

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



June 12, 2020

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Connie Ichinose Photographer: Kerry Glass/Gail Takaki

The Zoom meeting was called to order by **President Anna Liu** at 12:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Jim Cheney**.

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Photographer – **Kerry Glass/Gail Takaki**

Chinese phrase of the week:

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Bù Hao Yi Si

Boo haow yee srr

Excuse me, sorry

(To get attention, for getting past, for mild apologies)

Birthdays:

Chuck Porter June 4

Judy Gibson June 6

Danni Gardner June 7

Kathleen McGilvray June 7

Charlene Meyers June 10

Jeremiah Leonard June 11

Patrick Guillen June 12

Dirk Yoshina June 14

Danielle Bratton June 19

Biff Kennedy June 21

Ron Dolan June 30.

All 30 members in attendance sang "Happy Birthday" to the June birthday babies ...not in unison...not even in tune... but with a lot of heart!

Anniversaries:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna- 9 years June 2

Danni Gardner & Husband- 6 years June 7

Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi - 40 years June 7

Dee & Greg Scott- 24 years June 8

Club Anniversaries

Gail Takaki- 27 years June 1

Mitch Dodo- 21 years June 4

Johnalyn Nosaka- 5 years June 5

Patty Terada- 4 years June 6

Announcements:

President Anna Liu: Since the club won't be able to meet in person before July 1st, the start of our new Rotary year, the club's next meeting will be held on June 26, 2020 via zoom and will feature an informal installation of our 2020/2021 **President Nancy Cabral** and her Board of Directors.

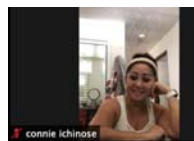
President Anna Liu did a virtual presentation to **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro** to recognize their **Paul Harris +4** achievement. **Paul Harris+4** means that they each have given **\$5000+** towards the **Rotary Foundation**. **Anna** will follow up in person so they can add the coveted pins to their collection of **Paul Harris** pins!

Happy Dollars:

Newton Chu is **\$100** happy but he's actually much happier than that because he recently attended his daughter's wedding in Honolulu. Originally the guest list numbered over 200 people, but because of the Covid restrictions we are experiencing, there were only 8, including the bride and groom. This didn't make the event any less special though. They found the Pacific Club open and had a beautiful and memorable garden wedding followed by a nice dinner. Congratulations to the newlyweds and to **Newton** and **Roberta!**



Susan Munro is **\$50** happy to be turning the Lava Flow Coordinator responsibilities over to **Connie Ichinose** as of July 1st. A few new reporters and photographers have been added to the crew so we should be set and refreshed!

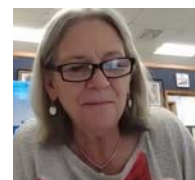


Gail Takaki is **\$27** happy for 27 years in the club. She feels this number should be audited - she thinks it should be more. How can that be **Gail?** Did you join when you were in



Interact? She also announced that anyone interested in helping with youth services should stay on Zoom and meet after our regular meeting.

Nancy Cabral has lots of **Happy Dollar** checks to mail because she's so used to having them picked up at the meeting as she writes them. But today she had her checkbook in hand



and postage stamps ready! **Nancy** is excited and happy for the June 26 zoom meeting and informal installation. She also informed us to, fingers crossed, mark our calendars for July 10th as possibly our first in person meeting of the new year. She's hoping to secure the Crown room at the Grand Naniloa. If all goes well, we will be seated adhering to social distancing guidelines with a limited menu. None of that will matter - it'll be wonderful to see everyone in person!

Amos and **Charlene Meyers** are closing on their volcano home on June 18th and closing on their new home in Arizona on June 26th. They will



be leaving the islands on July 1st. To help kick off **Nancy's** year, they are happy to give **\$500** to **HRCF**, **\$1100** to **Polio Plus**, and **\$2100** to **TRF**. **Amos** had another idea - he wanted to "stir up some trouble" and was thinking that he and **Charlene** would challenge other Rotarians to make up some of the money we would have made at **BrewFest**. The **Meyers'** started it off by donating **\$3000** and asked for 9 other Rotarians to step up to challenge and do the same. This would give our foundation **\$30K** in total, approximately the amount **BrewFest** normally nets. **Nancy Cabral** matched their **\$3000**. **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro** also put in **\$3000**. Putting in **\$100** each were: **Anna Liu**, **Jen Tanouye**, **Genie Phillips**, **Gail Takaki**, **Wally Wong**, **Connie**

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Club Anniversary:

Gail Takaki June 1, 1993 (27)
Mitchell Dodo June 4, 1999 (21)
Johnalyn Nosaka June 5, 2015 (5)
Patty Terada June 6, 2016 (4)
Pete Muller June 20, 2016 (4)

Wedding Anniversary:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2 (9)
Danni & Danni Gardner June 7 (6)
Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (40)
Dee & Greg Scott June 8 (24)

Announcements:

Fri. June 19 - No Meeting
Fri. June 26 - Meeting via Zoom
Installation of Club Administration

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

Ichinose, Maureen Poirier, and Newton Chu. Amos and Charlene Meyers put in another \$100 as well. [We will miss you, Amos and Charlene!](#)

NOTE: Send all **Happy Dollars** to:

The Rotary Club of Hilo
PO Box 7476
Hilo, HI 96720

and note where you want the money to go.
DONOT SEND CASH.

Club Assembly:

Youth Services - Beverly Heikes: Youth services consists of New Generations, Reading in Kindergarten (RIK), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Ryla), Interact, Rotary Scholarship Program, the STEM program.



•**RIK** – we served 14 schools, 29 classrooms, 529 students, and gave out 2000 books to the kindergarteners. Because of the pandemic, the program was cut short so the left-over books will be used next year. Thank you, Kerry Glass for inventorying, and passing out the books.

•**Ryla** - 15 youth participated this year/\$175 per student. Three Rotarians from our club stayed over at camp: **Jen Tanouye, Patty Terada, and Beverly Heikes.** Additional help came from **Judy Gibson, Shane Okimoto, and Gail Takaki.** They helped with registration and as camp speakers. This year's Ryla was hosted by the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay.

•**Interact at Waiakea High School – Anita Tatum** efficiently runs this program with the help of many volunteers from our club, as well as their school advisor.

•**Scholarship Program – Mitch Dodo** is in charge of the selection committee and process.

•**STEM program – Gail Takaki.** Gail will also be back as Youth Services Director as of July 1.

Membership – Maureen Poirier: **Sally O'Brien's** idea of reaching out to club members during the lockdown is in progress with **Kimo Jim Becker, Helen Hemmes, Dirk Yoshina, Jen Tanouye, and Connie Ichinose** helping.



Foundation – Kerry Glass: Super year! TRF Giving Report:

•**Annual Fund** – Goal \$11,000; YTD \$18,222. 166% of goal.

•**Polio plus** – Goal \$4000; YTD \$6,107. 152% of goal. We had great support from **Charlene Meyers** and not only our club, but all of District 5000 will miss her passion for this cause!

•**Matching Points Campaign** – Donations eligible in the months of March, April, and May 2020. A minimum of \$100 donated was matched in points from **RCH** and from **Charlene Meyers.** 17 members met this goal and a total of 7674 additional points were given to those people. 3,837 from the club and 3,837 from **Charlene.** This goes towards their **Paul Harris** recognition level. Thank you for everyone's generosity!

•**Public relations – Marcia Prose:** Being mysterious in her low backlit image – **Marcia's** usual theatrical self...

•**Social Media** - Thank you **Bobby Dugar** for regularly posting and updating FB.

•**Rotary Page** in the Tribune Herald. Due to some challenges, we didn't have a page in April and May, but "Ta-dal!" We have one as of today! #princessofpublicitycomesthrugain A big thank you to our advertising sponsors: **Dodo Mortuary, K and J Tires, Daylum, Friends of Children's Justice Center, Sun Construction, Hawaii Printing, Subway, Legacy.** Thank you also to everyone for submitting your photos!

International Service - Steve Handy was not able to make it, but **Nancy Cabral** gave a brief run down of our year. The foundation paid out \$4000 towards the **Bali Program** - providing prosthetic legs to amputees, working on restrooms in a nearby school; **Eye Care Center** in India \$2,688; the **Drinking Water Project** in Nepal - \$1,370; our local **Salvation Army** - \$2000 for COVID19 related needs.

Community Service – Wally Wong: Listed some of the projects the club participated in this year

•**Annual back to school Backpack Program** - 100 backpacks purchased, filled with school supplies. We partnered with the Salvation Army, who helped distribute to needy local children.



•**Dictionary Program** – distributed 360 dictionaries to 3rd graders at 7 local schools.

•**Rotary Gives Thanks** – Prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. Thank you to **Amos** and **Charlene Meyers** for their generosity and culinary skills.

•**Kamana Sr Luncheon** – Organized by **Corey Kawamoto** and the Social Committee – served home cooked meals and gave out personal care items to seniors.

•**Hawaii Island Home for Recovery** – thank you to **Treena Breyfogle** and **Tina Jimenez** who filled and gave out Christmas stockings, filled with personal care items and served cookies and refreshments.

•**RCH** donated 2 computers to Laupahoehoe School.

•**Salvation Army Bell ringing at Macy's**. The whole club participated in bell ringing, singing, a little bit of silliness and a whole lot of joy during the Christmas season – all to collect money in the kettle for a good cause.

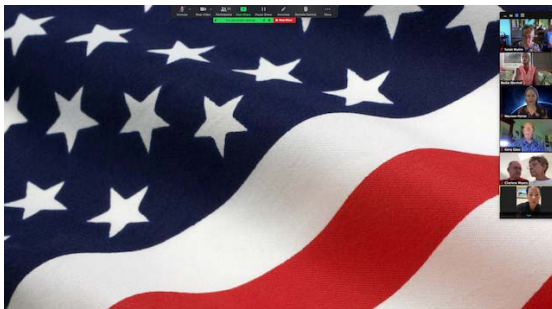
•**Supported Rotaract** at the Alzheimer's Walk.

•**YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**. Rotarians walked in support, some wearing high heels!

•The club is looking for more projects in support of and to partner with our Interact Club.

•**RCH** partnered with other East HI Rotarians to build a **Peace Pole**.

•Other Rotarians working for the good of our community and world - **Misti Tyrin** was helping find grants for meals for seniors during the COVID19 crisis. **Mike Meyers** rode his bike in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement.



•**Vocational Service** - **Bobby Dugar**: Our satellite club, called the **Social Squad** raised **\$2000** for various local organizations that are doing good in the community. A lot of new faces were introduced to Rotary. A few of the attendees have become new member Rotarians. We are looking forward to doing more when restrictions are lifted. Thank you to the club for all the great support!



Randy Hart, current Assistant District Governor and District Governor Designate added that District 5000 as a whole is healthy, even during these challenging times. He looks forward to a fun year under **Nancy**.

A side note:

Nancy Cabral- Hi to **Saeko** in Pasadena! Will have zoom during our regular meetings next year so all can join in. It's great to see all our friends all over the world!



Susan Munro led the **4 way test**. The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

News from Our Members

Former member **Rand Mundo** sends some photos of his travels. He and **Joann** went all the way to São Paulo, Brazil to attend the law school graduation of Guilherme "Gui" Assencio, our Brazilian exchange student back in 2014.

Former member **Kui Costa** and her family also attended the graduation festivities.

Currently, **Rand** and **Joann** are touring the western states on his Harley three-wheeler. He sent a photo of them at Mount Rushmore, and a portrait of him and his bike in the mountains. Way more fun than podiatry!

