

Rotary Club of Honolulu
MINUTES
August 10, 2021, Meeting

President Gwen Yamamoto-Lau called the zoom meeting to order at 12 noon. **Reese Liggett** gave an inspiration highlighting the “Service above Self” portion of our Rotary Pledge. Our club’s sole purpose is to give service with aloha. **Kevin Hall** led the pledge to the flag, and **Kent Reinker** sang the Hawaiian Lullaby, accompanied by beautiful apropos photographs. **President Gwen** asked members to give a moment of silence in memory of longtime club member **Geoffrey Seymour** who passed away in April. She noted he asked any donations to be made to the Will Henderson Scholarship Fund or the Centennial Park Project. After introducing the visitors, she opened the meeting to announcements.

Lyla Berg listed our clubs many service projects areas. **Past President Rich Proctor** announced the Pau Hana Hui Ho’owali membership social originally planned for Dave & Busters on September 1, will not be a zoom get-together from 5-6 PM on August 31, because of Covid-19. There will be fun and games, and members are encouraged to bring guests. **Peg Jackson** reported on last week’s Centennial Park Care event and encouraged members to come to Saturday’s Park Care event from 8 - 10 AM. **Ben Eger** said more volunteers are needed for the Lunalilo Home RATPack Project on August 21 and 28, particularly in the afternoons. **President Gwen** announced the need for Paul Harris hosts for the September 27 meeting. Riley Regan, a prospective Eagle Scout, described his project to encourage much needed bone marrow donations.

President Gwen sent the group into break-out sessions with the task of how to incorporate aloha in our meetings and service projects.

Scott Wishart introduced the meeting speaker, District 5000 District Governor Sandy Matsui, with a brief bio. She began her vision for the district with a video from the Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta. With an underlying theme of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, his theme for the year is Do More (projects), Grow More (acquire more members). He described Rotary projects from around the world and emphasized thinking of others before self, of doing projects that have a sustained impact, to lead by example. Rotarians have the power/magic to change lives. At the conclusion of the video, District Governor Matsui indicated her goal for the year is Service with Aloha — to change lives. Aloha separates us from the rest of the world. In specific she broke the spirit of aloha down:

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| A | aka | Kindness |
| L | lokahi | Working in unity/harmony |
| O | oia’i’o | Truthful, Honesty |
| H | ha’aha’a | Humility/Modesty |
| A | ahonui | Patient, Perseverance |

She closed with encouraging members to sign up for the May 20-22 District Conference at the Aulani Hotel.

President Gwen announced next week’s hybrid meeting at the Pacific Club, that will have a panel of members discussing the lessons learned during the covid pandemic. She adjourned the meeting at 1:02 PM.

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