

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



February 21, 2020

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: HH

Photographer: Bobby Dugar

Call to Order. President Anna Liu called the meeting to order, and then D 'Andrea Pelletier led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Guests. President Anna thanked Charlene Meyer, today's greeter. Helene Tajiri introduced her guest, Wailana Herbst, a realtor from Elite Pacific, with whom she coordinates activities.



President Anna welcomed her guests, Shane Shitabata from Kamaaina Nissan and the guest speaker, Rosa Motta. D'Andrea Pelletier



welcomed her husband Drew Pelletier. Mahalo!



Thanked were Helen Hemmes, reporter, and Bobby Dugar, photographer for today's Lava Flow.

"Mei Li." President Anna taught us how to say a new Chinese phrase, which means "Beautiful," plus shared the words for "Beautiful woman."



Birthdays and Anniversaries. Congratulated were Jimmy Yagi (Feb. 18), Lorraine Shin (Feb.20), and Naomi Menor (Feb. 23), with Helen Hemmes recognized for her recent Club anniversary (#32).

### Announcements.

Shane Okimoto shared that Rotarians should contact Corey Kawamoto or him regarding the upcoming chili cookout at AJA Hall on March 12 with Rotarians encouraged to sign up for the chili and/or dessert challenge.



Wally Wong will collect \$ today for a request from Waiakea High School Robotics for donations to help cover travel and other expenses for their upcoming trip. (The Club cannot make contributions for travel.) (A total of \$300 was raised today.)



Marcia Prose shared that Rotary International made a video of our clubs' work on the Kua O Ka La project.

Wally gave pertinent info on "E Mai A Huaka'i Ma Hamakua," a benefit for the Laupahoehoe Seaside Athletic Program on Saturday, April 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be eight different segments, with the sharing of fashions of Nike'u Awai. Wally donated \$50 for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation for that announcement, another \$50 HRCF to display a pertinent banner and share thanks with Ed Hara for producing it, and then gave another \$50 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to honor Treena Breyfogle, who has been his secretary expert, for helping create the banner and the brochure. Tickets can be purchased on line at lcpcs.org.

Paul Harris Foundation member. Past president Kerry Glass shared that at his second meeting as president on July 19, 2013, Mitch Roth was installed as a member. (Connie Ichinose was installed in July too!) Rotarians can donate points to members and others towards a Paul Harris Fellowship. He and Susan Munro were "tickled to death" they could give this honor to Mitch Roth. Thank you!



Hilo Heart Walk - March 28. Rotarians are invited to walk and/or donate. Social Squad Event on Feb. 20.

Bobby Dugar shared that Steve Handy shared info on the Fuji Literary program, with attendees contributing \$300. Steve came forward to accept \$240, the balance still in IOU form.



### \$\$ Happiness Dollars.

Connie Ichinose gave \$25 to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation to thank Corey Kawamoto for making her happy, thanks to an item to be borrowed for the upcoming Brewfest.



Mitch Roth expressed appreciation for the WHS Robotics and shared that he has been approved to run for Mayor (\$50 to TRF).

Helen Hemmes shared that she had given a total of \$106 earlier this month to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, with folks ok to "do the math" as the total is birthday plus club anniversary years.

Helen Tajiri gave to \$20 and shared information about the cooperation of her guest Wailana Herbst on the sale of a home. Hm! Did I hear correctly about its being the highest cost of a home she had helped sell?



Jen Tanouye gave \$25 for RYLA and for noting that her Dad turns 90 tomorrow.

Nancy Cabral gave \$100 to talk about the three fabulous days of a successful rodeo with no injuries, to share that her father (92 and 1/2 years old) and his wife are both on the road to recovery after contacting coronavirus on the Diamond Princess ship (both not yet home), to thank everyone for their prayers, and to donate to TRF in order to be one of the Club's annual donors.



Pat Guillen gave \$85 to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation in honor of Jimmy Yagi's birthday.

### Introduction of and Presentation by the Speaker.

President Anna the guest speaker, Rosa Motta, for HUI ALOHA. She shared its mission and priorities. Though based in Kamuela, the goal is to focus on networking on Hawaii Island by connecting

groups and individuals that have a goal or project, as streamlining the process can be an asset to having activities happen in our community. A second focus is international,



### Birthdays:

Shane Okimoto February 6  
Helen Hemmes February 8  
James Yagi February 18  
Lorraine Shin February 20  
Naomi Menor February 23  
Jim Cheney February 28

### Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki February 1, 2002 (18)  
Anna Liu February 3, 2017 (3)  
Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (26)  
Michael Meyer February 6, 2015 (5)  
Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (32)  
Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (28)  
Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (36)  
Keith Okamoto February 26, 2016 (4)  
Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (33)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4 (52)

### Announcements:

Fri. Feb 28 - Youth Challenge  
w/ Diana Kelley  
Fri. March 6 - Daniel Sayre Memorial  
Foundation w/ Frank Sayre  
Fri. March 20 - Hilo Brew Fest Kickoff  
Fri. April 3 - PGV Update on restarting  
w/ Michael Kalekini  
Fri. April 24 - Healing Surf Foundation  
w/ Kalani Kahaliomi  
Fri. May 8 - Shelter Box w/ Resse Mates

### Club Administration 2019 – 2020

- President – Anna Liu
- Past President – Keith Okamoto
- President Elect – Nancy Cabral
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Secretary – Jen Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Jacob Bratton
- Rotary Foundations – Kerry Glass
- Membership – Maureen Poirier
- Public Relations – Marcia Prose
- International Service – Steve Handy Jr.
- Community Service – Wally Wong
- Vocational Service – Bobby Dugar
- Club Service – Shane Okimoto
- New Generations – Beverley Heikes
- Program Chair – Mike Meyer
- Attendance Chair – Judy Gibson
- Lava Flow Chair – Susan Munro
- Greeters – Cathy Gray

### Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – Tim Beatty
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo
- Sunao Wada Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

with a meeting planned to deliver books and support literacy in the Solomon Islands. **HUI ALOHA** currently has no paid staff, with contacts mostly made face-to-face rather than face to screen. (She noted that her family is deeply rooted in our community, an asset for **HUI ALOHA's** aim of providing an avenue and central place for networking.) She invited individuals or groups interested to check Instagram, email her at [pualeialoha@icloud.com](mailto:pualeialoha@icloud.com), or reach her by phone (808-217-3390).

**Introductions of New and Potential Members.** Since there was time, newer members were asked to share why they joined Rotary.

**Patrick (Patrick Smith**, Business Owner, Retired) said that he joined around twenty years ago in Arkansas to help meet unmet needs in the community. Now back in Rotary, after a break of several years, his goal is similar.

**D'Andrea (D'Andrea Pelletier**, Opera Singer) said this was her first Club as a Rotarian and thanked **Charlene Meyers** for introducing her to our Rotary Club. Her goal as an opera singer is to help students with fine arts in schools, as joy and classical music can help with growth and education. She's also interested in helping the community. Her dad noted she had perfect pitch, she played the violin when she was ten, and got excited about opera with she heard an aria. Pacini is a favorite.

**Julie (Julie Kron**, Legal Assistant), a paralegal, wife, and mother, shared that she anticipates lots of changes this year, including having a son start college and her boss retire (and her too). She saw **Bobby Dugar's** post and got interested. A key project now is to help 43 homeless (no home or sleeping in a vehicle) at Mt. View Elementary School so that they start the day well. Donations of various items for the keiki are welcome.

**Shane Shitabata**, a potential member, a sales professional at Kamaaina Nissan, sees membership in Rotary as a means of connecting with people and helping with community events. Several Rotarians encouraged him to share that his family (and he) offers lots of interesting drinks and some specialty food items at a new restaurant in Hilo, Café Boba.

**Ben (Benjamin Mark**, Marketing) shared his experiences as a freelance marketing specialist. He noted that his grandfather was an engineer in Sparta with the company name of Precision Engineer Company, or PECO. He

used the term PECO for his ceramics hobby, and since he cherishes the name as it brings back memories of his grandfather, he now uses it for marketing, as good marketing has precision. He was then asked if he would help with the marketing of the Brewfest on June 27. We'll find out after the key volunteers (**Misti, Bob, Bobby**, and others meet on Monday!).

### Focus on the Club's 100th Anniversary.

**Nancy Cabral** then noted that our Club's 100th anniversary will be held this year. The installation of new officers will be held on June 13 at a surprise location, with Dec. 1-6 as the week of celebration, and the district conference schedule in Hilo from May 13-15, 2021. She plans to have the Club to donate or create 100 of something every month, such as 100 backpacks for keiki. She invited Rotarians to share their ideas with her. *"Make this Club work for you."*

**In Closing.** **President Anna** invited **Patrick Smith** to lead us in the **4-Way Test** of the Things We Think, Say or Do, along with the ringing of the bell to end our meeting early.



**CHILI COOK OFF**

When: March 12, 2020  
Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm  
Where: AJA Hall  
11 Laula Rd.  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Cost: \$20 per person

Annual Chili & Dessert Challenge; please indicate with registration if you will be cooking chili or making a dessert

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