

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



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Rotary at White Guava Café! Meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Heikes**, and pledge of allegiance was led by **Treena Breyfogle**.

Today's meeting was opened with a special recognition to **Wally Wong**, and his outstanding service as a Rotarian. **Wally Wong** was presented with the District Wide Award from Past District Governor **Naomi Masuno** and **Nancy Cabral**. Congratulations **Wally!**



President **Beverly Heikes** also recognized the hard work of **Jen Tanouye** and **Gail Takaki** for their commitment to **RYLA Leadership Camp**.

President **Beverly Heikes** welcomed our guests, **Benson Medina** (South Hilo), **Charlene** and **Amos Meyer** (Oro Valley), **Naomi Masuno** (West Honolulu), **Jana Ortiz Misiaszek** (brought by member **Lisa Rantz**), and **Heather Rosarib** (brought by member **Connie Ichinose**).



## Announcements

February is **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution or World Understanding Month**. It is also the anniversary of the founding of **Rotary International**.

A review and update of By-Laws will be looked over by committee before any changes are made.

By-Laws Committee Members: **Connie Ichinose** (Chair), **Newton Chu**, **Helen Hemmes**, **Julie Kron**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, and **Susan Munro**.

Finance Committee Members: **Patty Bray** (Treasurer Chair), **Jen Tanouye**, **Anna Liu**, **Kari Hoffman**, **Kayla Takenaka**, **Corey Kawamoto** (Advisory).

**Mini Mixer** will be on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Hilo Bay Café. Meet time is set for 5:30 pm.

## Community Service

**Boys and Girls Club Clean Up**- March 19. Chaired by **Shaun O'Brien**.

**Glam Bags**- 35 Maternal and Child hygiene bags to be distributed. Chaired by **Treena Breyfogle**.

**Slippers and Shoes Donation** to the YWCA of Hawaii Island.

**Go Cook Um Kru**- Preparing Lunch for the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery Residents.

## A Little Fun and "Guess Your Fellow Club Member"?



Membership Director, **Julie Kron** got everyone thinking about who this Rotarian could be!

"This Rotarian plays the Piano, climbed Mount Washington in New Hampshire, enjoys socializing, loves furry friends, and has worn the same shoe size since 4<sup>th</sup> grade (size 12)?" **Bobby Dugar!**



"This Rotarian started out as a teacher, became a business owner, managed several small businesses, is now a real estate professional, prepared many wonderful meal with Go Cook'Um along with her spouse, loves to read to kids with RIK and partnered with her grandson to make amazing reading videos?" **Helen Tajiri**.



## Vocational Month

For Vocational Month, **Joy Matsuura** shared a little bit about her job at the Salvation Army. Her job consists of a nice long list of responsibilities. Working in hand with her Officers and coworkers, she is responsible for the office, social services, and other duties as needed.



## Let's Celebrate!

Birthday's, Club Anniversaries, and Anniversaries were shared.

Happy Birthday:

**Jimmy Yagi**, **Lorraine Shin**, **Robert Efford**, **Naomi Menor**, **Jim Cheney**.

Club Anniversaries:

**Keith Okamoto** (6 yrs) and **Ed Hara** (35 yrs).

## The Paul Harris

The **Paul Harris** pins are such an exciting honor to have! These are individuals who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation. **Kerry Glass**, TRP Director. Presented Paul Harris pins to **Keith Okamoto** (5<sup>th</sup>) and **Newton Chu** (6<sup>th</sup>).



**Kerry Glass** also auctioned off golf packages, for the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation Fundraiser.

"Let's Play Golf!" The bidding was an exciting race for **Newton Chu** and **Jeremiah Leonard**. Raising a total bid of **\$650!**



Congratulations, **Jeremiah Leonard!**

## \$ \$Happy Dollars

**Marcia Prose** is happy coming from the Palace. Hilo Palace Theater will be featuring all Academy Award Films for Best Picture. Donation will go towards **Rotary Club of Hilo**.



**Gail Takaki** is happy for **STEM** and the masks that were put together and produced here in Hilo. These masks have been proven to be comparable to the N95 masks. Donation will go towards **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



**Charlene Meyers** is happy for a quote that she had found on Rotary website. Donation will go towards **Rotary Foundation**.



**Helene Tajiri** is happy that **Fengchuna Liu** finally made it to one of our club meetings. Donation will go towards **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**.

**Bobby Dugar** is happy to be bringing back the social squad! Gathering is being planned for end of March. Donation will go towards **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**, and **Rotary Foundation**.



Past District Governor **Naomi Masuno** is happy for having wonderful members in our club! This club has heart! Donation will go towards **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



**Nancy Cabral** is happy for the Rodeo! Taking place Saturday and Sunday at the Pana'ewa Equestrian Center. She is also happy for the article feature on her husband, written by **Marica Prose**. Donation will go towards **Sunao Wada Foundation**.



President **Beverly Heikes** is happy that her two friends came!

**Fengchuna Liu** is happy for our aloha spirit! Donation will go towards **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



**Keith Okamoto**, donation to **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



Thank you to all who have donated and supported our Foundations!

### Birthdays:

Miles Yoshioka	Feb 04
Shane Okimoto	Feb 06
Helen Hemmes	Feb 08
Jimmy Yagi	Feb 18
Lorraine Shin	Feb 20
Robert Efford	Feb 21
Naomi Menor	Feb 23
Jim Cheney	Feb 28

### Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki	Feb 01 2002 (20)
Anna Liu	Feb 03 2017 (5)
Mike Meyer	Feb 06 2015 (7)
Helen Hemmes	Feb 13 1988 (34)
Dirk Yoshina	Feb 14 1992 (30)
Keith Okamoto	Feb 26 2016 (6)
Eddie Hara	Feb 27 1987 (35)

### Announcements:

March 4: Dr. John Souza  
[Mental Health Services in Hawaii: Access, Utilization and Quality](#)

March 18: Laura Robinson  
[Junior Achievement](#)

### Presentation



Today's speaker was brought today by **Jim Cheney**. **Lisa Rantz** is with Hilo Medical Center Foundation. She spoke on the topics of what HMC is aiming for. Providing our local doctors with benefits that will help them make a living and pay off college debts. HMC is also offering Residency Students opportunities to stay close to home.



Working on a Community First project, data will be gathered through assessments in order to learn what is needed in each community. Their goal is to provide quality health care services that are close to home, and to improve health care all together based on assessments. Educational information will be provided in order to accomplish this project, and to expand health care.

Our meeting was brought to a close by President **Beverly Heikes**, and **Four Way Test** was led by **Carrie Ann Masulit**.

Next meeting will be held on March 4, 2022  
Speaker- **Dr. John Souza**, Mental Health Services in Hawaii.



### 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- **RosaLei Quinting-Androyna**



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