

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



August 6, 2021

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First, the Set Up

Rotarians arrived at Nani Mau early to set up the audio and video equipment, the banners and the flag; lay the tablecloths; put out the badge boxes; and accept lunch money. Today I spotted Club Service Director **Jeremiah Leonard**, SAA **Kelvin Watanabe**, President **Beverly Heikes**, Youth Services Director **Jen Tanouye**, Vice President **Kerry Glass** and Treasurer **Patty Bray**. And the Greeters: **Jeremiah** put out a call to fill a last-minute vacancy, and he had many volunteers. **Patrick Smith** and **Mitchell Dodo** got there first, but **Helene Tajiri** and **Steve Handy** were ready to step in if necessary.



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And finally, at noon, **President Beverly** called the meeting to order, and asked Foundations Director **Shane Okimoto** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Presidential Remarks

Beverly thanked last week's "Lava Flow" team, **Helen Hemmes** and **Genie Phillips**; this week's team, **Susan Munroe** and **Jen Tanouye** and all the other the members who are helped today (see above).

Beverly reminded us about RI **President Mehta's "Each One Bring One"** membership challenge. And to reinforce the point, she had a sweet treat for everyone who brought a guest today and more treats for folks who brought in new members.

Guests

Four guests attended today:

Cathy Ogino-Williams, guest of **Connie Ichinose**. **Cathy** is a retired social worker who's on the board of the Friends of the Children's Justice Center.

Tara Pruett, guest of **Julie Kron**. **Tara** has been approved for membership, and will be inducted soon.

Nancy Campbell, guest of **Beverly Heikes**.

Michael Day, guest of his sisters **Patti Day** and **Nancy Cabral**.



Celebrations

Birthdays. **Corey Kawamoto** had a birthday on August 2, **Julie Kron** will celebrate hers on August 25. There are six other August birthdays. Check the list elsewhere in this newsletter.

Wedding Anniversaries. There are four August wedding anniversaries to celebrate. **Julie and her husband Jake** have been married 23 years. **Gail and Gordon Takaki** were married 41 years ago on August 2. **Charles & Kelley Heaukulani** celebrated their 36th anniversary on August 1. **Tom and Tina Jimenez** were married on August 6, 39 years ago.

Club Anniversaries. **Malcolm Chun, Jeremiah Leonard**, and **Jen Tanouye** all joined 5 years ago on August 5. **Kazuo Todd** has been in the club one year, **Skye Czember** for 4 years, and **Marcia Prose** for 7 years. We are glad to have you all!

Events and Announcements

The **Social Squad** returns! **Bobby Dugar** says "Socializing with a Purpose" will once again be occurring at TempleBar on **August 18, 5-7 PM**. \$20 at the door, benefitting the Salvation Army.

Happy Dollars

Marcia had **Happy \$** because the Palace is finally open, after being closed for 16 months. There will be a "classic" horror movie from the 1950s, and a "Harry Potter" film. Get your tickets early -- seating capacity is reduced because of the pandemic. **\$ to TRF**.



Julie Kron was happy because of her birthday and her anniversary, and because her friend **Tara** will be joining the club. And because her son is going back to college! **\$ for TRF**.



Mitch Dodo didn't have his own **Happy Dollars** but he delivered some from **Lani Olds**: she is sorry she couldn't be here in person, and she has **\$20 for HRYF**.

Wally Wong is very happy that his daughter **Pua** has returned home after hospitalization and convalescence on Oahu. As you may remember, she had a serious snowboarding accident on MaunaKea some months ago. Now she's back at work at Laupahoehoe Public Charter School, and back to driving. **\$** to our club's foundation. *[Welcome back, Wally!]*



Steve Handy gave a few **Happy \$** to **HRCF** to announce that **HRCF** had already sent **\$5000** to Fiji for emergency COVID supplies. Additional contributions are still welcome, of course. The Suva region has been hard-hit by the pandemic recently.



Dee Scott had a **\$100** contribution to the Fiji project in honor of her four years with the club. Thank you, **Dee!**



Helene Tajiri's grandsons are going back to school. They are so happy to see their friends again, and say that everyone has gotten taller during the pandemic. **\$20 to Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**.



Nancy Cabral's finally able to have the memorial service for her husband **AI**. The service will be something **AI** would have enjoyed, at the Panaewa Equestrian Center. A small service, followed by a big lunch, then rodeo games for the keiki. Her contribution is to

HRYF.



Newish (June 18) member **Lei Quinting-Androya** is happy her Arabian Gelding is OK -- "just a scratch" says the vet. **Lei** will be attending **AI's** service this weekend. She had **\$40** for the **HRCF**.

Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto	August 01
Misti Tyrin	August 01
Tina Jimenez	August 13
Skye Czember	August 20
Kazuo Todd	August 25
Julie Kron	August 25
Jerry Watanabe	August 28
Galen Ichinose	August 29

Club Anniversary:

Malcolm Chun	August 5, 2016 (5)
Jeremiah Leonard	August 5, 2016 (5)
Jen Tanouye	August 05, 2016 (5)
Kazuo Todd	August 14, 2020 (1)
Skye Czember	August 25 2017 (4)
Marcia Prose	August 29, 2014 (7)

Anniversaries:

Charles & Kelley Heaukulani	August 1, 1985 (36)
Gail & Gordon Takaki	August 2, 1980 (41)
Tina & Tom Jimenez	August 6, 1982 (39)
Julie & Jake Kron	August 22, 1998 (23)

Announcements:

August 13—Vocational/Membership

Club Administration 2021-2022

President- **Beverly Heikes**
President Elect- **Connie Ichinose**
Vice-President- **Kerry Glass**
Past President- **Nancy Cabral**
Secretary- **Susan Munro**
Treasurer- **Patty Bray**
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Kelvin Watanabe**
Foundations- **Shane Okimoto**
Membership- **Julie Kron**
Public Relations- **Marcia Prose**
Community Service- **Wally Wong**
Vocational Services- **Mike Meyer**
International Service- **Patrick Smith**
New Generations- **Jen Tanouye**
Club Service- **Jeremiah Leonard**
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- **Tim Beatty**
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Dr. Sunao Wada Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Programs- **Jim Cheney**
Attendance- **Judy Gibson**
Lava Flow- **Genie Phillips**
Greeters- **Patti Day**
Executive Director- **Kerry Glass**



Jeremiah is happy that his email requesting last-minute Greeters had such an overwhelming response. We're sure **Patti Day** will note the volunteer names for future use. \$ to **HRCF**.



And finally, **Beverly** was happy that her guest **Nancy** could come to a meeting to see what Rotary is about. Contribution to the Fiji project.

Today's Program

Today's four board members talked about what's going on in their areas:



Shane Okimoto, our Foundations Director, gave a summary of the giving opportunities available to members, and closed with a plea to give to **TRF's** Annual Fund. "You know you have **\$25** that you can give- your lunch cost **\$25!**" Well said.



Jen Tanouye, this year's Youth Services Director, spoke with evident passion about the projects we do for youth: Rotary in Kindergarten, RYLA, NexTech STEM, Interact...and the list goes on. Maybe someone would be interested in hosting an exchange student for a year, so our club could participate in that program again? If you are interested in any of these, call or email **Jen**.

Our Community Service Director **Wally Wong** listed all the service programs we do in the community, and thanked his committee: **Sally O'Brien, Shaun O'Brien, Alberta Dobbe, Ed Hara, Beckie Marshall, Miles Yoshioka, Genie Phillips, Rosalei Quinting-Androyana, Treena Breyfogle, Lani Olds, Randy Hart, Connie Ichinose** and **Beverly**. If you want to join these guys, email **Wally**.



Finally, our new Membership Director **Julie Kron** announced that Mini Mixers are being scheduled for later this month. Look for emails with details. Oh, and please think about social media: if you are on social media, consider posting to our Facebook page.

And that's all, folks!

Our new president did such a good job of time management that we finished a few minutes early. **Beverly** rang the bell at 12:40, and we were adjourned.

Our next meeting will be next Friday, August 13, at noon, at Nani Mau Gardens.



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