

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Meeting

June 7, 2022

Hybrid Meeting -- Via Zoom and In Person at YWCA Fuller Hall/Café Julia

Past President Rich Proctor welcomed Club members and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm; **President Gwen** is in Houston attending the Rotary International Convention.

The Rotary Participants for today's meeting included **Brian Dunkel** as the Virtual Meeting Maestro. **Jessica Lani Rich** gave us a great Inspiration about the many benefits of dog ownership. **Glenda Anderson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lee LaBrash** led us in the America the Beautiful. **Past President Rich** introduced our visitors. **Bob Sigall** was our photographer. Member **Kandie George** gave us a Vocational Minute.

We then had a New Member Induction. **Past President Rich** introduced and inducted **Danielle Haviland**, our newest Club member.

Past President Rich announced birthdays for June, of which there are many! They include **Chris Edwards** (June 1), **Hai Cha Lambert** (June 2), **Nancy Grekin** (June 4), **Sally Mist** (June 7), **Mitch D'Olier** (June 10), **Bill Brizee** (June 11), **Jessica Lani Rich** (June 11), **John Henry Felix** (June 14), **Bob Sigall** (June 15), **Greg Waibel** (June 15), **Ron Tsukamaki** (June 27), **Reese Liggett** (June 28), and **Bub Wo** (June 28).

Peg Jackson announced a Zoo Paint Party on June 18. Email to Reese or Peg for more information.

After Peg completed making her announcement about the Zoo Paint Party, **Past President Rich** awarded Peg her first Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin.

Nancy Youngren announced the 2022 Bali trip. There will be an informational/organizational meeting this Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm.

Club Members then went into small breakout groups to discuss today's topic – "Where are you traveling next?"

Club Administrator Martha German introduced our guest speaker – **Loren Lasher**, who spoke about his experience with raising, training and handling assistance dogs with **Hawaii Fi-Do**. Loren brought his side kick Zoe, a Labrador Retriever which has been trained as a service dog.

Hawaii Fi-Do trains service dogs for people in Hawai'i. It trains six to ten dogs to per year. Loren explained the differences between service dogs, therapy dogs, and emotional support dogs and animals. The only animals recognized as service animals are dogs and horses. With respect to dogs, service dogs have "public access" and must be trained to perform two or more physical

tasks to aid a person with a disability. Service dogs are well trained, well behaved and well groomed. If a dog behaves as a service dog – well trained, well behaved, and well groomed – it is a service dog and will have public access. A dog who has a vest or certification that it is a service does not make it so. A dog which is in a stroller cannot by definition be a service dog because it cannot perform physical tasks to aid a person with a disability – “four on the floor” test. Well groomed means that a dog is bathed regularly and has no loose fur, among other things.

Therapy dogs are defined as comfort dogs and are often used in therapeutic settings such as in schools and hospitals. They are not, however, considered service dogs and do not have the same legal right to access in public spaces.

Emotional support dogs/animals also do not have the legal right to access in public spaces.

Entities such as hotels and airlines have rights to determine if a dog is a service dog – behavior is what defines a service dog. Condominiums have the right to establish criteria to allow emotional support animals – e.g., no growling, barking, peeing or pooping in public areas.

Loren then took questions from the audience. Loren may be contacted at **808-239-6155** for more information about Hawaii Fi-Do.

Past President Rich announced that next week’s Rotary Club of Honolulu meeting will be via zoom. The Guest Speaker will be Scott Nishimoto from Seeds of Peace. Also, the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Honolulu will recognize members who have achieved new fellow levels in the John Warren, Maile Hale and Paul Harris funds.

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

Aloha,
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