside Skinny of the Recent Legislative Session". With ten new members in the House and a Republican the Senate, the session began

quietly and ended with several upsets, i.e., an expected increase in the minimum wage being defeated and the unanticipated decriminalization of specified marijuana use. He gave brief and fact-filled top take-aways from this last session, including:

- The minimum wage increase from \$10.10/hr to \$15/hr went down in the last two days of the session because of two competing vehicles or proposals.
- The water bill involving A&B water use as well as water use for agriculture and other agencies failed, when in the last day A&B was cut out.
- AirBnB bill would give \$50 million in tax money but doesn't create the transparency needed to take care of illegal rentals. It passed 13 to 12, but may be vetoed by the Governor.
- Smart phone privacy bill that prohibits the sale of data did not pass, due (partially) to the possibility of suit.
- The election recount bill passed and requires a recount if the margin is equal to or less than 0.25% of those voting.
- Voting by mail passed.
- \$350,000 was allotted for the Aloha Stadium
- The bill to tax income on REITS passed.
- Several good measures for the prison system were passed

Mr. Blair named several leaders throughout the session and those that kept or didn't keep their legislative positions. He closed noting the unusual situation Hawaii is in right now with the Kealoha trials, Feds looking into the rail project and the talk of national impeachment. The meeting opened up to an interesting Q&A session.

**President Bub** thanked Chad and announced the book being signed for Palolo Elementary School, *When You Grow Up to Vote: How Our Government Works for YOU*. Next week's meeting will be a Talk Story with a 4th generation member of the City Mill Ai family. The meeting closed with the President's Chinese proverbs and a gong of the bell.

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