

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting
April 5, 2022
Hybrid Meeting -- Via Zoom and In Person at YMCA Fuller Hall/Café Julia

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

The meeting began by observing a moment of silence in honor of **Past President Philip Whitney**, who passed away on February 25.

The Rotary Participants for today's meeting included **Lee LaBrash** as the Virtual Meeting Maestro. **Judy Lind** gave us a great Inspiration. She shared Dr. Kent Keith's "Do It Anyway" poem. **Glenda Anderson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kent Reinker** led us in the National Anthem. **President Gwen** introduced our visitors. **Bob Sigall** was the most awesome photographer. And member **Kathy Wyatt** gave us a Vocational Minute about Hale Hau'oli Hawai'i Adult Day Care, of which she is the Executive Director.

We then had a New Member Induction. **Past President Don Anderson** introduced **Greg Waibel**, who was then inducted by **President Gwen**. Greg is the president and CEO of the YMCA.

President Gwen announced birthdays for November, of which there are many! They include **Evelyn Stiefel** (April 2), **Taro Fujisawa** (April 4), **Lee LaBrash** (April 6), **Jack Lockwood** (April 10), **Sax Barrett** (April 13), **Kerri Van Duynes** (April 16), **Joshua Nam** (April 17), **Jim Harrow** (April 20), **Bob Robinson** (April 24), **Sid Snyder** (April 25), **Hiroko Dewitz** (April 26), **Keane Akao** (April 27), and **Wayne Judd** (April 30).

Peg Jackson announced two Centennial Park events. There is a pau hana event on Wednesday, April 20 from 4 to 6 pm, and a Saturday morning event, April 30, from 8 to 10 am.

Tom Coyne made two announcements: first, the Beer Fest is Saturday, June 25 at Bishop Museum. Volunteers are needed for this fun fundraiser. Nineteen people have already signed up. Please contact Tom Coyne for more information. Also, there is an Earth Day Waikiki Clean Up on Saturday, April 23, 8:30 to 10 am. Please send an email to **Peg Jackson** if you wish to sign up – peg@pegjackson.com.

The members then went into breakout rooms for group discussions. The topic of the day was to tell each other about the most memorable gift we each had ever received.

President Gwen then introduced **Dawn Marie** for the Celebration of Rotary Service and launch of the 2022 Service Above Self Annual Campaign. **Dawn Marie** is a trustee of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Foundation and is Co-Chair of the Service Above Self Campaign. She described the 2022 Service Above Self Campaign. **Joanna Amberger**, the president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Foundation, then described the numerous projects and causes which the Foundation has funded or assisted in funding in the last year. These include the Peacemaker Video

Competition, the Ratpack project at Lunalilo Home, work at the Rotary Village at Camp Erdman, all of the work at the Centennial Park, the scholarship awarded by the Will J. Henderson Fund, the Healthcare Heroes project, participation in the ECO Club Genki Balls project at the Ala Wai Canal, the RYLA project, which served 11 students, as well as two significant community grants to Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and Adult Friends for Youth.

Hai Cha Lambert, a trustee of the Foundation and Co-Chair of the Service Above Self then described the four funds to which members are invited to make their charitable contributions: the Rotary International Foundation, the John Warren Fund, the Maile Hale Fund, and the Will J. Henderson Fund. Members may find more information about the Funds in the Club Member Directory, online or print version. As Dawn Marie explained, members are welcome to contribute to one or more of the funds in making Service Above Self contributions.

Our next meeting is on April 12, with guest speakers Lisa Tamashiro from Adult Friends for Youth, and Lorenn Walker from Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice. The meeting will be via Zoom.

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

Aloha,
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