

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



April 9, 2021

Chartered: December 1, 1920

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Nancy Cabral called the meeting to order at 12:00pm with the bell which was gifted to us by our sister club in Hiroshima. Guests included **Nancy's sister Patty Day**, and **Sam Willocks** whom joined a month ago.



Alberta kindly led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Hilo Hotel** was where the first meeting took place in January of 1920. Mahalo to **Genie** for doing a consistently great job with the Lava Flow.

We are short on our bags of rice having only collected about 62 bags. We have donated some to **Goodwill**. We are still in need of diapers and underwear for the April 100 project. Donations are being donated to **Goodwill** and **Children's Justice Center**. In May we will take a break for our monthly 100 and instead we will be writing 100 mahalo letters to our **first responders**.

Every Thursday the **Go Cook Em' Crew** cooks a meal at the **Hilo Home for Recovery**.

April 23 is our next meeting. **Kansas Henderson**, general manager of Mauna Kea Beach Hotel will be our guest speaker.

We are in need of volunteers on Wednesday April 21 at the **Wailoa Garden** 8-10am and are looking for anyone with knowledge on trellising for gourds (ipu).

District D5000 Virtual District Conference to be on May 14th. **Marcia Gas** made a silent movie taking place from 1920 to present with lots of information on the topic which will be shown at the conference.

Connie Ichinose announced the Spring Fling postponing which is now on April 29 in-person at **Hula Hulias**. We will be following safety protocols and only 30 members can attend.

There will also be a **virtual cooking demo** on April 22 with **Reese Mates**. Anyone interested in cooking with chef **Reese** (cocktails and chicken) come join! She has prepared a cookbook for attendees.

Our **beach clean-up** will take place on Saturday April 24, the day after our next meeting in 2 weeks. We will be cleaning **Prince Kuhio Kala-**

nianaole Park (near Pond's restaurant). Space is limited to 25 volunteers. **Nancy** will update us with more details. This is a state-wide effort to clean up our islands.

Randy Hart announced the **Spring District training** tomorrow on zoom at 9am. This informative zoom is great for new Rotarians. ClubRunner will be updated with this info soon.

Nancy Cabral announced the birthdays, anniversaries and dates-joined.

Shane Okimoto announced the **Paul Harris Fellowship** which recognizes the Foundation Giving. **Bob Fox** and **Bob Hanley** have already received their badges. These are recognitions for levels of giving. Points can be transferred from member to member. We also have another level of giving called the **Paul Harris Society** and a pin is gifted to members who donate **\$1,000** to the **Rotary Foundation** annually. **Alan Kusunoki** was recognized as receiving this award. Every Rotarian is encouraged to donate at least **\$25** annually. Last month we collected over **\$5,000** for the **Youth Foundation** which is used for annual scholarships. Last year **\$5,000** was gifted to a Waiakea student. The 501(c) (3) **Hilo Rotary Foundation** will decide on where donations will be granting this year's **\$50,000** this Tuesday at the Board of Directors meeting.

Treena Breyfogle told us what we will be getting in our **"Brewfest in a Box"**. The box includes a beer mug, a random selection of 6 cans of mainland or Hawaiian beers or 6 cans of hard cider and/or kombucha as well as some other awesome paraphernalia. How do we buy a box? A Link will be available beginning in May. On June 5th we need 20 volunteers to assemble boxes. June 12 will be a follow up day to finish boxing the articles. On June 18th and 19th we will need volunteers to distribute the boxes around town. Volunteers will get a t-shirt. Send a check for **\$5,000** to the **Rotary Foundation** and become a sponsor for the **Brewfest**. Become one of the 5 levels of sponsorship by June 3rd. Mahalo to our current sponsors **Helene H. Tajiri** (Cellar Hand) and **Susan Munro, Kerry Glass** and **Treena Breyfogle** (all at Cicerone level). **Nancy Cabral** will be a Brewmaster sponsor this year. We are looking for items to include in

the snack pack, please let **Treena** or **Bob Hanley** if you know of any companies who might be able to provide snacks. **Treena** gave a special thanks to the committee working hard on the **BrewFest**.

Happy Dollars were provided by **Helene Tajiri** in celebration of her birthday.

Jim Cheney presents guest speakers **Samuel King** and **Kimo Stone**. **Samuel Stone** presents **Kimo Stone**, a native longtime attorney, musician, and educator in Hawaii.



Kimo's presentation is titled 'A'ole Pono, which means "know" and "righteous". In the late 1960's oceanography and astronomy are proposed as two potential fields which could provide high value opportunities to local families. Mauna Kea's high altitude and oceanic level makes this mountain the best in the world for astronomical advancements. 92% of Hawaii residents



agree that there should be a way for science and Hawaiian culture to both exist on the mountain. As a native Hawaiian, **Kimo** thinks that what is lacking is dicotomy between native tradition and modern advancement. In 1770 **Captain Cook** was given permission to implement the first Western observatory at the **Hikiau Keiau temple**. In 1874 **King Kalakaua** supported the British expedition to observe the transit of Venus and the first modern observatory was eventually built in 1970. After a decade and a 44-day case hearing, the Hawai'i Supreme Court confirmed all permits for **TMT** to begin construction. Protestors initially focused upon environmental issues like leaking hydraulic fluid, wastewater disposal and protected species. Protests then transformed towards 24-hour access and today it has become an emotional and political question as protestors focus on the sacredness of the Mauna. While reminding us of historical grievances of the Hawaiian people, **Kimo** states that "If protests succeed, Hawaiians lose". This is because there will be a loss of \$1M in STEM scholarships per year, a loss of hundreds of high-paying jobs during the 10-yr construction timeline, loss of permanent professional and technical jobs, loss of \$200,000 per year rent paid directly to OHA and loss of opportunity to work

Birthdays:

Jacob Bratton	Apr 06
Alan Kusunoki	Apr 07
Toshi Aoki	Apr 08
Tom Brown	Apr 10
Wally Wong	Apr 11
Sally O'Brien	Apr 14
Bob Hanley	Apr 16
Joe Hanley	Apr 26
Marcia Prose	Apr 28
Alberta Dobbe	Apr 29

Club Anniversary:

Lorraine Shin	Apr 01 1995
Sam Wallis	Apr 02 1976
Craig Shikuma	Apr 03 1992
Kelvin Watanabe	Apr 05 2019
Gay Porter	Apr 12 1991
Shane Shitabata	Apr 17 2020
Beverly Heikes	Apr 28 2017
Reese Mates	Apr 29 2008

Announcements:

- April 23 - Kansas Henderson, GM of Mauna Kea Beach Hotel
- May 07 – 3 Rotary Members Vocation Talks
- June 04 – Ocean Safety Bradley Young & Nolan Agliam



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- Connie Ichinose
- 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- Genie Phillips

with the advanced astronomers and scientists leading the TMT project. COVID-19 highlights our over dependence upon resort development and high-capacity air lift which provided for 21% of Hawaii's pre-pandemic economy.

Kimo then beautifully shares a Hawaiian memorial in honour of **Kalepa Baybayan**, a culturally significant and prodigious Hawaiian man.

Kimo ends with the following quotes: Please support the **'Ohana Kilo Hōkū** team at ohanakilohoku.org.

A moment of silence is taken for **Kalepa Baybayan** at 1:03pm.

Nancy Cabral ends the meeting at 1:06pm.



Paul Harris Fellowship Recognizes Foundation Giving

Bob Fox: PH +3
Bob Hanley: PH +2

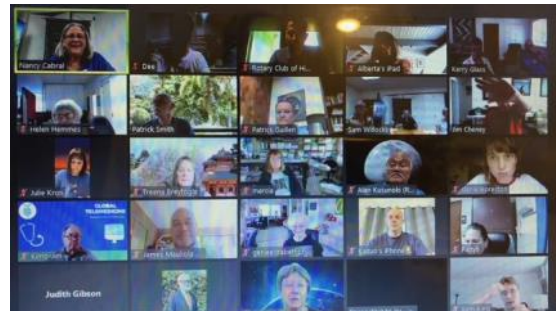
- \$1,000 donated to TRF for first level
- Each additional \$1,000 is another level
- Recognition points gifted can also earn PH Fellow

Paul Harris Society

Alan Kusunoki

Recognizes a commitment by a Paul Harris Fellow to contribute \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation

- Annual Fund
- Polio Plus
- Global Grant



Rotary Opens Opportunities