

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Our **100th Anniversary Celebration Gala** kicked off to an exciting start with members and guests arriving around 5:30 pm. They were greeted with beautiful smiles and warm words of welcome by **Connie Ichinose** and **Jennifer Tanouye**. **Patty Bray**, **Kerry Glass** along with **Susan Munro** made sure that everyone was checked off at the registration table and received their name badge. **Susan** also made festive name tags for our guests.

Once inside, members made their way to the gift table and were greeted by **Galen Ichinose**, **Susan Munro**, and **Dee Scott** where they received their beautifully wrapped Rotary Anniversary T-Shirt with a special holiday ornament attached. (Thanks, **Connie!**)



The easy-listening musical sounds of the duo **Jazz x2** (featuring **Gonzo Bass** and **Jeff Gaeth**) filled the banquet room with a cocktail hour being in full swing.

The "oh so fun" photo booth was waiting to make the night even more special and memorable. **Genie Phillips** and a team of photographers, **Patrick Smith**, **Susan Munro**, **Jen Tanouye**, and **Ken Heikes** were also snapping photos throughout the evening.

Our Master of Ceremony for the evening, **Newton Chu**, was facilitating where needed while preparing us for what was to come with his quick wit, amazing storytelling ability and his very engaging way of connecting with the audience. **Shane Okimoto** led us in a blessing for all just before we sat down to enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner together. Shortly thereafter, our **MC Newton** got the program underway by leading us in the pledge of allegiance and sharing some very inspirational opening remarks. He then acknowledged our esteemed guests in attendance **Mayor Mitch Roth**, **District Governor Sandy Matsui** (from Oahu), **Assistant Governor, Doug Adams**, **District Trainer, Benson Medina**, and **District Secretary Maryann Berry** (from Oahu). **President Beverly Heikes** presented each of them with a beautifully fragrant lei.

After being introduced by our MC, **President Beverly** proceeded to welcome us all with a reminder that turning 100 is quite the achievement and an amazing testament to the importance of our mission as Rotarians.

That this remarkable milestone also presents a greater opportunity to promote the benefits of being a member of Rotary, one of the world's premier service organizations. She then declared that this celebration gala was all about our members and their commitment to **"Service Above Self"**. It was our night to celebrate who we are as Rotarians, what we have accomplished thus far, and why we as a Club will

continue to make an even greater impact in our community and our world, long into the coming future.

Our MC then called **District Governor Sandy** to the stage but not without a little funning. She shared highlights from our history as a Club, words of encouragement, and presented a certificate honoring our 100 years of membership signed by **Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta**. She also performed the honor of acknowledging our past presidents in attendance. They were called to the front of the stage to receive a lei and a Rotary Pin **"Lead the Way"** from **President Beverly** encouraging them to always do so.

Past Presidents in attendance were as follows:

- Ed Hara** 1994 – 1995
- Alberta Dobbe** 1999 – 2000
- Jim Cheney** 2000 – 2001
- Newton Chu** 2002 – 2003
- Helen Hemmes** 2006 – 2007
- Kerry Glass** 2013 - 2014
- Wally Wong** 2015 - 2016
- Steve Handy** 2017 - 2018
- Keith Okamoto** 2018 - 2019
- Nancy Cabral** 2020-2021



MC Newton, with his storytelling ability on full display,



introduced **Mayor Mitch** who then spoke inspirational words of encouragement and presented **President Beverly** along with Immediate **Past President Nancy** a proclamation declaring December 1, 2021, as **Rotary Club of Hilo 100th Anniversary Day** in recognition of the contributions of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** to our community.

MC Newton then turned up his great hilarious "roasting" ability in introducing **Assistant Governor, Doug Adams** who also made inspirational remarks and performed the honors of acknowledging our longtime members in attendance. They were called to the front of the stage in two separate groups, presented a Rotary **"Service Above Self"** pin by **President Beverly** and a lei by **Intermediate Past President, Nancy**. The first group was those with

11 – 20 years of membership and **"Service Above Self"** Rotary pin as follows:

- Tim Beatty** 19 yrs
- Corey Kawamoto** 19 yrs
- Steve Handy** 17 yrs
- Alberta Dobbe** 13 yrs
- Kerry Glass** 12 yrs
- Susan Munro** 12 yrs
- Lorraine Shin** 12 yrs
- Wally Wong** 11 yrs



The second group was those with **20 – 34 years** of membership and **"Service Above Self"** Rotary pin as follows:

- Ed Hara** 34 yrs
- Nancy Cabral** 33 yrs
- Helen Hemmes** 33 yrs
- Jim Cheney** 32 yrs
- Helene Tajiri** 27 yrs
- Newton Chu** 26 yrs
- Chris Tamm** 26 yrs

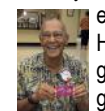


WOW! When adding the years up, that's a grand total of 326 years of membership and **"Service Above Self!"** All of you should be so proud! We are!!

Next up, **President-Elect Connie Ichinose** presented an element of **FUN & GAMES**. She called for volunteers and had to quickly move into the "voluntold" mode to get a team of two ladies (members **Treana Breyfogle** and **Lei Quinting-Androyna**) and a team of two men (members **Corey Kawamoto** and **Mike Myers**) to participate in the first game.



The race was on to use a wrap gift box to fan a Christmas ornament across the floor into a marked square. The ladies were declared the winners because of the men defaulting twice. Both ladies were presented with Yogurtland gift cards. **YUM-YUM!!** Thereafter, **Connie** asked all of us to look underneath our chairs to find a single special holiday sticker. Chairs were flipping simultaneously all over the place with member **Len Woods** excitingly finding the sticker under his chair. He was very happy to receive a Yogurtland gift card as it is one of his favorite places to go for a sweet treat.



Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

Aaron Albers Dec 01 2020 (1)
Shaun O'Brien Dec 01 2020 (1)
Jim Cheney Dec 02 1988 (33)
Tina Jimenez Dec 05 2014 (7)
Shane Okimoto Dec 09 2016 (5)
Steve Handy Dec 19 2003 (18)
Judy Gibson Dec 31 2005 (16)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Garry Prose Dec 01 1969 (52)
Dan Richards & Aki Yoshida Dec 04 2021
Keith & Leigh Okamoto Dec 19 1992 (29)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec 22 1973 (48)
Wally & Malia Wong Dec 22 1993 (28)

Announcements

Dec 17 Elections of Officers
White Guava Café
Dec 24 No Meeting
Dec 31 No Meeting
Jan 07 Club Assembly
White Guava Café

Club Administration 2021-2022

President- Beverly Heikes
President Elect- Connie Ichinose
Vice-President- Mitchell Dodo
Past President- Nancy Cabral
Secretary- Susan Munro
Treasurer- Patty Bray
Sergeant-at-Arms- Kelvin Watanabe
Foundations- Kerry Glass
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
Lava Flow- Joy Matsuura
Greeters- Patti Day

With the program completed and our, **MC Newton** exited stage left after a job very well done and enjoyed by all, we hit the dance floor to celebrate to music and videos presented by **DJ Patrick Cabuyadao**. What an exciting time of dancing and watching Rotarians breakout with some very amazingly serious dance moves. Not only can we "**serve to change lives**" but we can "dance as if no one is watching" and celebrate into the night. **Good times it truly was!!**



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