

As the Outrigger Canoe Club location for our September 20th meeting filled with Rotarians and guests, so did the sounds of fellowship and reunions. **President Lyla Berg** let it flow, before calling the Rotary Club of Honolulu meeting to order. She welcomed scores of guests by name and invited **Jim Harrow** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kent Reinker** chose a lovely local song ...The Hawaiian Lullaby ... for us to sing together, before PP, PDG **Linda Coble** was invited to share the club meeting inspiration.

"I am honored to present MY Rotary inspiration, Sylvia Whitlock from California, the first woman Club President of the entire Rotary world." With Sylvia by her side, Linda said Sylvia had joined the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte California in 1982, soon after Rotary International had kicked out the club for secretly having female members. After years of legal challenges, in 1987 the U S Supreme Court ruled that the Duarte Rotary Club ... women and all...be reinstated. Sylvia Whitlock took the gavel.

Linda noted the value of building friendships in Rotary... that serving together, laughing together, making a difference at home and around the world together, is well worth bringing new members into our Honolulu Club `ohana. Friendships that will last forever.

PP **Gwen Yamamoto Lau** presented the 2022 Rotary International Citation, awarded to our club for helping Rotary to change lives of people all over the world, and signed by Past RI President Shekhar Mehta. In exchange for the citation, **President Lyla** gave **Gwen** her Past President pin. She then asked **Beth-Ann Kozlovich** to introduce our **Guest Speaker, Michelle Ka`uhane**, the Senior VP and Chief Impact Officer at the Hawaii Community Foundation, which has served all Hawaiian Islands for 107 years. HCF inspires the spirit of giving and stewards more than 1-thousand funds created by donors...distributing 100-million dollars in grants yearly, including 7 million in scholarships. Ka`uhane said HCF is listening to what the community, donors, and grantees need and want, and is now collecting data and input to develop trust-based philanthropy that targets Hawaii's underserved.

Our Honolulu Rotary Club Foundation continues to make a difference in the community via the Service Above Self Campaign. **Tracey Wiltgen** announced the campaign is about 27-thousand dollars short of this year's goal.... but there is still time to give. To stimulate donors, Tracey introduced the Foundation Trustees to describe 'where the money goes'...and we got updates on the Peacemaker Video Contest, RAT PACK projects, the December Bali International trip and Will Henderson Scholarship Fund. **President Lyla** announced that **Kerri Van Duyne** has been recognized by the Hawaii Association of Professional Fundraisers as Hawaii's Outstanding Fundraiser!

President Lyla led into our adjournment with an Ann Landers quote:

"Some people believe holding n and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it."

Respectfully Submitted with Aloha,
Linda Coble, scribe