

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



August 28, 2020

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## Back to Zoom

Past President **Kerry Glass** opened the August 28 meeting from home with a Cambodian gong instead of our club's lovely bell. **Stan Fortuna** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President **Nancy Cabral** was signed on, but not running the meeting. She explained to everyone that she's home with her husband **Al**, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. **Al's** on hospice care, and that's where her attention needs to be now. She has asked **Kerry** to temporarily fill in as club president.

**Kerry** got things underway by recognizing volunteers: last week's "Lava Flow" crew, **Newton "Not Fig" Chu**, and **Treena Breyfogle**. This week's team is **Susan Munro** and **Bob Hanley**. And of course, **Bobby Dugar**, our Zoom host. And visitors: **Yu Yok Pearing** (Rotary Club of Hilo Bay) and **Ka'iu Kimura** (today's speakers from 'Imiloa). Also signed on were two of our club's long-distance members: **Stan Fortuna** and **Alan Kusunoki**.

## Events and Announcements

Saturday, August 29, 9 to 11 AM -- **Jonathan Hara Visitation** at Dodo Mortuary.

Sunday, August 30, 11 AM - Rotary Club of Volcano **Peace Pole Dedication** at Volcano Art Center

Friday, September 4 -- No club meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 5:30 PM -- **Board meeting** via Zoom. **Kerry** reminded us that *Board meetings are open to anyone. We'll distribute the Zoom link to everyone this*

*month.*

Friday, September 11 -- **Club meeting** via Zoom

Friday, September 25 -- Club meeting via Zoom. **DG Naomi Masuno** will join us

## Membership Minute (well, maybe two minutes)

Dynamic Director **Connie Ichinose**, shared some stats and photos with us. *Members lost in 2019-2020: Chris Corley, Joshua Countess, Bobby Fujimoto, Danni Gardner, Tom Jimenez, Jim Kennedy, Laura Kniffin, Johnalyn Nosaka, Katie Osborne, Anita Tatum, and Atsuko Winston.* *New members in 2019-2020: Julie Kron, Ben Mark, Beckie Marshall, Joy Matsuura, Amos Meyers, Debbie Minicola, Lani Olds, D'Andrea Pelletier, Loke Russell, and Shane Shitabata.*

The Care Committee members (**Maureen Poirier, Kimo Jim Becker, Sally O'Brien, Helen Hemmes, Dirk Yoshina, and Jen Tanouye**) have been checking in with members we haven't seen for a while. They meet weekly to compare notes. Mini Mixers have been ongoing, and it looks like those folks were having fun. AND.... **Connie** has been conferring with Attendance Czarina **Judy Gibson**: despite the pandemic, 24 members attended every Friday meeting in July.

## Milestones

**Birthdays.** It was a big week for birthdays: **Skye Czember** celebrated a birthday on August 20; **Julie Kron** on the 25<sup>th</sup>; **Jerry Watanabe** on the 28<sup>th</sup>; and **Galen Ichinose** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Anniversaries:** **Julie & Jake Kron** celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on August 22

**Club Anniversaries.** **Danielle & Jacob Bratton** joined our club 2 years ago, on August 16; **Skye Czember** has been a member for 3 years (August 25); and **Marcia Prose** became a member 6 years ago, on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Happy Dollars

**Connie** had **57 happy dollars** to commemorate **Galen's** 57<sup>th</sup> birthday [*Is this even remotely possible? Fifty-seven years old!*] **Yu Yok** and her boss **Ka'iu Kimura** had a contribution because they were pleased to do a presentation for us today. And **Jacob** had some **happy dollars** because he and **Danielle** joined our club two years ago. He says they've always felt welcomed. **Nancy** was happy to be here too, and her contribution was **\$207**. Thanks, Nancy!

## Today's Program

Program Chair **Jim Cheney** introduced **Yu Yok Pearing** by saying that he's known her and her husband since the days when they were dating. **Yu Yok** introduced **Ka'iu Kimura**, the Executive Director at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center ([www.imiloahawaii.org](http://www.imiloahawaii.org)) since 2006.

**Ka'iu** started by acknowledging members of our club who were involved in the creation of the Astronomy Center: our late member **Bobby Fujimoto**, a community leader and benefactor, and **Bob Fox**, who was in the UH Physics and Astronomy department at the time. And our late member **Russ Oda's** architecture firm was responsible for the unique architectural design of the building. [It was definitely a community effort; **Jeremiah Leonard** did

### Birthdays:

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

### Club Anniversary:

Malcolm Chun	August 5, 2016 (4)
Jeremiah Leonard	August 5, 2016 (4)
Jen Tanouye	August 05, 2016 (5)
Danielle Bratton	August 16, 2018 (2)
Jacob Bratton	August 16, 2018 (2)
Skye Czember	August 25 2017 (3)
Marcia Prose	August 29, 2014 (6)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Gail & Gordon Takaki	August 2, 1980 (40)
Tina & Tom Jimenez	August 6, 1982 (38)
Julie & Jake Kron	August 22, 1998 (22)

### 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**

the finish carpentry.]

The museum was closed during the pandemic shutdown, so they have lost visitor \$\$\$, and are struggling financially. But they've done what they can to remain active in the community: enhancing the website, especially adding material for children. And they have set up socially-distanced summer programs for children at the museum.

We saw a short video about **A Hua He Inoa**, a program that enlists students in developing Hawaiian names for newly discovered astronomical bodies. Six such objects that were discovered on Mauna Kea have been given official Hawaiian names that were developed by **A Hua He Inoa**. 'Oumuamau is the long cigar-shaped one that has been in the news recently.

'Imiloa is an official collaborator in the Mauna Kea Management Plan with UH.

And there were questions: Most interestingly, we learned that 'Imiloa has facilitated communication between the Mauna Kea protesters and the state and the TMT developers. **Nancy** was very impressed by the educational efforts at the museum; she hopes that they can be a bigger part of school curriculums on the island. And **Pat Guillen** closed the session by remarking that our speakers today were "superstars." [Was that a pun?]

### And That's All, Folks!

**Pat Guillen** led us in the **Four-Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned. 30+ members attended via Zoom.

Our next meeting will be on September 11.

