

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU  
ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL, MONARCH ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT-ELECT RICH PROCTOR**

Prior to the official start of the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, members, visitors and guests were welcomed by **Lee LaBrash, Erin Auerbach** and **John Cavanah**. **Kekoa Tsukikawa** and **Carol Kimball** handled the registration tables, and **Haumea Ho** served as the gracious cashier.

**President-Elect Rich Proctor** called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Honolulu to order at 12:00 pm. After the President's welcome, **Rick Tabor** inspired us in anticipation of 9/11 with the words that he had written after he visited the 9/11 Memorial. **Lee LaBrash** led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Lyla Berg** led us in America the Beautiful. Thank you to members **Rick Tabor, Amanda Ellis**, and **Donalyn Dela Cruz**, who all brought guests to the meeting.

**President-Elect Rich** announced club anniversaries, including **President Paul Saito**, who has been a Club member for 8 years.

There were several announcements. The Rotary Give Thanks Project for 2019 will be at Kahi Mohala on September 28 (8:30 am-1:00 pm) and October 5 (8:30 am-4:00 pm). Club member **Erik Soderholm** was recognized for his success story in PBN (thank you for the donation **Erik!**). On September 24, 2019, the RCOH "pop-up" meeting will be at the Hawaii State Art Museum, 12:00 pm. **Rick Tabor** announced the new Kupuna Kokua Committee. **Rob Hale** gave the Club an update on Centennial Park. And Rich Korson, from the Ala Moana Rotary Club, announced the End Polio Now campaign.

Club member **Tracey Wiltgen** introduced our guest speaker, the RCOH's very own **Amanda Ellis**. **Amanda** is the Executive Director, Hawaii & Asia-Pacific, for the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability at Arizona State University. **Amanda** served as Deputy Secretary in the New Zealand Foreign Ministry and held senior roles at the World Bank Group, where she served as Lead Specialist Gender, managed the President's Global Private Sector CEO Leaders Forum, founded the IFC gender group and led the Doing Business gender research project. **Amanda** is the author of two best selling Random House business books and five titles in the World Bank Directions in Development series.

For her presentation to the RCOH, **Amanda** spoke on Peacebuilding – What are the game-changers? Her talk included discussion of the Global Peace Index as of 2019, the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 pertaining to Women, Peace & Security, Hawaii-led Initiatives, and Rotary’s Role. Among other things, **Amanda** explained that including women in peacekeeping efforts makes such efforts 64% less likely to fail, and increases the chances that peace agreements will last at least 15 years by 35%. She also discussed the fact that disasters disproportionately impact women and poor persons. **Amanda** talked about Hawaii-led Initiatives including the Ceeds of Peace, and concluded by discussing Rotary’s Role through the International Peace Fellowship. **Amanda’s** presentation was fascinating and timely.

**Amanda** then addressed questions from the audience.

The meeting concluded by the members singing Hawaii Aloha.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

**Karin Holma**, Scribe