

Rotary Minutes 27 July 2021

Rotary Club of Honolulu
Zoom Meeting
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT Gwen Yamamoto Lau**

The inspiration was given by **Tom Coyne**, who spoke on an experience when he was in a position to help and advise a 16 yo girl on the difficult choices before her when faced as a single woman with an unplanned pregnancy. He investigated and coached her as to all her options and walked with her through a difficulty discovery process. The woman ended up keeping her baby and later went on to counsel other women who had similar circumstances, becoming a Doula, and thereafter studying to be a registered nurse midwife. Her child has grown to be a wonderful 19 yo boy and Tom is proud to call him his grandson and immensely proud and grateful for his daughter and the beautiful choices she has made in her life.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Bob Sumpf**. The singing of "God Bless America," was led by **Kent Reinker**.

Pres Gwen introduced our visitors: **Mr. Kimoto** from **Kyoto Rotary Club Japan**, **Kevin Parle** from the UK, as well as Ian Heilbron, Maja Grajsky, Paddy Griggs, and Mary Saunders.

Club Anniversaries:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years in Club</u>	<u>Date of Induction</u>
Patti Lyons	33 years	5 Jul, 1988
Amanda Ellis	3 years	12 Jul, 2016
Haumea Ho	9 years	17 Jul, 2012
Nancy White	21 years	18 Jul, 2020
Chris Cloward	11 years	20 Jul, 2010
Carolann Biederman	21 years	25 Jul, 2020

Announcements:

- **Service Above Self Campaign:** **Carolann Biederman** gave an update on the annual Service-above-Self campaign. We have 80 of our members who have contributed to the campaign and we have or received pledges for a total of \$89k but in both participation and donations we are short of our goal. We are at 60% participation of our 100% participation goal and at 89% of our \$100k contribution goal. **Carolann** asked that all members who have not had the chance yet to participate to make their pledge to our Foundation that is the wellspring for the funds needed to make a difference in our community and our world. The Link to the pledge form is: <https://forms.gle/vE1sT7CcyUxAei5Q7>
- **Next Week's meeting:** **Tom Coyne** announced that space was still available for the 3 Aug Hybrid Meeting at Oahu Country Club. Tuesday 27 Jul is the last day to sign up with Martha. Please indicate to her whether you prefer meat or vegetarian protein.
- **Centennial Park Care Committee:** **Peg Jackson** announced that Park Care Committee meetings have been announced in the Tradewinds. Two sessions have been scheduled Fri 6 Aug from 4-6 PM as a Pau Hana event and on Sat 15 Aug from 8-10 AM. The sessions involve weeding and all interested can contact **Peg** directly at Peg@pegjackson.com.

- **Member Activities Committee solicitation: Bob Sumpf:** Solicited volunteer positions for committee that will be key in reinvigorating our fun events as we transition from COVID over the coming months and get back to joining together for enhanced fellowship. Please contact him or Martha to join.
- **Lunalilo Home RATPACK Project: Reese Liggett** introduced **Dr Pokii Balaz** and **Ben Eger** to describe the Lunalilo Home RATPACK Project. Save the dates 21st and 28 Aug. Work will be scheduled for all day on both days but Rotarians can come for all or part of either/both dates. Contact Reese or Martha to sign up. More details will be forthcoming in *Tradewind*.
- **Sunshine Committee: Lee LaBrash** announced that **Dawn Marie** needs help due to her recovery from shoulder surgery. She is solicited volunteers for food delivery and needs for Dawn, as well as for transportation for physical therapy appointments. Please contact **Dawn** directly or **Lee** to offer help.

Breakout Rooms:

- **Pres Gwen** announced the Breakout room question: “What words of wisdom have you received in your life that were most memorable and/or impactful?”

Program:

Rick Towill introduced his wife **Crystal Kaiulani Rose** who was born and raised on the Big Island, and graduated from Kamehameha School (KS). She is a graduate of the Hastings College of Law, University of California. Since 1987, she has been a founding partner of the law firm now known as Bays Lung Rose Voss. She has served on the Board of Directors of Central Pacific Bank, Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaiian Electric Company, and the Gentry Companies. She also has served as a Commissioner to the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Crystal is active in the community. Her community service includes serving as a Trustee of the The Nature Conservancy; a Board Member of the Blue Planet Foundation; a Board Member of Child and Family Services; a member of the Board of Advisors to the Chief Executive of Kamehameha Schools; a member of the Advisory Board of Assets School; a member of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities; a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i; a member of the Circuit Court Civil Rules Committee for the First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i; a Hearing Committee Member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Previously, Ms. Rose has served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the State of Hawai'i Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. **Rick** concluded his introduction by relating an amusing anecdote when in their early time together he was working with heavy equipment and lost track of time and ending up having to pick her up from the airport in a large commercial truck with a massive trailer. – (thank God he was so endearingly cute or they may not have ever lasted as a couple..)

Crystal started her presentation in Hawaiian and thereafter continued in English to share about Kamehameha Schools and the legacy of Bernice Pauahi Bishop. She then introduced a compelling short video about hopes and dreams of Kamehameha Schools' students, alumni and beneficiaries.

Crystal continued with slides that highlighted: What they do, who they are, and Kamehameha Schools' response to COVID. Their intended impact is: by operating world-class Hawaiian schools and engaging with communities to transform educational systems, to raise 'ōiwi leaders

who are empowered and unified, and who will solve the issues of our people and communities, all within an enterprise that is globally competitive in each of its business lines.

KS directly provide education to 5431 K-12 on 3 campuses and 1618 students in 29 Pre-schools on Hawaii, Maui and Oahu. 81% of their students receive financial aid.

The Trust as well funds more than campus-based programs as they provide

5714 Scholarships to non-KS schools and serve 12750 students in other programs.

In their community engagement, KS has investments in 44181 Participant learners and families and they partner with 103 businesses and organizations.

The trust manages 10% of the land in Hawaii with 189k acres are in Conservation. KS produces behind only HECO in the state. 20% of Hawaii's watershed acreage is on KS Lands.

These lands host 192 rare species; 1/2 of all rare species are on Kamehameha land.

KS has 169k acres in Agriculture and produces 70% all coffee grown in Hawaii.

They are well known for their 4715 acres of Commercial Development holding valued at more than \$3.7bil.

To perform their mission KS uses \$10.7 in Financial Assets and a \$14.4Bil endowment.

During her lifetime Bernice Pauahi Bishop witnessed devastation in Hawaiian Population, Culture, Health Language, and Identity. Upon her passing on October 16, 1884, through Article 13 of her will, she established the Kamehameha Schools. This will, as its enduring legacy, provides, in relevant parts, that KS

1. operate two schools, one for boys, one for girls, with boarding and day students,
2. devote a portion of the budget to orphans and others in indigent circumstances,
3. give preference to Native Hawaiians, and
4. provide a good education in the common English branches, with instruction in morals and in such other useful knowledge as may tend to make good and industrious men and women.

Today her legacy continues and flourishes in Kamehameha Schools which is not just a school, or a land manager, or landlord but an integrated organization that has and will into the future well serve the needs of Hawaiian people

Crystal described how COVID has provided challenges and opportunities. KS's community partners have worked in the Hawaiian community throughout the state to direct resources and support that addressed the most critical needs created or exacerbated by COVID. Community response has been focused primarily in five areas: Food Security; Mental Health and Safety; Community Wellbeing; and Recovering, Rebuilding, and Transitioning.

Crystal closed her presentation with another short video which, in Hawaiian and English, asked a series of questions that found KS's vision.

Some of the questions **Crystal** responded to were:

Bob Sigall asked about recognition by KS of Princess Ruth's legacy which **Crystal** assured him she was a key feature of their educational programs.

Alice Tucker asked about expansion of KS programs to Kauai. **Crystal** indicated not brick and mortar but recently developed digital offerings provided increased opportunity.

Reese Liggett asked how KS has changed in terms of its beneficiary focus to which **Crystal** said that it had in the last decades moved much more from looking solely at their students to the entire Hawaiian community. **Erin Pauahi Auerbach** described how she was not a KS grad but had been a beneficiary of her namesake's legacy through KS's outreach programs.

PRESIDENT Gwen – Next Tuesday's hybrid meeting is at Oahu Country Club. Our program will feature the UH Athletic Director David Matlin. Please sign up with Martha.

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