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Call to Order



The meeting, held outside on the lanai at Nani Mau Gardens, was called to order by Club

President **Nancy Cabral** at 12:07 pm. **Bob Fox** led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and afterwards told us all to "Sit!"

Greeter Chris Tamm introduced today's guests: **Susie Osborne**, of the Pahoia Rotary Club, and her guest **Le Osborne; Doug Adams**, of the South Hilo Rotary Club, **Keith Marrack**, today's speaker, also from South Hilo; **Richard Cunningham**, of the Hilo Bay Rotary Club; and **Kazuo Todd**, Nancy's guest.

President **Nancy** cheerfully started off the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking those involved with putting this



together: **Judy Gibson** did badges and sign-in; **Susan Munro** and **Chris Tamm** were Greeters today;

Kerry Glass and **Ben Mark** collected lunch money; **Bobby Dugar** did Zoom

administration; **Dirk Yoshina** provided the audio system; Sergeant-at-Arm **Jacob Bratton** and **Jeremiah Leonard** do the Happy Dollar collection; **Beckie Marshall** and **Eric Anderson** are today's Lava Flow reporter and



photographer; and Mark Mattos and the staff at Nani Mau. Mahalo to all Rotarians and guests who attended the meeting in person and via Zoom, especially long-distance members **Alan Kusunoki** and **Charlene** and **Amos Meyers**.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Since Last Meeting

Birthdays: **Eric Anderson**, on July 23; **Cowboy Kaneshiro**, on July 24; and **Genie Phillips** on July 28

Club Anniversaries: **Amos Meyers**, 1 year on July 19; **Mitch Roth**, 7 years on July 19; **Kathy Borer**, 3 years on July 21; **Dee Scott**, 3 years on July 21; and **Misti Tyrin**, 10 years on July 23

Events and Announcements

The Rotary Foundation. Kerry Glass, last year's Foundation Director, distributed a clutch of Paul Harris pins he must have been hoarding:



Malcom Chun and **Corey Kawamoto** got +2 pins (+2 = a \$3000 total donation); **Steve Handy** got +4; **Randy Hart** and **Mitch Dodo** got + 5. [Alan Kusunoki's +6 pin got mailed to him earlier]. East Hawaii Assistant District Governor **Doug Adams** stepped to the mic to emphasize the outstanding giving of all five recipients.

Next Week's Meeting (July 31) will be held in the Nani Mau inside dining room so the speaker can show slides. Diane Ley, from the County's Research and Development department, will speak about grants the county will be making to businesses and individuals hurt by the shutdown. This should be an interesting program.

Social Squad (3rd Wednesday of each month at Temple Bar downtown). Club Service Director **Bobby Dugar** says funds are raised by simply gathering and enjoying Temple's yummy libations. The July 15th gathering raised \$



for the Hilo Hawai'i Humane Society.

Community Service. Community Service Director **Wally Wong** reported the volunteer work at St. Joe's -- demolition of



the old science lab last weekend. A good time was had by all, and there were no

significant injuries! And for Nancy's 100 Anniversary Projects, he asked each member to donate \$100 for the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation during the month of July. In August, he's hoping that our club can donate 100 school backpacks for area schoolchildren. **Julie Kron** brought 5 to today's meeting. Nancy mentioned that Longs has \$10 backpacks on sale. Buy some and bring them to the next meeting!

Happy Dollars

Jim Becker had a tale of two \$100 checks for The Rotary Foundation sent the first one to the club, but it got lost in the mail. So he wrote another check, which arrived and was deposited to TRF. *And then* the first check was found. Jim -- what an excellent Rotarian! -- told us to deposit that one as well.

Jim also talked about the Pinot & Pizza Fundraiser for the Zimbabwe Telemedicine Project.

He's selling tickets for this Zoom event, and



Jen Tanouye

has already bought hers. Jim had a lovely bottle of wine and a gift bag for her. He put another bottle he put up for bid. **Nancy** began the bid at \$100 and won that bottle.

Guest **Susie Osborne** donated to Pinot and Pizza. **Randy Hart** had \$ for the Rotary Foundation. **Susan Munro** donated because she is happy **Genie Phillips** is now doing *Lava Flow*. **Genie** is happy because there was a full crew of volunteers working on the newsletter for this week's meeting.



Bobby Dugar, the Zoom host for the meeting, announced that we had Remote donations: **Misti Tyrin** had a donation because of the successful St. Joe's project; funds to TRF.

Helen Hemmes made a donation to commemorate the passing of **Eddie and Portia Hara's** son Jonathan. She reminded us that the memorial service will be on August 29th.



Alberta Dobbe and **Nancy** also made donations in Jonathan's honor.

Today's Program

Program Chair **Jim Cheney** introduced **Keith Marrack**, a financial advisor with Edward



Jones and a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. Keith spoke about investment strategies during a pandemic.



There have been recent changes in IRA tax deductibility rules that might make a difference to you. He's not here to give advice, but if you have IRAs this would be worth looking into. He also addressed some market issues: the market has been



up and down, but "the market is not the economy." Keith suggests you do not try to play the

market game of "timing." Investment should be viewed as a longterm project.

Adjournment

Before closing the meeting, **Nancy** spoke a little about today's guest **Kazuo Todd**. Nancy says she has known Kazuo since he was "this tall." He is thinking of joining our club. Welcome Kazuo!

Nancy asked **Beverly Heikes** to lead us in The Four-Way Test. The bell was rung at 1:07 and the meeting was adjourned.