

Rotary Minutes 12 Jan 2021

Rotary Club of Honolulu Zoom Meeting

PRESIDING: **PRESIDENT Rich Proctor**

The inspiration was given by **Bob Sigall**, who spoke on the question “Does history repeat itself?” He spoke of the 1960 Presidential Election which featured a recount and a win for Kennedy by 115 votes and two sets of electors sent to the VP and Senate.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Bill Brizee**. The singing of “The National Anthem” and “Hawaii Pono’i” was led by **Lyla Berg**. **President Rich** introduced our visitors who included Rotarians Kevin Parle from England, PDG Del Green, Hideo Yamanaka of the Kyoto Club, Konrad Ikei, Scott Wishart, and Lauren Moriarty, sister of Diane Peters-Nguyen.

Sam Haas gave a **Vocational Minute** on her Financial Planning Firm and some of the changes in Tax Code that will affect individuals and employers eg. Capital Gains, 1030 Exchanges, Corporate Taxes, Social Security and Unemployment Taxes.

Birthdays this week: **Brent Lewis** on 14 Jan, and **Rob Van Tassell** on 16 Jan

Club Anniversaries: **Mike Herb** 20 Years (Sponsor **Bud Smyser**)

Dawn Marie 15 Years (Sponsor fmr Mbr **Pam Chambers**)

Announcements:

Reece Liggett announced a work opportunity for members on **Centennial Park**: There is a need for Volunteers for the **morning of SAT 16 Jan. 0800-1200**. Parking at Courtyard by Marriott.

President Rich recognized **Geoff Lewis** for the 2020 American Society of Interior Designers Excellence **Award** for Commercial Design.

President Rich recognized the death of Past President (1981-82) **Bill Gleason** who passed on 22 Dec.

Rick Tabor put into the chat **OPPORTUNITY TO** Sign up to volunteer at our RYLA Virtual experience. Our Zoom time will be Friday evening 2/26 & all day Saturday 02/27th. To sign up please go to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewCWolMQsVy5qq5PGHCYPao_I8J5OxEEYEuXPhtDu-H818gw/viewform

Breakout Discussion:

Club members and guests participated in breakout room discussion with the question: “What is one thing that no one in the room knows about you? ”

Program: **DIANE PETERS-NGUYEN** Regional Chief Executive Office, Pacific Islands Region, American Red Cross and **JOHN BLALOCK** Red Cross Readiness Specialist

Alice Tucker introduced our primary speaker Diane who has long roots in Hawaii. She is a Kamehameha Schools graduate, and has degrees from UC Santa Barbara and George Washington University. She assumed her present position in July 2020. Immediately preceding

her selection for her Red Cross role she served nearly 13 years as the VP for Advancement at Chaminade University. She is versed in Japanese, French, Spanish, and Hawaiian languages. She is the daughter of our deceased long time RCOH member Dave Peters, the first Maui native West Point Graduate who after a full career in the Army served as Senator Daniel K Inouye's Executive Assistant. Diane's sister Lauren Moriarty served as U.S. Ambassador to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) organization.

Diane Peters Nguyen spoke plainly and passionately about the ongoing mission of the American Red Cross to Prevent and Alleviate Human Suffering. It fulfills its mission through the legion of volunteers and its generous donors over the 140 years the organization has been operating. It obtained Congressional Charter in 1900 and in 1917 came to Hawaii with the sponsorship of the former Queen Liliuokalani.

Over the years it has been blessed with some famous as well as thousands of unheralded volunteers. One such volunteer on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor rushed to perform duties as a Red Cross volunteer to provide First Aid to the injured working non-stop for nearly 24 hours to provide needed care. Daniel Inouye would go on to serve his country and our state as Army Officer earning the Congressional Medal of Honor and later as the longest serving US Senator at the time of his passing.

The Pacific Islands Region Red Cross with its network of staff and 1500+ active volunteers responds to help in the case of disasters and home fires on average every 4 days. In 2020 alone the organization nationally responded to 16 major natural disasters which caused \$1Bil+ in damage.

As well as disaster response efforts the Red Cross provides Training and Education for such topics Lifeguarding, CPR, First Aid. Diane exhorted all to apply to be a volunteer and described that many opportunities for Virtual service work are available. Vaccination support volunteers will be solicited in the horizon for the COVID vaccine rollout.

Donors are always welcome and can give in a variety of ways, easiest among them being the ability to **donate \$10 by texting 90999**.

John Blalock Red Cross Readiness Specialist spoke about the Red Cross support to the **Ready Rating program for Business**. This program allows businesses to do continuity of Operations and Disaster Vulnerability assessments. Visiting [ReadyRating.org](https://www.readyrating.org) provides a wealth of resources for this process. To include a 1 hour survey. He advised that two necessary elements for Business readiness for Disaster Preparedness success are 1) Leader Buy-in, and 2) A Champion with the organization.

PRESIDENT RICH closed the meeting by announcing that next Tuesday our guest speaker is **Daniel Martinez, Chief Historian for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial**.

The Meeting closed with our Video of *Hawaii Aloha* featuring members of our club including **Lyla Berg, Bub Wo, Erin Pauahi Auerbach, Paul Saito, Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Ann Miller, and President Rich**.

Respectfully submitted, **David M Shanahan**, Scribe