

I don't know about you, but I was impressed by the guest turnout and enthusiasm at Tuesday's meeting at the Monarch Room. If you have the opportunity to engage a guest, encourage him or her to become part of our ohana and make a difference in our community and around the world. (Don't just leave it up to the potential sponsors, who deserve credit for getting the membership ball rolling.) **President Bub Wo's** smile reflected the mood, as he rang our meeting to order.

Great atmosphere for **Kirk Hovious'** inspiration. He shared the on-going efforts on behalf of the needy families we helped to settle in to Kahuiki Village. Not only did members work on landscaping, but Kirk recently engaged District 5000 clubs to help contribute \$250 worth of non perishables for the residents. Collaboration!!

**Alice Tucker** led us in the pledge, and **President Bub** was a patriotic song-stand-in, and did a great job, with **Craig Robinson's** help. **Jan Harada** introduced our visitors... among them the family of our new member, **Beth-Ann Kozlovich**. **Carolann Biederman** shared that the Kahe Mohala champion grew up in a family of Rotarians. Come back dad Billy Sage!) **Beth-Ann's** is our first star on this year's membership board. A proud President Bub shared his Rotary business card, which will offer members ways to communicate the goals and values of membership.

Eight Rotarians were born in early July...(see a pattern here? wondered **President Bub**)...and five members were congratulated on their club anniversaries. **Past President Dave Shanahan** presented our most recent Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. **Tom Coyne** noted there are still a few slots open for Paul Harris Events, including one at the home of **Robyn McCreary**, who will take your head shot, if needed. All updated photos and member info are due in to **Past President Carol Sakata**, and the hunt is still on for roster sponsors to cover printing costs.

It was heart-warming to see **Eric Soderholm** back with us, a year after his son's challenging recovery from a tragic accident. **Paul Saito** is counting on us to fill the Weinberg Project volunteers quota at Helping Hands Hawaii on August 25<sup>th</sup>. President and CEO **Jan Harada** noted that Helping Hands Hawaii provides self-sufficiency, resilience via guidance, donations, and financial and language assistance among many other services for needy families and adults. Our work on the inside and outside of the Nimitz Highway building will help to empower and support people facing housing, financial, domestic violence, medical and child care challenges.

**Kevin Hall** introduced 'his boss', President and CEO of Central Pacific Bank Catherine Ngo. He shared she took the helm in 2015, and immediately initiated meetings within departments and visits to all their banks, creating a more tight knit, interactive business environment. The second generation immigrant from the Philippines studied law on the mainland and met her mentor, John Dean, when she was representing financial institutions. Ngo followed his recommendation and joined him at CPB in 2010, and she is now "carrying his torch forward", by building community and customer relationships. Just this week, CPB initiated Mission Possible, and the first step was sending employees to the Big Island to set an example in supporting challenged families and friends.

CPB was created in 1954 by Japanese veterans who returned to social injustices and found it difficult for the Nisei to get funding for homes, to start business and build income. Ngo said she also has grown by moving outside of her comfort zone, listening and collaborating while trying to increase the pace of decision-making. Ngo said the focus on personal attention given to customers is possible because CPB is nimble due to its size...an advantage she said, over her larger competition.

Enjoy your Paul Harris event and contributing your time at Helping Hands Hawaii...and we will meet again at the Monarch Room August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Aloha,  
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