

Rotary Minutes November 29, 2016

ROYAL HAWAIIAN MONARCH ROOM  
DATE: **NOVEMBER 29, 2016**  
PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT RICK TOWILL**

**President Rick** called the meeting to order at noon. Inspiration was given by **Jessica Rich**. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Samantha Haas** with **Sumner Howard** leading out in the singing of “God Bless America” accompanied by **Craig Robinson**. **Jim Harrow** introduced our guests: Duncan Anzel from Australia, Melissa Halford from Alaska, and Yamaguchi San from Waikiki.

VOCATIONAL MINUTE

**Bub Wo** talked about his Father starting their business as a general store in 1909, over 100 years ago. In 1942, the general store was turned into a furniture business and the Wo sons started joining the business. Today, their business carries several brands and is in eight different places.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS

**Mitch D’Olier** introduced **Ann Stamp Miller**, as a new Rotarian transferred from the Redding Club in California. Her father and father-in-law were also Rotarians. **Ann’s** interest in Rotary projects focused on literacy and scholarships. Her career history included Professorship in Education, University Dean of Faculty and Author (“The Cultural Politics of the German Democratic Republic”).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Week

Of 11/29 – 12/5

No Birthdays

Club Anniversaries

Week of 11/29 – 12/5

Jan Harada 6 years

Sponsor: Tim Johns

Maku Makuakane 18 years

Sponsor: Mike Nauyokas

Kerri Van Duyne 3 years

Sponsor: Don Anderson

Bub Wo 31 years

Sponsor: Phil Norris

Montine Hansl 10 years

Sponsor: Linda Coble

Ludwig Seidl

10 years

Sponsor: Max Besenbrunch

**President Rick** reminded Rotarians:

- To sign up for Christmas caroling at Shriners Hospital and Arcadia for December 20 at 4:30 pm. Sign-up sheets were on the table.
- Last change for early-bird registration for 2017 District 5000 conference on Maui.
- Talk story get-together for **Will Henderson** at the Pacific Club was held on November 26. Several Rotarians attended.

**Diana Sakurai** thanked literacy volunteers for helping with organization and clean up of Mayor Wright library two Saturdays ago.

**Brian Watkins** announced the completion of the white badge requirements for **Kent Reinker**.

**President Rick** recognized **Diana Sakurai** as Rotarian of the month.

#### PRESENTATION/PROGRAM

After a brief fellowship time, **Frances Mossman** introduced our speaker, Mr. Jerry Boster, Maritime Security Officer at the U.S. Pacific Command. In this capacity he advises the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command on maritime security strategy and policy items related to Asia-Pacific region. Prior to assuming the position at U.S. Pacific Command, Mr. Boster retired as a Commander after a 29-year career as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy. In 1989, Jerry graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. Later he completed graduate studies at the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

“What Should We Worry About in a Dangerous World?” was presented focusing on five risk areas with the top three carrying the highest risk:

1. Cyber Security
  - Computer based—software/games, social media, hackers, social engineering (most threatening to us)
  - Physical – theft, TSA/security check points
2. Infections
  - Greatest risk to contact infectious disease is during travel
  - Infectious agents
    - Direct contact—person to person
    - Indirect – i.e. mosquito bite
    - Contaminated food or water
3. Energy Security--Uninterrupted availability of energy sources at affordable price  
Threats include natural disasters, accidents, attacks on infrastructure and terrorism

4. Weapons of Mass Destruction and Mass Casualties—chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosives.
5. Ballistic Missiles—is a high risk but low probability

All must remain vigil and alert to our surroundings whether here in Hawaii or traveling abroad.

**President Rick** thanked Jerry for his presentation and work in the community. He invited Jerry to sign the book “An Elephant Is on My House” with Rotary which will be donated to Palolo Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Edwina Lee**, Scribe