

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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The **Rotary Club of Hilo's** second virtual zoom meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by **President Anna Liu**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Kerry Glass**.

Our Chinese phrase for this week was "Zao Shang Hao" which is "good morning" in Chinese. This will come in handy tomorrow morning!

Good Morning
早上好
Zǎo Shang Hǎo

Birthdays in May:

Steve Handy Jr – May 2;
Connie Ichinose – May 5;
Patty Terada – May 13;
Kathy Borer – May 23;
Anita Tatum – May 24;
Ian Birnie – May 28.

Anniversaries:

Toshi and Kahori Aoki – 37 years on May 1;
Nancy and Al Cabral – 31 years on May 1;
Steve and Shari Handy – 22 years on May 3;
Kathy and Joe Borer – 28 years on May 16;
Galen and Connie Ichinose – 5 years on May 17;
Tammy and Kala Silva – 26 years on May 17;
Joe and Diana Hanley – 36 years on May 26;
Jen and Stefan Tanouye – 15 years on May 29.

Club Anniversaries:

Kerry Glass – 11 years on May 1;
Susan Munro – 11 years on May 1;
Charlotte Kekela – 1 year on May 10;
Ian Kitagawa – 4 years on May 13.

Announcements:

Spring Training Assembly Webinars will continue on May 2 and May 16 from 9 a.m. til noon.

Track 1 will offer classes on Membership, Club Service, and Peace Initiative.

Track 2's classes will be on Rotary 101, Foundation 101, and Homelessness. All sessions will be recorded for future viewing.

In addition, the **East Hawaii Joint Zoom meetings** are still ongoing, Thursdays at noon. You can call 1-669-900-6833 for pre-registration (required).

Gail Takaki shared on the speakers at this week's meeting. **Scott Doll** and **David Cochran** of Global Impact Group help create significant virtual Rotary events. They created **Volunteer Surge**, a response to the current COVID19 crisis. They are ramping up an education program which will enable Rotarians to serve during this pandemic. Training in the medical field that will



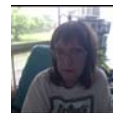
supplement help in hospitals and a "help line" to answer questions re. the virus are two examples. see link to Volunteer Surge video. YouTube video

President Anna announced **RCH's** zoom meetings will be held every other week. Our next meeting on May 15th will be honoring **Bobby Fujimoto** so please invite anyone who may want to attend.

ADG, DGD Randy Hart announced a Zoom meeting with RI President, **Mark Maloney** on May 28th and the RI Convention June 20-26, which may possibly be a virtual event.

Spring district training continues this Saturday, May 2nd. He stressed the importance of our club's leadership and new members' attendance.

Marcia Prose announced that the Palace Theater is in the middle of its SOS "Supporting Our Survival" campaign. She urged the club to support by donation at hilopalace.com.



Nancy Cabral confirmed the next zoom board meeting on May 14. She will invite incoming board members to attend.



Nancy also reminded the club of the revised date for her installation dinner. The new date is Saturday, June 27. Hopefully, the current lock down will be lifted by this time. More details will follow.

Maureen Poirier sent a thank you to **Sally O'Brien** for her idea to reach out to our members that we haven't heard from in a while. Thank you also to **Kimo Jim Becker** for organizing this project. Anyone interested in helping are welcome to attend a weekly zoom meeting on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Contact **Maureen** or **Kimo** for details.



Kimo Jim Becker announced that he is part of the International Service Team. **DGE Naomi Masuno** wants to do a project in Nepal. The committee is putting together zoom mtg with leadership from D5000 and Nepal. **Kimo** reported that the average Nepal income is \$1000/year. Hawaii's average is 50K/year. This gives us an idea of the need that exists there. The meeting will be on May 12 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in participating, please contact **Kimo Jim Becker**.



\$ Happy dollars \$:

Kerry Glass and **Susan Munro** got their stimulus money from their Uncle Trump and want to share \$400 each to the Friends of Children Justice Center and the Hilo Medical Center Foundation through the club foundation. They will also donate \$400 directly to the Food Basket.



Gail Takaki - \$20 in honor of the Stem cell program's 4 winners, who came up with creative solutions for plastic waste. "The kids are wonderful in spirit," **Gail** proclaimed proudly.

Nancy Cabral - \$100 to TRF for she and **Al's** 31st anniversary. She also added that it was great to see **Mitch Roth**, his spiritual mother, **Alberta Dobbe**, **Stan Fortuna**, and so many other Rotarians joining the meeting.

Randy Hart - \$100 to TRF is happy to see 45 participants on this zoom mtg. Also happy that at tomorrow's training event 5 out of 6 presenters from the Big Island. Three of those are from our club: **Kerry Glass** (Foundation), **Connie Ichinose** (Club Service), and **Randy Hart** (Membership).

Julie Kron - \$50 to TRF in honor of her son, **Mason's** birthday next week.



Alberta Dobbe celebrated her 86th birthday on April 29th. #lookingmightygood. \$100 to TRF and \$100 to the Friends of the Children's Justice Center.



Stan Fortuna was \$51 happy. 31 of that was for **Nancy's** 31 years of marriage.



Connie Ichinose was \$61 (TRF) for her upcoming birthday. #idontfeelthatold.

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Connie Ichinose May 5
Patty Terada May 13
Kathy Borer May 23
Anita Tatum May 24
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1, 2009 (11)
Susan Munro May 1, 2009 (11)
Charlotte Kekela May 10, 2019 (1)
Ian Kitagawa May 12, 2006 (4)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (37)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (31)
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1 (36)
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (22)
Kathy & Joe Borer May 16 (28)
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (5)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (26)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (36)
Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29 (15)

Announcements:

Fri. May 8 - No Meeting
Thurs. May 14 - Board Meeting
Fri. May 15 - Meeting via Zoom
Fri. May 22 - No Meeting
Fri. May 9 - Shelter Box w/ Resse Mates Meeting via Zoom
Fri. June 5 - No Meeting
Fri. June 12 - Meeting via Zoom

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

In lieu of a speaker,

President Anna asked a few members for an update. A segment we'll call: "What have you been up to?"

Alberta Dobbe is doing well, even if she's been quarantined since March 19th. She says she can only walk the dog, but learning how to work zoom is keeping her busy. Knowing **Alberta**, she'll soon be holding workshops on how to conduct virtual meetings!

Connie Ichinose reported that Rotarian hubby, **Galen** just retired from Helco after 33 years. **Kerry** remarked, "When did he start? At 12?" lol. He was planning on staying on for a couple more years, but was offered the position of Big Island's general manager for Hawaiian Earth, a private company commissioned by the county to promote natural farming, produce, and distribute mulch and compost. Natural farming has always been a passion of his so he couldn't be happier! **Connie** is keeping busy chasing after their new addition, a conure parrot, who loves to poop all over the house.

Jacob Bratton reported that the Salvation Army distributed 400 meals last week. Anyone in need can come and get a bag of food. They are there 7 days a week. It's been really hard to fill bags. They purchased **\$5000** in spam last week. On May 9th, Saturday at 9 a.m. they will have a Mother's Day distribution. The first 100 moms will receive a brunch box. In the box will have all their family needs to make Mom a nice brunch. They are looking for support with this project. Especially having challenges in getting flowers and leis. Email **Jacob** if you can help. (They have enough volunteers and employees to help with serving, but need monetary help and/or help to fill the Mother's Day bags with personal care items.)

Newton Chu wanted to thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy for his father in law and **Rotarian #1, Bobby Fujimoto**. "He was 93 and he lived large. He played such a big role in our lives. Appreciate your thoughts and wishes. He was legendary," **Newton** shared. **Bobby** was an important part of Hawaii's history. His contemporaries and friends were people who were involved in Hawaii moving into statehood. **Newton** added, "The family is in a good place. He didn't want a funeral. **Russ Oda** was his junior so he survived a lot of his friends. He was one of the last to go." **Roberta** is retiring early with the intention of spending time with her parents. Although **Bobby** is gone, she can still spend time with her mom. Rotary was important to **Bobby**, he would remind **Newton** what an honor it was to join this club, second in the state, leaders in the community. "He was a real inspiration to me," he added. **Newton** then went on to report that he often goes down to the office to work because **Roberta** is working from home and she's "too noisy."

Mitch Roth reported that his family is doing good. His oldest daughter lives in New York (no risk there, right?), his youngest in Las Vegas (yikes), and his son in LA - so



all in a "safe place." Back in Hilo, **Mitch** has been dealing with several murders and something he's never seen before – a judge just released a murder suspect. #livingincrazytimes.

Marcia Prose shared that her husband, **Gary** is not doing well. His left side is paralyzed and has no idea what's happening. They are in Honolulu. Family has visited several times. On a happy note, April 28 was **Marcia's** birthday and was delighted when **Helen** and **Don Hemmes** called and sang happy birthday to her.

Jim Becker gave a shout out to **Mitch Roth**. Due to his keen observation skills, he was able to let **Mitch** know that someone was plastering his name all around the island with the tag "for Mayor." Thanks for letting us know, **Kimo-Jim**. #whatwouldwedowithoutyou.

Joy Matsuura let us know that her family was doing good after the recent death of her dad. "Happy to see everyone. Missing the kindergarteners. Looking forward to normalcy. My job just went to virtual so lots of new challenges," she reported.

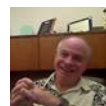
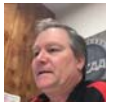
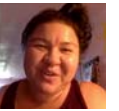
Wally Wong's family is doing fine. No community service planning at this time. Any ideas let him know.

Keith Okamoto – how's the water going? "Still flowing" replies **Keith**. His expert advice, "Everyone keep washing your hands for 2 minutes and that will keep us working." He sent his condolences and best wishes to **Newton, Marcia, and Joy** and added, "When this is done, we're gonna have a big party!"

Stan Fortuna is looking forward to the 100 anniversary year and is hoping to join everyone in Hilo. "So many familiar faces and many new faces. 9th grand child on the way. I lost a grandchild at 10 mos. old and made the decision to move closer to family. A thrill to connect with everyone again. Hilo was our home for 11 years," he shared.

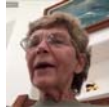
Eric Anderson confessed, "I've turned to a televangelist." He went on to explain that there are a lot of challenges in having a live stream church service. **Pastor Eric** has been spending time each week to write hand written cards, reaching out to his church family. His daughter is a grad student in New York, but got out before it got bad there. She is in New Hampshire. His son is in Boston, works for Starbucks and fortunately is still getting paid.

Pat Guillen thought he saw **Eric** on late night tv selling holy water for \$9.99. **Pat's** family is doing well. **Coach Jimmy** is getting better at Legacy. He's doing rehab 2X/day



and eating really well. **Pat** is still going in to work every day and checking in on his skeleton crew. This was the last week of classes and then graduation. Enrollment numbers are good right now, but that might change if they go online next fall. They are looking at all options, depending on the situation.

Charlene Meyers – last minute happy \$. They got a phone call from son, **Eric** in Pennsylvania who was planning on retiring on June 10 but got a pink slip today. All higher ups are being let go. As it turns out, this was great because he's getting severance pkg and he can also apply for unemployment. Something bad turned into something fabulous so she gave \$100 to **club foundation**.



Tina Jimenez didn't realize how much laundry she used to do when her B&B was open. Or how often she had to make trips to the rubbish dump. Now that she's closed down, she realizes how much she likes it! #silverlining.

The **4-way test** was led by **Helen Hemmes** (who even had a written "cheat sheet" she could share for the camera). The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.



News from our Members

Randy Hart forwarded two photos:

“Lydia spent a couple of months back in Ohio with daughter Chelsey, a Rotarian in Dayton, and grandson Greyson, but she returned to Hawaii prior to the COVID 19 lock down. Now she keeps herself busy with facetimeing them.



“Had the pleasure of having Sheldon Dey, then a SF 49er but now an Indianapolis Colt, to dinner at the Yacht Club prior to closing.

Misti Tyrin shared a parenting tip:

“So I have always been one of those mean Moms who does not allow play dough, slime and mud anywhere near the house :) However my cousin gave me two simple ingredients to make Moon Dough. *1 cup cornstarch and 1/2 cup hair conditioner*. She promised me the boys would have fun and I would be able to handle the mess. Since I am running out of ways to entertain these critters we gave Moon Dough a shot. The boys made a Moon Dough snowman and they were very excited that Mom let them do something messy. I highly recommend this cheap and simple mess for entertaining kids and grandkids while we are sheltering in place.



Helene Tajiri sent some money:

“Because all three of my anniversaries were in March and we didn’t meet, I will mail 3 checks: one for my birthday (\$100 for The Rotary Foundation), 2nd for my 24 year club anniversary (\$100 for the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation), and 3rd for my wedding anniversary -- 52 years with that man! -- (\$100 for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation). Notice I did not say how many years for my birthday (it’s confidential . . .lol). And I will also give \$50 happy dollars to the Rotary Foundation for our own Pastor **Shane Okimoto**’s messages on the Waiakea Baptist Bible Church’s website.

Lani Olds sent some material from her employer:



- Peace of Mind
- Clear Direction
- Comfort
- Confidence
- Savings



- Payment Terms** Many affordable payment options are available, and you can choose one that fits your budget.
- Frozen Prices** Inflation's never-ending drain has no effect on your plans. What you have "chosen" is "frozen".
- Together** You named your children, chose your home, and made every other meaningful decision in your life together. You can make these decisions with the one you love, too.

