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New Member Proposed to Honolulu Sunset



Wallace Kelley, 31 years old, a Financial Advisor for Mutual of Omaha, has been attending the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset for the past 3 weeks and applied to become a member. He spent 4 years in the US Army. He has been living in Hawaii for the last 3 1/2 years, leaving the cold winters of Syracuse, New York. His heart brought him to Hawaii, where he can enjoy trade winds and sunny weather 365 days a year.

Honoloulu Sunsetters- any comments about the proposed member— please contact President Chuck Harris.

How to Propose a New Member

After an application is submitted and the member's application is presented to the board, the following steps follow:

- Publish the proposed member's name and classification to the club.
- The Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws allow seven days for club members to consider and file objections, if any.
- If no objections are received, the proposed member pays the admission fee and becomes a Rotarian.
- The club secretary or president immediately reports the new member to Rotary International via Member Access at www.rotary.org.

Yes— There is a Meeting on September 2nd!

Come to our next Club Meeting @ the Waikiki Yacht Club. The lively and slightly wild ambience will make your evening special. **PDG Ayman will be our Speaker. He will share some very interesting & informative facts. You do not want to miss this meeting!**

No meeting on September 9th, but a BIG Meeting on Sept 10-12 @ the Kauai Aloha Resort Hotel. Sign up now @ rotaryD5000.org.

Cultural Awarenessfor our Guests, the GSE Team from Egypt

This is an excerpt written by Ayman for the GSE Host Families to understand and be sensitive to our guests' culture. The Team from Egypt will be here from 9/1-9/30, hosted by families on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Kona and Hilo. Our club will be hosting them on Sept.4th at a barbecue. Here are some cultural notes....

Men should not hug a woman ... even if presenting a flower lei. A warm handshake and friendly smile is perfect. Touching the woman is limited to just bringing something to their attention such as tapping their shoulders to get their attention. However, women can hug each other all day long

In the Egyptian old culture, if you offer somebody food, out of politeness, this person will say "No thank you." However, you should INSIST and offer AGAIN AND AGAIN. Keep in mind, you cannot offer anybody food unless you are eating or drinking with them.

Ramadan: The team arrives in the middle of a Muslim holiday, Ramadan. This holiday ends on Sept 10th, so it only impacts the *Oahu visit*. Muslims will fast everyday from sunrise to sunset. However, travelers have special dispensation -they can break the fast ... but that is a personal decision on their part. They break their fast @ 6:50 pm.

Currently, Ramadan is being celebrated in Egypt. It began on August 11th and will end on September 9th with the celebration of the feast of Eid al-Fitr. The holiness of this month comes from the fact that it marks the day when the angel Gabriel started the transmission of God's message to the prophet Mohammad, fourteen centuries ago. The exact date has never been identified, but it is believed to be on one of the last ten days of this month, which Muslims call "Lailat el-Qadr", or the Night of Power. The month is dedicated to prayers, as it is believed that it is an special opportunity to wash one's sins away and enjoy God's unlimited mercy. The principal ritual during Ramadan is fasting. This entails abandoning eating, drinking, smoking or sinning throughout the whole day, from dawn to sunset.

Though the usual daily practice is in most ways normal, Muslims prefer to spend more time praying or reading the Qur'an, particularly at night. Each night at sunset, families and friends gather together to celebrate the breaking of the fast (iftar). It is not considered good manners to outwardly make a display of not fasting. Egyptian Christians also participate in some of these practices with their fellow Muslims. Some would also fast as a sign of national unity, but even those who do not would never eat or drink in public, as a sign of respect to Islamic traditions. For Muslims, fasting has a number of benefits:

1. It helps one to feel compassion for those who are less fortunate and underprivileged, since each day Muslims feel greater appreciation for what they have as a result of feeling hunger and thirst.
2. It allows one to build a sense of self-control and will power, which can be beneficial throughout life in dealing with temptations and peer pressure. Through fasting, Muslims learn to control their natural urges such as hunger and thirst, and thus are able to better resist temptations for things that are not necessary, such as drugs or other unhealthy or harmful substances and behaviors.
3. It offers a time for Muslims to "purify" their bodies as well as their souls, by developing a greater sense of humility, spirituality and community. Ramadan is a very spiritual time for Muslims, and often they invite each other to one another's homes to break the fast and pray together. A greater sense of generosity, almsgiving and forgiveness is also characteristic of this time.

PDG Ayman El-Dakhkhni, Outbound GSE Team Leader