

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
MONARCH ROOM, ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL
DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2016
PRESIDING: PRESIDENT RICK TOWILL

President Rick Towill called the meeting to order, and invited **Ken Zeri** to give our inspiration about what constitutes a good life and the choices we can make today. **Jake Jacobs** led us in the pledge, and **Kent Reinker** led us in God Bless America, accompanied by **Craig Robinson**. **Dawn Marie** introduced our visitors from near and far.

Lyla Berg presented a Rotary minute on what it means to her to have been a Rotary member for 17 year.

President Rick recognized birthdays and anniversaries:

Birthdays:

Mel Kaneshige	October 4
Jake Jacobs	October 5
Phil Wright	October 6
Susan Robinson	October 9
Karyl Choate	October 10

Club Anniversaries:

Tom Coyne	12 years	Sponsored by David Low
Jessica Rich	12 years	Sponsored by Tom Matthews

Jennifer Du-Forstner was admitted as a new member. She was sponsored by **Eileen Hilton**.

Bryan Watkins invited members to attend the Hui for new members on October 13 at Blue Tree Café at 5:30. The cost is \$15.

Reese Liggett recruited volunteers for the November 1 Paul Harris Day who are willing to give either a lunch or a dinner.

Ken Zeri solicited help and donations with Centennial Park. We will need \$175,000 for construction by December. We will complete the design and plans in 3 months, then the permitting in another 3-4 months. Construction will take 4 months and we will need volunteers to help complete it

Laine Kohama, President of Rotary E-Club of Honolulu recruited attendance for the Boys & Girls Club Family Fun Day October 29.

Bryan Watkins welcomed **Constance Tice** with her white badge.

Frances Mossman introduced our speakers Gen Tamura with the local office of FEMA, and Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu.

Gen Tamura described the relationship of FEMA to the State and explained its mission and how it deals with disaster in all of the Pacific Islands. He explained the framework for disaster response and coordination with local authorities. He discussed personal preparedness and the need to be prepared to leave if necessary and to have supplies for disaster periods with no water or power.

Melvin Kaku described the City and County's role in encouraging citizens to be prepared by having a kit necessary for immediate evacuation and for saving household items. He explained that the Department's role is to prevent and minimize loss of life and ensure public safety.

President Rick thanked Gen and Melvin for their interesting and useful presentations. It is our custom to express that appreciation and honor this occasion by presenting a book in both our names, and signed by you, to Palolo Elementary School. The name of today's book is "Ruby's Wish".

MEETING IS ADJOURNED at 1:00 pm.

Aloha,
Nancy N. Grekin, Scribe