

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



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It was unbelievable hot and sunny day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii with a few clouds and passing smiles. As we have done for over 99 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for CDC approved distant fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint patio of Nani Mau Gardens. If you haven't joined us for these meetings, it really is a nice setup, easy parking, no crowds, and the food is quite good for \$20 (which is the new ten spot).

Greeted with a smile, and fist bumps by Greeters Patrick "Fort" Smith and Genie "not Al" Phillips, a small loyal groups of Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Gardens.

Our fearless 100<sup>th</sup> President Nancy "Empress" Cabral was her usual excited self so she asked Past President Kerry "not Munro" Glass to start the meeting. Thus, he rang the bell asked Kelvin "Telcom" Watanabe to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PP Kerry then thanked everyone who played a part in putting the meeting together, from Judy "Sheriff" Gibson for the badges and sign-in table, to Susan "not Glass" Munro and Ben "on your" Mark for coordinating the lunch buffet, Dirk "not Jagger" Yoshina for setting up the sound system. Mahalos were extended to Jacob "Striggs &" Bratton and Jeremiah "ace" Leonard as Sergeant-at-Arms. Taking pictures today was the lovely Treena "math" Breyfogle.

PP Kerry then asked Bobby "Zoomer" Dugar to announce those members who were attending the meeting on cyberspace. Our Greeter Genie "Not Al" Phillips then introduced our guests, Carlene Wolf, guest of Genie Phillips. Misty Ambrisio, guest of Julie "Tech" Kron, Noriko Roth, guest of Mitch "da next Mayor" Roth, Maile Pavao, guest of Beverly "proud mom" Heikes. Becker announced that we had Doug "not Deb" Adams for the Rotary Club of South Hilo. We also had Anita Cunningham from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay! Yay another live Rotarian! Rotary Opens Opportunities!

## Announcements

There were a bunch of August birthdays so far, including Corey "CU" Kawamoto, Misti "not James" Tyrin, and Tina "Bayfront" Jimenez.

Wedding Anniversaries included Gail "Mocha" Takaki, Jeremiah "not Toni" Leonard, and Tina "and Tom" Jimenez.

Malcom "robotics" Chun, Jeremiah "Ace" Leonard, and Jen "K&J" Tanouye all celebrated 4 years of Rotary bliss.

PP Kerry then announced that August is Membership Month and introduced super Member Connie Ichinose to give us an update on what that was all about. Connie reminded everyone that the next mini

mixer is Sunday August 23, and if you attend the mixer she will update you on all the statistics and activities of the Membership Care Committee and other FUN IDEAS. So come on out y'all!

Then a special ceremony as the Empress President Nancy took over the podium. She announced it was the induction of the first new member of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! Mitch "da next Mayor" Roth was invited up and introduced

Kazuo "not Chris" Todd as our newest member.

After a respectful and somber introduction, we all stood and welcomed Kazuo to the club. Yay!

Empress President Nancy then introduced veteran Rotarian Patrick "Fort" Smith as our new International Service Chair. Thanks Patrick!

Empress Nancy then reminded us that the Social squad would be practicing social distancing at Temple's bar on August 19, if you want to join them.

Then Community Service Chair and Past-president and leader extraordinaire Wally "Hokulea" Wong came up and announced the Club was doing really well, we met the challenge of donating 100 children's backpacks to the Salvation Army. In fact we hit 130, with the last 40 coming from Tim Beatty of Hilo Surplus! Wow everyone, way to go!

PP Wally then announced that the Hilo Home for Recovery on Kinoole Street needs help with cooking meals. Please contact Wally to volunteer. The home has a kitchen and will supply the food, it just needs chefs...like you! Also, don't forget, our next goal is to raise 100 cans of SPAM for the Food Basket! Stay tuned!

Finally a reminder that for every \$100 donation to the Club's Foundation you get a special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary mask!

Empress Nancy brought up Michell "Dead Center" Dodo and Mitch "da next Mayor" Roth to have them explain the matching "Dodo Blue" outfits!

Then with the announcement of Happy Dollars, the donations started pouring in! Please be mindful that it is not important how much you donate for happy dollars, but that every single dollar is important, so don't be shy if your happy dollar is only a dollar, or two....Please participate!

Chuck "not Gay" Porter was happy to be back at a meeting and told us a tall tale about running into Grizzly Bears in Wyoming! Boy I wish my life was so exciting.

Mitch "da nexter" Roth was happy to be here with his wife, and of course to be leading in the polls....yay Mitch!

Genie "not Al" Phillips was happy to introduce her guest Carlene Wolf for all the hard work she is doing

to help our restaurants and other businesses downtown! Please support them!

Cory Kawamoto was just fricking happy!

Beverly "supermom" Heikes was happy that her son was about to go off to college, and happy to bring a potential member Maile Pavao to our meeting! Yay and welcome!

Susan "not Kerry" Munro was just so doggone happy to be here.

Mitch "Blue" Dodo was happy that we will all wear Dodo Blue if Mitch "da next" Roth gets elected.

Kathy "Hearing aid" Boer was happy to announce the move to new offices!

Connie "membership" Ichinose was happy to have her husband Galen with her and she snuggled up with him in front of everyone!

Empress President Nancy had a sad note and passed a card around for everyone to sign in memory of Mrs. Badge #1, Alice Kurohara Fujimoto, a Rotary spouse for over 60 years! Sadly Alice passed away 2 weeks ago and joined her husband Bobby "HPM" Fujimoto at that great Rotary Club of Hilo in the sky. Thanks Nancy for being so thoughtful!

## GUEST SPEAKER

Past President Jim "not Dick" Cheney introduced

our guest speaker, none other than past member Steve Shropshire. Steve is a longtime Hilo now Honolulu resident that has been a successful entrepreneur in Florida, and Alaska before moving to Hawaii many years ago. He has been in the office plant business, real estate development business, and other green business under his company Aloha Green.

Currently Steve is planting Hemp, the new but ancient wonder-plant, HEMP, which has over 50,000 uses, and that is not including the use when it has too much THC content! Seriously, the latest development of this plant is the production of CBD oils, and it is forecast that Hawaii is the perfect place for this crop, which matures in 90 days, and can produce some special products.

Steve also talked about growing purple sweet potatoes, which can be a value added crop of you cook it and market it like they do at Whole Foods.





### Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto	August 01
Misti Tyrin	August 01
Tina Jimenez	August 13
Skye Czemmer	August 20
Julie Kron	August 25
Jerry Watanabe	August 28
Galen Ichinose	August 29

### Club Anniversary:

Malcolm Chun	August 5, 2016 (4)
Jeremiah Leonard	August 5, 2016 (4)
Jen Tanouye	August 05, 2016 (5)
Danielle Bratton	August 16, 2018 (2)
Jacob Bratton	August 16, 2018 (2)
Skye Czemmer	August 25 2017 (3)
Marcia Prose	August 29, 2014 (6)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Gail & Gordon Takaki	August 2, 1980 (40)
Tina & Tom Jimenez	August 6, 1982 (38)
Julie & Jake Kron	August 22, 1998 (22)

### Club Administration 2021-2021

President- **Nancy Cabral**  
President Elect- **Beverly Heikes**  
Vice-President- **Kerry Glass**  
Past President- **Anna Liu**  
Secretary- **Susan Munro**  
Treasurer- **Jen Tanouye**  
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Jacob Bratton**  
Foundations- **Shane Okimoto**  
Membership- **Maureen Poirier**  
Public Relations- **Marcia Prose**  
Community Service- **Wally Wong**  
Vocational Services- **Mike Meyer**  
International Service—**Patrick Smith**  
New Generations- **Gail Takaki**  
Club Service- **Bobby Dugar**  
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- **Tim Beatty**  
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**  
Programs- **Jim Cheney**  
Attendance- **Judy Gibson/Dirk Yoshina**  
Lava Flow- **Connie Ichinose**

**Steve** then gave his a summary of his real estate development concepts for the new village of Hakalau, which traces its history from a sugar plantation established in 1878, as a major social hub on the Hamakua coast. **Steve** envisions the development of a new multi-use agricultural related community with affordable housing and environmentally favorable amenities. He has already agreed to donate the valley as a park and hopes that the community will support this new concept. Good thinking **Steve**, we wish you the best on this project!

And then **Empress President Nancy** asked **Chuck "not Gay" Porter** to lead us in **the 4 Way test** of the things we think, say and do, and then just like that, we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.



Carlene Wolfe and Genie Philips



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