

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



December 18, 2020

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Genie Phillips

Photographer: Joy Matsuura

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO – 100 Year Celebration, Part 2

President Nancy Cabral called the meeting to order at 12:01pm, had Bobby Dugar enable screen sharing for all, thanked Kerry Glass for the “wonderful slides with Christmas decorations on them”, and welcomed everyone on zoom to the “100 years and two meetings old”, session.



Dani Preston led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Nancy acknowledged Rotarians, Joe Hanley and Amos and Charlene Meyers, then thanked the Meeting’s Lava Flow Reporter Genie Phillips and the Photographer Joy Matsuura and the help of Reese Matos. She also thanked recent Lava Flow Reporters and Photographers: Shane Okimoto, Keith Okamoto, Connie Ichinose, Eric Anderson.

President Nancy then went directly to the slide for

Announcements and Events.

Some of the highlights included at least 120 trees planted, 100 Glam bags to be distributed soon to the Salvation Army, the Pahoia Club, and the Hawaii Island Homes for Recovery. Also included were the pond at the Rotary Park to be cleaned on Sat, 12/19 under Wally Wong’s supervision, a Pau Hana virtual Christmas Party organized by Connie for 12/22 at 5pm via zoom, a luncheon preparation for the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery on 12/24 and on 12/31 at 10:30 by our Community Service group, a 1/2/21 tree planting at the Wailoa Art Center, and the next meeting date of Jan. 8th.

Beverly Heikes introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2021/2022. A vote was held with unanimous approval of acceptance.



Birthdays and Anniversaries were next acknowledged.

President Nancy next went over Club Giving. Despite the absence of the BrewFest this year, our goal of \$11,000 for 2020 has been almost met. Currently we are at \$10,062. Other goals have been exceeded or are very close. Nancy said this is monumental in the face of the challenges we encountered this year. She then covered how these funds are used, the groups and organizations which receive the benefits of our efforts.



Alan Kusunoki started Part Two of our 100 Year Club History Review by introducing Club Past President Newton Chu (the Don) to cover the early years. Newton



gave an enlightened and creative review of some of our Club’s inspirational moments during this time period, including how Rotary was so named, based upon their early practice of rotating between member offices for their meeting locations. Rotary came to Hawaii in 1915, with the start of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, Club #170. In 1920 around 20 local businessmen met at the Hilo Hotel with the Honolulu Club President, and the decision was made to start the Rotary Club of Hilo. Now, a 100 years later, Newton proffered, we have served as the pre-eminent Club, Club #795, of Hawaii, of which he is so proud to be Past President and a member.

Next President Nancy related the history (and struggle) of integrating women into Rotary, sharing several of her own experiences. Some facts, in 1977 a California Rotary club allowed women to join, but in 1978 the CA club was kicked out of Rotary. After 37 years of back and forth court verdicts, in 1987 the Supreme Court decided applicants could not be blocked from joining on

basis of gender. Nancy spoke about how graciously she was treated by almost all of the male membership, when she joined in Jan. of 1988, with only a few exceptions.



Jim Cheney spoke to the multicultural nature of our club and of Rotary in general. At the International Conference of 1949-50, in order to foster peace, Japan was welcomed back into Rotary. Alan mentioned the Rotary Club of Hilo was instrumental in starting the Boys Club of Hilo in 1952.



Mitch Dodo, our Club President 2005-06, added information about the Wada Foundation. Dr. Wada of Hiroshima, who came to Hilo to research long term atomic bomb exposure effects on descendants, met our club member, Russell Oda in 1969, and a close friendship developed. In 1971 an official Sister Clubs agreement was enacted. Scholarships are given to students from both areas to cross-visit, in order to promote cultural awareness between Hawaii and Japan.



Joe Hanley spoke about the Friends of the Children’s Justice Center of East Hawaii, born in part through the efforts of our Rotary Club of Hilo. In 1988, our club became involved; created and opened it in Hilo at the end of 1989. Joe said it’s an important center, sadly but truly, is needed very badly at a time like this.



Alan Kusunoki then told of our club’s fund raising efforts and the beneficial activities our club performed using these funds. One of several he mentioned was VASH, a group which helps visitors who are victims of crime, or are

Birthdays:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 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**

in distress. Our own **Beckie Marshall** heads up **VASH** here on the east side.

Following upon the success of the **Embalmer's Ball**, in 2012 **Bobby Hanley** and **Alan**, over several beers, conceived the **BrewFest**, which raises funds for the **Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii**, the **Hilo Medical Center Residency program**, and our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.

In 2004-05, to commemorate **Rotary's 100th year anniversary**, with **Mike Robinson** as Club President, we joined with other clubs in Hilo to create the **Kuhio Kalani'ana'ole Park**, across from Reeds Bay.



Helen Hemmes reviewed another part of the good works of Hilo Rotary Club - **the Hilo Rotary Club Endowed Excellence Scholarship**. Funds are to be

used by UH Hilo students for costs associated with attendance (tuition, books, fees, etc). The Scholarship was established in December, 2011.

Randy Hart reviewed a project in Paho, after the eruption of 2018, in which we donated funds for the Charter school destroyed by the lava flow. With our help and other East Hawaii clubs participation, they are around today, operating at Nani Mau Gardens.



President Nancy reintroduced **Dani Preston**, thanked her for leading us in the Flag Salute earlier, and inducted her into our club membership. Due to the late hour, **Nancy** also asked for **Happy Dollars** to be mailed in to the club's PO Box 7476, Hilo HI, 96720.

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

President Nancy next asked **Joe Hanley** to close the meeting by leading the **Four Way Test** of the things we Think, Say or Do.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

HRCF Funded Projects

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| Zamboanga Telemedicine | \$2,000 |
| Face Mask Thank You Gift | \$733 |
| Christmas Hygiene Bags | \$625 |
| Rotary In Kindergarten..... | \$2,110 |
| Dictionary Project | \$986 |
| Rotary Gives Thanks Tree Planting..... | \$200 |
| Bhutan Wilderness Medicine | \$2,729 |
| Ku'ikahi Mediation Center..... | \$1,000 |
| RYLA | \$750 |
| TOTAL..... | \$11,133 |



YTD Club Giving

The Rotary Foundation

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| Annual Fund (\$11,000 goal) | \$10,062 |
| Polio Plus (\$5,000 goal) | \$7,900 |
| Every Rotarian Every Year (\$25 to TRF)..... | 58% |

Hilo Rotary Club Foundation.....\$19,005

Not included above: a \$14,000 donation from Shipman Foundation to HRCF

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation\$3,860

Wada Foundation\$900



Let's Celebrate !



Birthdays

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| Kerry Glass..... | Nov 22 |
| Malcolm Chun..... | Nov 29 |
| Cathy Gray..... | Dec 13 |
| Mike Meyer..... | Dec 15 |

Anniversaries

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| Susan Munro & Kerry Glass..... | Nov 22, 1985 (35 yrs) |
| Marcia & Garry Prose..... | Dec 1, 1969 (51 yrs) |

Club Anniversary

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| Stan Fortuna..... | Nov 30, 2001 (19 yrs) |
| Kimo-Jim Becker..... | Dec 1, 1995 (25 yrs) |
| Jim Cheney..... | Dec 2, 1988 (32 yrs) |
| Tina Jimenez..... | Dec 5, 2014 (6 yrs) |
| Shane Okimoto..... | Dec 9, 2016 (4 yrs) |



2021-2022 Club Officers

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| President Elect..... | Beverly Heikes |
| President Elect Nominee..... | Connie Ichinose |
| Vice President..... | Kerry Glass |
| Secretary..... | Susan Munro |
| Treasurer..... | Patty Bray |
| Sergeant At Arms..... | Kelvin Watanabe |
| Director - Foundations..... | Shane Okimoto |
| Director - Membership..... | Julie Kron |
| Director - Public Relations..... | Marcia Prose |
| Director - Community Service..... | Wally Wong |
| Director - Vocational Service..... | Mike Meyer |
| Director - New Generations..... | Jen Tanouye |
| Director - Club Services..... | Jeremiah Leonard |
| Director - International Service..... | Patrick Smith |

