

Notes from our **January 10, 2017** meeting:

**President Rick Towill** gonged the bell at 12 noon at the Regency Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, urging us to put Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands on our life list, as he's just returned from a family trip to those amazing places. However, **Rotary Rick** advised that we might want to just say no to the roasted guinea pig on their local restaurant menus. . . . **Walt Flood** inspired us by noting that our Club stepped up to help build a much-needed park in Waikiki on a City parcel just three blocks from here that's been slated to be a park for 15 years, but until we stepped up, nothing had been done to turn it into a park. **JP Cercillieux** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the inimitable **Sumner Howard** got a rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful" out of us. **Nikki Forrester** introduced our visitors. **Bob Sigall** snapped the photos. Many thanks to all who helped out with today's meeting.

We all sang Happy Birthday for **Linda Coble**, and also wished **Robert Landau** a happy birthday. We bid a fond *a hui hou* and *mahalo nui* to **Montine Hansl**, who is moving to Santa Fe. We'll miss you, Montine, and we thank you for your service! Happy Club Anniversary to **Steve Nikkola**, **Robert Landau**, **Darlene Canto**, and **Mike Herb**. **Hugh Damon** used his Rotary Vocational Minute to describe his work as a realtor for Coldwell Banker, one of whose listings will be featured on KHON next week. **Hugh** leads our Environmental Committee, and is planning several exciting service projects. **Rotary Rick** reported that our team of globetrotting members arrived successfully in Myanmar for their service project. Our President also urged members to register to attend the District 5000 Foundation's fundraising gala dinner on Saturday, January 28. It's another way to celebrate a century of Rotary in Hawaii.

As part three of the four-part speaker series entitled "How Prepared is Hawaii for Disasters?", **Gen. Frances Mossman (ret.)** introduced Major General Arthur Logan, who has served as the State Adjutant General since January 2015. General Logan is one of 53 AG's in our country but one of only 9 such AG's who have a broad three-part mandate of : 1) manning and training the state's National Guard (in our case, 5,500 soldiers and airmen); 2) serving as Director of Emergency Management, formerly called Civil Defense; and 3) serving as homeland security adviser to the Governor. As a Guardsman for 39 years who also served in the HPD for 20 years, our speaker has the experience to handle this task.

We learned that Hawaii's National Guard has been deployed overseas three times since 2004, but that a key mission for the Guard is to help our state in case of disaster, working closely with the counties. General Logan, who spent six weeks helping Kauai right after Hurricane Iniki, said that Hawaii's worst risks are a Category 4 hurricane with landfall and a tsunami. He urged all citizens to keep seven days of provisions in our homes, including a gallon of water per person per day, since our stores have only two days' supply of food and water and our shelters have no food. General Logan noted that 80 percent of the entire state's goods come in through Honolulu Harbor before being shipped to other islands or trucked around Oahu, so heavy attention is being given to defend the Harbor and Honolulu Airport from threats from terrorism as well as natural disaster. The new Hawaii State Fusion Center works with utilities, banks, and other key parts of our economy to use cyber technology to ward off threats. Our speaker reminded us that 120,000 veterans live in Hawaii now, including a good number of our Rotary members. We're grateful for General Logan's service.

Your scribe,  
**Terry George**