

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL MONARCH ROOM
DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT BUB WO**

President Bub called the meeting to order. Inspiration by **Ron Tsukamaki** who spoke of the tragic events of 9/11. He shared the story of Maile Hale, **Rob Hale's** daughter who tragically died in the World Trade Center Towers bombing in 2001. The Maile Hale Foundation was formed as a tribute to her. The Rotary held a moment of silence in her honor and honor of all those who died on that day. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lance Kawano**. The singing of God Bless America was led by **Al Linton** and accompanied on the piano by **Carol Sakata**. **Steve Nikkola** introduced and welcomed RCOH guests, as well as the Rotarians visiting from Australia and Maryland. **Steve Nikkola** spoke of the club's membership numbers dipping below 160. He asked everyone to reach out to one or two business leaders and help us increase club membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthdays, Week 9/11-9/24

José Fajardo	(9/12)
Jan Harada	(9/14)
Dee Helber	(9/14)
Andy Starn	(9/21)
Gwen Yamamoto Lau	(9/21)
Geoff Lewis	(9/22)
Paul Singer	(9/24)

Club Anniversaries, Week 9/11-9/24

Tom Rosenswike	19 years
JP Cercillieux	20 years
Kitty Yannone	27 years
Al Linton	14 years
Ernest Hui	33 years

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paul Saito and **Jan Harada** thanked all the Rotarians who worked on the Helping Hands Weinberg Friends Project last Saturday. The project involved landscaping, painting the offices, and organizing the warehouse. It was a big success. **Jan Harada** made a \$1,000 contribution to the club as a thank you for all the work done. **Gigi Davidson** then accepted a grant check for \$10,000 for her organization Ohana Komputer which provides computer literacy training to disadvantaged children and adults.

Rob Hale spoke of his daughter, Maile, and the events that led her to be at the World Trade Center the morning of the tragedy. He also expressed his deep gratitude to the RCOH for the Maile Hale Foundation. **Jim Harrow** recognized the 30 Maile Hale Fellows who recently achieved new levels.

After 5 minutes of Fellowship time, **President Bub**, along with **Past President Terry George** and **President Elect Paul Saito**, started the program. The RCOH Committees were introduced and several Committee Chairs spoke briefly of their activities.

Finance Committee. **Kevin Hall** is looking for committee members to assist with club's financial analyses.

Weekly Operations. **Sally Mist** handles all the details that go into organizing our weekly meetings, such as check in, registration, greeters, visitors, etc.

Weekly Programs. **Gwen Yamamoto Lau & Alice Tucker** do a great job with scheduling our guest speakers.

Membership Recruitment. **Steve Nikkola** will focus on increasing club membership and needs everyone's help!

Membership Retention. **Karin Holma** will focus on reaching out to members who have been absent to try to re-engage them.

Community Service. **Liz Howard** has a number of service projects in the works and is calling for volunteers: RAT PACK - **Jayson Harper/ Kirk Hovious**. Hands-on construction projects done in 4-6 hours. PEACEMAKERS - **Rich Proctor**. Video contest - to encourage Rotarians to adopt peacemaking as a core value. LITERACY - **Diana Sakurai** - Saturday morning story time at Mayor Wright Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace Housing. Hoping to develop a third site - possibly at Kahauiki Village. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - **Hugh Damon**. Malama Maunaloa - pick invasive species to rehabilitate the Bay. IHS- **James Pierce** - serving the evening meal to the homeless-every quarter - twice a year at the men's shelter, and twice a year at the women's shelter. HOOMAKUA PROJECT - **Stephen Nikkola**. Mentoring young fathers, recently released from incarceration. PEARL HAVEN- A District wide initiative to develop a home for rescued sex-trafficked women and girls... **Lyla Berg** is our liaison to help get this project going- initially we are working on developing a SERENITY GARDEN. IN DEVELOPMENT - two new members NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS - NAMI- **Beth Ann Kozlovich**- a fund-raising walk at the end of October. RESPONSIVE CAREGIVERS OF HAWAII - **Michael Marsh**, possibly with other Rotary Clubs to develop an outreach program. Lastly, GOV. IGE'S HAWAII STATE WWI CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE - Rotary, as a 100 year-old organization to be an exhibitor in the WWI Centennial Museum on Nov. 11, 2018 at the Natatorium.

International Service. **Hai Cha Lambert** is working on the upcoming Nepal Project, working with 2 underprivileged schools. Past project included Philippines, Myanmar and Korea. Future projects may involve Thailand.

President Bub wrapped up the meeting by saying the club's membership is our top priority this year. He quoted a Chinese proverb – 'Pearls don't lie on the sea shore. You must dive for them'. We must make a conscious effort to recruit more business leaders to our club.

No meeting next week. The next meeting is on September 25 in the Monarch Room.

At 1 pm, **President Bub** gonged the bell and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Sakurai, Scribe