## **ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU**

ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL REGENCY ROOM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT PAUL SAITO

**President Paul** called the meeting to order. Inspiration by **Ron Tsukamaki** who spoke of his genuine affection for the Rotary Club and his joy in attending weekly meetings with people who he appreciates and respects. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Tom Coyne**. The singing of God Bless America was led by **Beth-Ann Kozlovich. Liz Howard** introduced the visiting Rotarians from District 5000, East Honolulu and Osaka, Japan. A number of guests of Rotarians were introduced and welcomed as well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Birthdays, Week 9/17-9/23

Andy Starn 9/21 Gwen Yamamoto Lau 9/21 Geoff Lewis 9/22

Club Anniversaries, Week 9/17-9/23

**Kitty Yannone** (Sponsor: Andi Simpson) 28 Years **Al Linton** (Sponsor: **Jack Dwyer**) 15 Years

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**President Paul** shared events from the visit to Japan sister Rotary Clubs: Fukuoka Heisei Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Kyoto, Hiroshima Rotary, Tokyo Shimbashi and Osaka East Rotary Club. He and the rest of the RCOH Rotarians were well received at all the Rotary clubs. The local Rotarians went out of their way to ensure our members where given special treatment throughout the entire visit.

**President Paul** awarded the Rotarian of the Month Rotary T-Shirt to **Carolann Biederman** for doing outstanding work with the Centennial Park website last month.

**Reese Liggett** announced the Rotary Gives Thanks project on September 28 and October 5 at Kahi Mohala. More volunteers are needed for this painting and light-construction project.

**Gwen Yamamoto Lau** announced the Rotary Pop-Up meeting on September 24 at the State Art Museum with Director Karen Ewald.

Diana Sakurai announced the upcoming Rotary Pau Hana Wine Tasting on November 1. Details will follow.

President Paul announced a call for hosts for Paul Harris Week (October 22).

President Paul also announced the sad news of Past President Bub father's passing.

Announcements were followed by 5 minutes of fellowship time.

**Jack Dwyer** introduced the Guest Speaker, Perry Martin, President of Maryknoll School. Mr. Martin has been serving as President of Maryknoll since 2008. He has over 40 years of educational experience and his innovative leadership has been the brainchild for Maryknoll's Mandarin Immersion and dual language program. Mr. Martin demonstrated the success of this program by having a non-Chinese student, Vesper

who is only 7 years old, introduce him to the audience in fluent Mandarin. President Martin spoke of education that must be personalized and differentiated. Through the Mandarin immersion program, Maryknoll children practice global citizenship skills, demonstrate peace and justice with self and others, and practice growth mindset skills.

**President Paul** and Mr. Perry signed the book "The Invisible Boy", to be donated to Palolo Elementary School.

**President Paul** and **Beth-Ann Kozlovich** lead the group in singing of *Hawaii Aloha*.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Sakurai, Scribe