

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



December 1, 2020

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Connie Ichinose

Photographer: Eric Anderson

President Nancy Cabral called the meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Nancy started the meeting, reminding us all of our club's history. The **Rotary Club of Hilo** was chartered on **December 1, 1920** as the 2nd Club in the Territory – after the Honolulu Club. Our First President was **Carl Carlsmith** with 16 members.

Club member and Opera Singer **D'Andrea Pelletier** sang a beautiful rendition of "America the Beautiful."

President Nancy greeted our guests **DG Naomi Masuno**, members of the Rotary Club of Hilo, Rotarians of the Hawaii Island, Hawaii State Rotarians, members of our Sister Club, Hiroshima South, and other non-Rotarian guests.

A video message from **RI President Holger Knaack** was presented. **President Knaack** shared his disappointment that he couldn't be here to celebrate with us in person. He spoke of how Rotary has opened opportunities around the world. Change is difficult and challenging but we need to embrace it so we can move towards the next 100 years. Some are having difficulties accepting change and we need to pay special attention to them. We need to formulate an action plan that increases our ability to adapt and to find new ways to connect and meet. We also need to make the most of enhanced relationships with **Rotaractors**. Amid uncertainty, we see examples all around the world of service above self. We must continue our commitment to eradicate polio and keep Rotary's values alive – to live the **4-way test** and stay true to our core values. Rotary opens opportunities for us and the people we serve.

Next a video Proclamation from **Hawaii State Governor David Ige** was shown. **Governor Ige** congratulated **President Nancy** and recognized her as the **RCH's** first woman member in 1988. He also recognized many of the club's achievements – locally and internationally.

President Nancy introduced **Rotarian Paul Jurcsak** to make a special **White Hat Society** presentation to **Charlene & Amos Meyers**. **Amos** was recognized as a **Paul Harris fellow** and **Charlene** was awarded her third **White Hat**. This annual giving award to the **Rotary Foundation** was formed in 2004. The recipient of this award gives **\$5,000** in single year. The

White Hat candidate then must recruit another White Hat. This person becomes his/her "Turtle." There are 39 single members and nine couples in Hawaii that have received this distinguished award.

A video of the History of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** as prepared by **Treena Breyfogle** was shown. Unfortunately, technical difficulties prevented a complete showing, so we were promised another showing in the future.

The Rotary Club of Hilo worked during the Occupation of Japan after WWII with **General Douglas MacArthur**, to restore the Rotary movement in Japan to help foster world peace. Japan was invited to the 1949-1950 Rotary International Conference. 21 years later, Hilo Rotarian **Russ Oda** helped form the Sister Club relationship with **Hiroshima South** which has been ongoing for 50 years.

Mitch Dodo summarized a letter from **Hiroshima South**. **President Saiki** extended the club's congratulations. **Hiroshima South** has sent students to Hawaii 15 times and our club has sent interact members 13 times. This is a relationship we hope to continue for the next 100 years.

We were honored to have **DG Naomi** induct three new members into our club: **Danielle Preston**, sponsored by **Wally Wong**; **Shaun O'Brien & Aaron Blake**, sponsored by **Jeremiah Leonard** as a part of the Corporate Membership with Sun Construction.

President Nancy next introduced a video from our Youth Services Committee showing how we have overcome Covid-19 to continue our **Dictionary Program** for 3rd Graders and our **Reading in Kindergarten**.

Due to our technical difficulties with our video history, **President Nancy** had time to open the floor to accept **Happy Dollars**. Thank you to all the club members and guests who so generously donated in honor of our club's 100th anniversary. Please send checks to - **RCH; PO box 7476; Hilo, HI 96720**.

Alberta Dobbe, past Club President led **4-way test** of the things we think, say, or do.

President Nancy announced **Hiroshima South's** upcoming 65th anniversary and the **District Conference** on May 14-16 in Hilo. Our next meeting will be **on Friday, December 18** where we will celebrate more of our history and Christmas.

DG Naomi closed the meeting with words of congratulations to **President Nancy** and the club for this special milestone. "It has brought meaning to all – helping those in need in your community and we'll look towards another 100 years."

The meeting was not officially adjourned as many stayed on to continue the fellowship and well wishes.



Birthdays:

Cathy Gray	December 13
Mike Meyer	December 15
Reese Mates	December 19
Joy Matsuura	December 22
Eddie Hara	December 24
Gay Porter	December 31

Club Anniversary:

Kimo-Jim Becker	Dec 01 1995 (25)
Jim Cheney	Dec 02 1988 (32)
Tina Jimenez	Dec 05 2014 (6)
Shane Okimoto	Dec 09 2016 (4)
Harry Kim	Dec 16 2016 (4)
Steve Handy	Dec 19 2003 (17)
Judy Gibson	Dec 31 2005 (15)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Garry Prose	Dec 01 1969 (51)
Keith & Leigh Okamoto	Dec 19 1992 (28)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan	Dec 22 1973 (47)
Wally & Malia Wong	Dec 22 1993 (27)
Cathy & Jerry Gray	Dec 25 1976 (44)
Bob Fox & Nina Buchanan	Dec 27 2006 (14)

Announcements:

Dec 11—No Meeting
Dec 18—100 year history of the Rotary Club Of Hilo, Part 2
Dec 25—Merry Christmas (No Meeting)
Jan 01—Happy New Year (No Meeting)

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



HRCF (\$100) per person:

1. Nancy Cabral
2. Sonya Mendes
3. Maurice Goulding
4. Doug Adams
5. Kathy Borer
6. Helene Tajiri
7. Malcolm Chun
8. Naomi Menor
9. Win Schoneman
10. Del Green
11. Alan Kusunoki
12. Connie Ichinose
13. Roz Cooper
14. Gary Grimmer
15. Kelly McDonald
16. Newton Chu
17. Helen Hemmes
18. Jim Kim Becker
19. Richard Procter
20. Nalani Flinn
21. Anna Liu
22. Marcia Prose
23. Mike Robinson
24. Charlene & Amos Meyer
25. Mark Snow
26. Saeko Hayashi
27. Stan Fortuna
28. Lorraine Shin
29. Pat Guillen
30. Rick Newkold
31. Ed Hara

HRCF continued:

Chuck Porter (\$250)
Gay Porter (\$250)
Wally Wong (\$25)

HRYF (\$100)

1. Nancy Cabral
2. Gail Takaki

TRF (\$100)

1. Nancy Cabral - Polio Plus + EREY/ (total \$200)
2. Jen Tanouye
3. Laura & John Steelquist
4. Rick Newkold

WADA Foundation (\$100) per person:

1. Nancy Cabral
2. Mitchell Dodo
3. Ed Hara
4. Dirk Yoshina
5. Gail Takaki

East Hawaii Peace Committee

Charlene Iboshi= \$100

White Hat Award

Nancy Cabral = \$500



Rotary Opens Opportunities