

## Minutes of 16 July 2019 Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting

ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL Monarch Room

PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT PAUL SAITO**

**President Paul** called the meeting to order at 1200 welcoming all to a very special Club meeting with our The Langley Ukulele Ensemble. **Past President Ron Tsukamaki**, inspired us with a rendering of a poem written by Past President and Rotary Treasure, the late Ralph B Cloward. The Poem "Life's Finest Gifts" (included below) was a moving rendering of the blessings of aging and the eyes it gives us to see the finest gifts – Friends! The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lance Kawano**. The singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" was led by **Sum Howard**. He was followed by the Langley Ukulele Ensemble who played the Canadian national anthem "O Canada". Photographer was **Bob Sigall** Author/Journalist.

**Dawn Marie**, introduced our visiting Rotarians who included visiting Rotarians **Tadatoshi Fujinaga** from the Tokyo Shimbashi Club and **Jim Simons** from the LA Club 5, LA CA. Rotary guests included Aviva Martin guest of **Bob Sigall** and Chris and Tu Low, guests of **David Low**.

**President Paul** recognized Club member Birthdays and membership anniversaries:

### Birthdays This Week Week of 7/16 – 7/22

<b>Terry George</b>	(7/18)
<b>Ludwig Seidl</b>	(7/19)
<b>Rob Hale</b>	(7/20)
<b>Jared Green</b>	(7/21)

### Club Anniversaries Week of 7/16 – 7/22

<b>Haumea Ho</b>	(7 YEARS)	SPONSOR: <b>PP, PDG Linda Coble</b>
<b>Nancy White</b>	(19 YEARS)	SPONSOR: <b>Jim Gary</b>
<b>Chris Cloward</b>	(9 YEARS)	SPONSOR: <b>PP Kerry Cloward</b>

### Announcements:

**Beer Fest:** Thanks to the many RCOH members that helped to make the event so successful and one which was called out as a great team building event by all who participated.

**Thailand Service Project and Trip:** **Don Anderson** solicited anyone interested to join the October/November Service Project in Thailand and the follow-on tour of Laos and Vietnam to see him as soon as possible as two spaces have opened on the trip with a recent cancellation.

**Paul Harris:** Sign up for one of the events on offer that will serve in lieu of a Club meeting next week.

**Club Roster:** **Carol Sakata** reminded members to update their information in Club Runner or for those lacking internet to provide updated information to Martha German. If you desire a new picture **Robyn McCreary** will help.

**The Rotary Action Team (RAT Pack)** committee had a meeting immediately following the Club meeting. Anyone who wants to join the committee was welcome to come or to contact **Reese Liggett**.

Following Announcements **President Paul** turned the program over to **Alice Tucker** who introduced Paulo Luango and the **Langley Ukulele Ensemble** from Langley British Columbia Canada. The 25 year old

group's legacy of spreading the love of Ukulele to Western Canada has been amazing. The current touring ensemble consisted of 22 members ranging in age from 12-18. They rendered a virtuoso performance of songs that included many famous covers from the Monkees, Beatles, Rolling Stones, Simon and Garfunkel, Queen, Abba, and many others. The group's talent spanned as well Irish, Scottish, and Hawaiian classics. The CDs available after the meeting were hot sellers and the line to buy them allowed members to greet personally the assembled extraordinary talents of the Langley Ukulele Ensemble.

**President Paul** closed the meeting with the reminder that the Club would not be meeting at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for two weeks and reminding all to sign up for Paul Harris Week events and to join with City and County Officials at Centennial Park's 's groundbreaking on Monday 29 July ay 1130.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, **David M Shanahan**, Scribe

### **Life's Finest Gifts**

When you get on and you've lived a lot  
And the blood in your veins is not so hot  
And your eyes are dimmer then they were  
And the page on the book has a misty blur,  
strange as the case may seem to be,  
then is the time you'll clearly see.  
You'll see yourself as you truly are  
When you've lived a lot and you've travelled far:  
when your strength gives out and your muscles tire  
you'll see the folly of mad desires;  
you'll see what then to your eyes had hid  
- the countless trivial things you did.  
For often the blindest are the youthful eyes  
age must come e're man grows wise.  
Youth makes much of the mountain peaks.  
The strife for fame and the goal he seeks.  
But age sits down with the setting sun  
And enjoys the useful deed he's done.  
You'll sign for the friends, who were cast aside,  
with a hasty word or a show of pride,  
and you'll laugh at the medals which you prize,  
because you will see them through different eyes.  
You'll understand how little they really meant  
For which so much of your strength was spent  
You'll see as always an old man sees,  
that waves die down with the fading breeze

and the pomps of life never last for long  
the great sink back to the common throng.,  
but you'll understand when the struggle ends  
that the finest gifts in life are friends

Ralph B. Cloward

A "Rotary Treasure", Dr. Ralph Cloward was a Rotarian for 59 years until his death at age 92.