

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU

MEETING VIA ZOOM, 12 – 1 PM

JULY 21, 2020

**PRESIDING: PRESIDENT RICH PROCTOR**

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Inspiration: **Richard Hunter** told us the inspirational story of “They Say It’s Impossible: Do It Anyway.” The story was about Dr. Bob Boland, who started the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Management. Dr. Boland arrived at the University of Cape Town in 1965, and when everyone told him it was impossible, began the Graduate School of Management in 1966.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Glenda Anderson**. The singing of America the Beautiful was led by **Lyla Berg**. **President Rich** introduced visitors, including Past District 5000 Governor Del Green, Lucci Pinoliad, and Amanda Kelly.

Birthdays this week: **Dave Shanahan**, July 28, and **Eileen Hilton**, August 2.

Club Anniversaries this week:

**Carolann Biederman**, 20 years, sponsor: Caroline Oda

**Don Anderson**, 31 years, sponsor: Phil Norris

**Susan Heftel Liquido**, 4 years, sponsor: **Gigi Davidson**

**Kekoa Tsukikawa**, 21 years, sponsor: John Ganjali

**President Rich** announced new members, **Julia Allen**, **Laren Eustace**, **Peg Jackson** and **Evelyn Stiefel**. Welcome!! **President Rich** also announced members who have recently resigned from the Club for different reasons, including moving to the mainland and financial considerations.

Rotary Club of Honolulu Foundation President **Carolann Biederman** announced the new Trustees and Officers of the Foundation, including **Tracey Wiltgen**, **Nancy White**, **Joanna Amberger**, **Hiroko Dewitz**, **Don Anderson**, **Nancy Pace**, **Carol Sakata**, and **Rick Towill**. **Carolann** also provided an update on the Celebration of Rotary Service campaign, fka the Service Above Self Campaign. As of today, the Campaign has raised \$68,293 of its goal of \$100,000.

Centennial Park Committee Chair **Rob Hale** gave an update on Centennial Park. He showed a photo of all of work that has taken place to date as well as a rendering of what the Park will look like upon completion. He also shared a timeline for expected future construction and completion. It all goes well, including additional fundraising, the Park may be completed by the end of the year.

Breakout Sessions: The Club members then went into separate Zoom breakout rooms of 5-6 members to talk story on the question, “What are some insights you have gained as a result of COVID-19?”

Speaker Presentation: Scott Nago, Chief Elections Officer, State of Hawaii, Office of Elections.

**Scotty Anderson** introduced Scott Nago. Scott has over 20 years of elections experience. After receiving his degree in political science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, he began his career in elections. Through the years, he has served in various capacities from precinct operations, ballot operations and counting center operations, until he was appointed Chief Election Officer in 2010. Scott is responsible for directing and

coordinating the statewide election systems and assists the counties in their county elections. Additionally, Scott is responsible for providing voter registration services to eligible Hawaii residents.

Scott's presentation was on Hawaii's new all mail-in voting which begins with the 2020 election cycle. He explained that the process for all mail-in voting began in July 2019, when the first of three cards were mailed to voters to advise them of all mail-in voting. The last card mailed to voters was to obtain an updated signature if voters wanted to submit one. A voter's signature on file will be used to compare to the voter's signature on the mailed in-ballot envelope to validate the ballot.

Other points made by Scott in response to member questions:

- Go to [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) to check the status of your ballot, including whether it has been received and validated.
- The primary objective of all mail-in voting is cost savings. It is estimated that the total cost savings for all Counties will be \$750,000.
- For 2020, voter registration has increased by 5% over 2018.
- It is illegal for employers, union representatives, and candidates to assist anyone with their ballots.
- Each of the counties has purchased machines to electronically compare a voter's signature on file with a voter's signature on a mailed in ballot envelope. If the signature is rejected as not matching, a human person will compare the signatures. If the signature is still rejected, the voter will be contacted to confirm their signature. If a voter's ballot is rejected based on signature rejection, a voter will have up to five days after an election to confirm their signature.
- The primary election is on August 8. The general election is on November 3.
- To be counted, a voter's ballot must be received by the County Clerk's office by 7:00 pm on Election Day (not postmarked). To ensure that a voter's ballot is received by the deadline, it is recommended that a voter mail their ballot five (5) days prior to election date.
- Hawaii has a single party primary. This means that for the primary election, a voter must select a political party preference and in statewide races, vote only for candidates in the selected political preference. The races for Office of Hawaiian Affairs and County Contests are nonpartisan; voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of selected political preference.
- If a voter has not received their ballot by July 21, they should contact the County Clerk's office.
- With regard to the Mayoral race in Honolulu, if any one candidate receives 51% of the total votes cast, the candidate will be declared the winner of the race. If no candidate receives 51% of the total votes cast, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast will run against each other in the general election.
- As an alternative to mail-in voting, voters may vote at one of eight Voter Service Centers. The Voter Service Centers on Oahu will be at Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale.

**President Rich** thanked Scott for his presentation.

**President Rich** announced that next week's Rotary meeting, July 28, will be a Zoom Pau Hana at 5:00 pm. There will be no Zoom lunch meeting.

The meeting ended with a video of *Hawaii Aloha* performed by club members **Lyla Berg**, **Erin Auerbach**, **PP Paul Saito** and **PP Bub Wo**.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. Members were invited to stay past adjournment to ask questions of **Rob Hale** regarding Centennial Park.

**Karin Holma**, Scribe