

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



August 5, 2022

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Noon at the Hilo Hawaiian

The view from the WSW Steakhouse was spectacular. The tech team – **Kelvin Watanabe**, **Galen Ichinose**, **Dmitriy Ksendovsky**, and **Eric Anderson** – had been hard at work an hour before the meeting. President **Connie Ichinose** called the meeting to order at noon.

New member **Harvey Tajiri** led us in the Pledge to our flag.



Today's Greeters were new members **Lara Gomes** and **Steve Kinder**. They introduced today's guests:



Rotarian **Ted Faigle** from Poipu Beach (Kauai), and **Rick Golba**. **Ted** is D5000's DG Nominee



Chelsea Mack from Southwest Yakima (WA). **Chelsea's** thinking of transferring to our club

Wally Chong, new member to be inducted today.

Samantha Peck, ditto

Tammy Silva, also to be inducted today. We welcome **Tammy** back!

Christina Kegelman, guest of new member Lara (see above).



Kulia Silva, Tammy's guest



Tony Tassilio, guest of Joy Matsuura

Other guests who arrived too late to be introduced:



Rotarian **Monika Medek** from Neulengback-Wienerwald (Austria) and her husband **Michael Weilguny**



Kimo-Jim Becker, the new president of the North Hawaii club.

Members Zooming this week: **Cathy Ogino-Williams** and **Stan Fortuna**.

Today's Lava Flow Photographer was **Joy Matsuura** (filling in for **Bobby Dugar**), and this reporter was taking notes.



Genie Phillips had an inspirational quote to remember when things change: **"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."**

Celebrations

Birthdays

Corey Kawamoto (August 1)

Misti Tyrin (August 1)

Tina Jiminez (August 13)

Wedding Anniversaries

Charlie & Kelley Heaukulani (August 1, 36 years)

Club Anniversaries

Malcolm Chun (August 6 years)

Jeremiah Leonard (August 5, 6 years)

Jen Tanouye (August 5, 6 years)

Kazuo Todd (August 14, 2 years)

Events and Announcements

August is Membership Month. You can see how busy these members have been! Thank you **Helene Tajiri**, **Nancy Cabral**, **Gail Takaki**, **Helen Hemmes**, **Genie Phillips**, **Dee Scott**, **Joy Matsuura**, **Julie Kron** and **Dawn De Coito**.



There was a review of the **"Red Badge"** requirements, a list of tasks we ask new members to complete so they can learn their way around. **Shirley Woods** was congratulated on completing the list. Good job, **Shirley!**

"Harvey's Hometown Walk & Talk."



Take a walk with **Harvey Tajiri** and learn about Hilo town:

• August 10 & 12 – meet at Day Lum, 10:00-12:30 pm

• August 16 & 18 – Ponahawai, 9 – 10:30 am

• August 23 & 25 – Wailoa, 9-10:30 am

• August 30 – Haili & Haili Hill, 9-10:30 am

Social Squad (August 17, 5-7 PM) Temple Bar

Go Cook Um!! Every Thursday we cook lunch for the residents of the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. All volunteers welcome.

Peace Pole Planting (Wednesday September 21). This event, organized by the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise, celebrates the International Day of Peace. At 9 am a tour van will take those who are interested to Waimea for a ceremony and lunch, and end up in Kona for a sunset ceremony and dinner. Call **Malcolm Chun**, 808-277-4390, for more information.

New Member Inductions

Connie called **Wally Chong**, **Samantha Peck**, and **Tammy Silva** to the front of the room, with their respective sponsors **Steve Handy**, **Nancy Cabral**, and **Helene Tajiri**. They pledged to be good Rotarians, and we rose to give them a standing ovation. Welcome!



Happy Dollars

Connie handed the mic over to **Jeremiah Leonard**, and **Kelvin** roamed the room, collecting Happy Dollars.

Today's selection:

Marcia Prose brought this month's Palace Theater program for interested members. Some good old movies, and the organ.



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
Lani Olds	August 29

Club Anniversary:

Malcolm Chun	August 5, 2016 (6)
Jeremiah Leonard	August 5, 2016 (6)
Jen Tanouye	August 05, 2016 (6)
Kazuo Todd	August 14, 2020 (2)
Skye Czember	August 25 2017 (5)
Marcia Prose	August 29, 2014 (8)

Anniversaries:

Charles & Kelley Heaukulani	August 1, 1985 (37)
Gail & Gordon Takaki	August 2, 1980 (42)
Tina & Tom Jimenez	August 6, 1982 (40)
Julie & Jake Kron	August 22, 1998 (24)

Announcements:

August 19—Honoring Legacy Members - Part 1

[Alexander Silvert](#)

Club Administration 2022-2023

- President- **Connie Ichinose**
- President Elect- **Jeremiah Leonard**
- Vice-President- **Mitchell Dodo**
- Past President- **Beverly Heikes**
- Secretary- **Susan Munro**
- Treasurer- **Patty Bray**
- Sergeant-at-Arms- **Galen Ichinose**
- Foundations- **Kerry Glass**
- Membership- **Helene Tajiri**
- Public Relations- **Marcia Prose**
- Community Service- **Beckie Marshall**
- Vocational Services- **Mike Meyer**
- International Service- **Steve Handy**
- New Generations- **Jen Tanouye**
- Club Service- **Kelvin Watanabe**
- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- **Tim Beatty**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
- Dr. Sunao Wada Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
- Programs- **Newton Chu**
- Lava Flow- **Joy Matsuura**
- Greeters- **Aaron Albers**

Helene Tajiri had \$20 for the **Wada Foundation**. BTW, the Hiroshima Club will be visiting our island later this year.



Julie Kron was happy to announce that her son came home to visit for a few days.

Kimo-Jim Becker, formerly of this club, but now North Hawaii club president, invited us all to participate in the Peace Pole event and Sunset Tour.



Monika Medek, president of a Rotary Club in Vienna, Austria, was happy to be visiting Hawaii with her new husband. **Connie** gave her an exchange banner.



Tammy Silva was happy to be back in the club, and happy that her daughter was able to join her today. \$ to the **Wada foundation**.



Chelsea Mack says she's happy to be transferring her membership to our club.



Jim Cheney is glad **Tammy's** back. **Ted Faigle** was happy to be here.



Nancy Cabral had a very generous contribution, and she shared with us that brother has leukemia. [**Nancy**, we are so sorry]



Hilo Fire Chief **Kazuo Todd** spoke about the **Daniel Sayre Memorial Foundation** annual fundraiser at the Fairmont Orchid September 3. The foundation supports the Hawaii Fire Department.



Speaker

Our speaker, **Alexander Silvert**, joined us via Zoom. **Alexander Silvert** is the Federal public defense attorney in Honolulu who defended **Gerald Puana** against the charge that he stole his niece **Katherine's** mailbox. It was **Alexander** and his team of investigators who started the investigation that eventually resulted in prison terms for **Katherine Kealoha** (then Honolulu Deputy Prosecutor) and her husband (then police chief) **Louis Kealoha**.

The Mailbox Conspiracy is the book **Silvert** wrote about the case. He talked about how he first got the case, the facts that made him suspect the **Kealohas**, and what happened then. [*Your reporter bought the book and recommends it.*]

And That's All Folks!

New/old member **Tammy Silva** led us in the **Four Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Post-meeting award presentation. The agenda was too crowded, but **Kerry** wanted **Keith Okamoto** to have his **PH+6**. See the photo.



Our next meeting is **Friday, August 19**. The program will be "**Honoring Legacy Members, Part 1**".

Ted Faigle

(Poipu Beach)



Rick Golba

DG Nominee
District 500



Samantha Peck



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