

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting

November 2, 2021

Via Zoom

President **Gwen Yamamoto Lau** welcomed Club members and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

In a change from the usual agenda, Club members enjoyed hearing first from our Guest Speaker. **Kent Reinker** introduced Zak Noyle, who is one of the world's top surfing photographers. Zak's work has been featured on the Dutch National Geographic. He is the only photographer allowed to photograph the Eddie Aikau Surf Contest. Among other awards and honors, Zak was selected as one of the 25 most influential sports photographers in the world.

Zak shared many examples of his tremendous work. One of these was one of his most well-known photographs, "The Wave of Change." The Wave of Change is a photograph taken in Indonesia of a surfer surfing a barrel wave with trash. Through the photo, Zak has among other things, increased awareness for cleaning up our waters. The photo was shown on the cover of Dutch National Geographic. Another of his most well-known photos which Zak shared included "The Perfect Day," which was shot in Tahiti. Zak shared numerous other examples of his work, which include not only surf photos but many other types of photos as well. These included photos of Olympic gold swimmer Michael Phelps, and various subjects in Cuba, which were taken with an iPhone for which Zak received a tweet from Apple CEO Tim Cook congratulating him on his great photos.

Zak's mission statement and vision are:

Mission: To form strong connections between his imagery and the people viewing them through creative, authentic, visual contact.

Vision: Personify and share the amazing natural beauty that our world has to offer.

In addition to his world famous photography, Zak has numerous philanthropic ventures. Every1nehawaii, a foundation began by Zak, brought in over 1,000,000 face masks into Hawaii when the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020 and many people did not have access to masks. The platform is to energize youth and to encourage voting with an unbiased and nonparty approach. Zak is part of the Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, which raises money for scholar athletes.

Zak's email is zak@eleven17creative.com and his website is www.zaknoyle.com.

Zak concluded his presentation by answering questions from Club Members.

After Zak's presentation, the Club's regular agenda resumed. The Rotary Participants for today's meeting included **Brian Dunkel** as the Virtual Meeting Maestro. **Jessica Lani Rich**

gave a great Inspiration about Club members, including **Linda Coble** and **Bob Sigall**, who assisted a visiting Rotary member who suffered a health crisis while visiting Hawaii. **Eileen Hilton** led us in Pledge of Allegiance. **Lee LaBrash** led us in the National Anthem. **President Gwen** introduced our visitors.

Erin Auerbach gave us a Vocational Minute. **Erin** is the Director of Development for Teach for America, which teaches and trains teachers who commit to teach in Hawaii for two years. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Erin. Her contact information is in ClubRunner.

President Gwen announced November birthdays, of which there are many!

Jessica Lani Rich asked for volunteers to give Inspirations.

Ben Eger and **Reese Liggett** asked for volunteers for the November 20 project at Lunalilo Home, between 8:00 and 4:30 pm.

President Gwen announced Paul Harris events for the week of November 15. (1) Monday, November 15, Lunch at Fete; (2) Wednesday, November 17, Honolulu Zoo tour and lunch; (3) Thursday, November 18, Honolulu Museum of Art Meet the Artist and lunch; and (4) Friday, November 19, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg's new Goodwill Industries tour and lunch.

Past president **Rich Proctor** announced Rotary Doing Business listings, where you can advertise your business, and where you can look up Rotary Club members and their businesses to do business with them. The listings are on the Rotary D5000.org website – tab for Rotary Doing Business. If you are interested in advertising your business, send an email to Janet Kelley at Janet@manameans.com.

The Club members then went into breakout rooms, where the topic of the day was the candidates who have announced they are running in 2022 for Lieutenant Governor.

Our next meeting is on November 9, at which our guest speaker will be Dr. Nicole Lim, Director of Movers and Shakas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm, at which time the video of Hawaii Aloha was played.

Aloha,
Scribe, **Karin L. Holma**