

Victoria (“Vickie”) Reiko Kennedy



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Non-Profit Professional Experience (all related to helping those with disabilities):

2016 to present Guide Dogs of Hawaii:

Give presentations about guide dogs to service organizations and schools. Help train blind individuals on assistive aids such as iPhones and Victor Reader Stream. Am a member of its Guide Dog handlers' support group, and it's "Young at Heart" women's group.

2017 to present Hawaii Association of the Blind (an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind):

Member, assist with fundraising. Elected as a member of board of directors in 2020.

2015 to May 2020: Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs:

Created and chaired its first three "Dining With Dogs" annual fundraisers. Volunteered in soliciting donations for the fundraiser, and do follow-up calls on potential donors.

2015 to 2018: Ewa Hui Aloha Senior Club:

President, arranging activities and educational programs for our elderly members.

2007 to present St. Francis Healthcare System:

Initially did pet therapy visits at its hospice centers with first two guides. Developed a workshop to help families whose loved ones are losing sight.

2007 (?) to 2009 (?) Ho'opono Center for the Blind:

Advisory council member.

2008 to 2011 Queen's Medical Center:

Did pet therapy visits with first guide, Freida

2012 (?) to 2014 (?) Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC)

Served on Board of Directors

2002 to 2011 Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Member of the Board of Directors-Guide Dogs for the Blind (in San Rafael, CA). Served one or more years on the following committees: Development, Long Range Strategic Planning, and Budget. Served as chairperson of the Development Committee seven years. Was in a Vice-Chair capacity for seven years.

Founded and Chaired "Support our Canine Heroes" wine gala in 2003 to 2007. Co-Chaired "Support Our Canine Heroes" Wine Gala in 2008 and 2009. The Gala has raised well over \$10,000,000 since inception, for veterinary care. This event became the "signature" event for all fundraisers for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Participated on the Speakers Bureau for Guide Dogs. Still make presentations to those in Hawaii who want to learn about guide dogs.

In 2006, with husband, Jim, and first guide, Freida, toured all of Oregon and Washington on a major donor "thank you" campaign. In fall of 2011 and January 2012, made donor solicitation calls with GDB's development staff for the new students' residence capital campaign.

1994 to 2002 The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Benicia, California.

Volunteer President for the North Bay Chapter, formerly Northern California Affiliate, of The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB). Responsibilities include acting as liaison between Affiliate volunteers and FFB's local Executive Director, conducting fundraising events, informing and educating the public about retinal degenerative diseases through public awareness programs and up-dating those persons interested in research progress. Provide counsel to referred individuals who have just learned they are losing their sight. Participate on San Francisco Bay Area Executive board of FFB, and support its fundraising activities. Key accomplishments include:

- Conceived and conducted four public information "Save Sight Sunday" symposiums on blindness at the University of California - Berkeley's Low Vision Clinic.
- Created and produced a successful fund raiser cookbook titled "Famous San Francisco Bay Area Chefs Cook with Vision" to which 33 of the top local chefs contributed. 1,500 copies printed and sold!
- Conceived and chaired the "Blind Wine Tasting & Auction" fund raising event held in Napa. In first year, 2000, netted \$16,000. In 2001 netted over \$54,000, with an expense ratio of less than 5%. In 2002 netted over \$58,000, with and expense ratio of less than 5%.

1992 - 1994: The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Benicia, California.

Vice President of Fundraising for the Northern California Affiliate of The Foundation Fighting Blindness. Organized raffles, sales of Entertainment Books, luncheon, etc.

Career Experience:

1988 - 1991: Academic Press, subsidiary of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, San Diego, California.

Executive Secretary to the Sr. Vice President. Generated all correspondence and arranged travel and conferences in the United States and Europe for Editors.

1985 - 1988: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, San Diego, California.

Assistant Executive Secretary to Mr. William Jovanovich (Chairman and CEO), to Mr. Peter Jovanovich (President) and to Mr. Bruce Matter, Esq., (in-house counsel) . Responsible for correspondence, research, establishing meeting appointments and arranging United States and international travel.

1978 - 1985: Damien Memorial High School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Registrar. Responsible for correspondence from the office of the Vice Principal. Assisted in scheduling of classes for students, maintained students' transcripts and collected tuition. Responsible for the production of newsletters for the student body and arranged graduation banquets. Taught students hula (part-time).

1972 - 1975: The Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Danced hula (part-time) professionally at the Tapa Room.

1968 - 1985: Our Lady of Peace Cathedral, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Organist (part-time) for Hawaii Diocese of the Catholic Church.

1968 - 1978: Sacred Hearts Academy, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Teacher, both elementary and secondary. Taught Music Appreciation, Phonics, and responsible for spring recitals. Taught Music History, English, Typing, Shorthand, piano, violin and orchestra.

Education:

- Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, California, 1968, Bachelor of Music.
- Sacred Hearts Academy (K-12), Honolulu, Hawaii

Interests:

- Volunteer speaking for organizations helping those with vision impairment
- Music, dancing, cooking, walking, reading and travel