

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



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## Noon at the White Guava Cafe

It was a sunny day in Hilo, and the White Guava Café hosted 27 Hilo Rotarians and their 10 guests, plus some other diners who had arrived early and got seats by the windows.



(They didn't make too much noise). President **Beverly Heikes** called the meeting to order at noon. Hilo Fire Chief **Kazuo Todd** led us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.



The president thanked **Genie Phillips** and **Treena Breyfogle**, and asked them to introduce our guests:



**Lisa Kwee**, **Beverly's** guest and a former Rotarian

**Charlene** and **Amos Meyers**, members of this club until recently. Now from the Rotary Club of Oro Valley in Arizona.



**Jeff Gray**, prospective member and a guest of **Connie Ichinose**

**Jill Siegel-Stone**, guest of **Nancy Cabral**



**Andy Kahili**, today's speaker and a guest of YWCA CEO **Kathleen McGilvray**

**Keshia Harris**, guest of **Beverly Heikes**  
Four representatives of the Laupahoehoe Surfing Club, guests of **Wally Wong**: **Michael Lamarind** (advisor), **Kieran Seiber** and **Tahtiana Minthorn**

**Beverly** thanked today's Lava Flow team: **Jen Tanouye** and **Susan Munro**.



The document you are reading is their work product. **Ed Hara** does the publishing, as usual. Thanks, **Ed!**

**Charlene** and **Amos** brought an exchange banner from their new club, so banners were exchanged, and photographs were taken.

## Events and Announcements

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) February 11-13.** **Gail Takaki** and her team have been working hard on this statewide virtual event. Our club will sponsor 30 students.

**Preschool footwear collection.** Community Service Director **Wally Wong** asked us to bring "slippahs" for the YWCA Preschool, and our members were listening:



seven bags of tiny sandals, plus some ordered online!

**"Go Cook Um Kru"**. The Hawaii Island Home for Recovery is once again the site of a weekly lunch-preparation effort. Volunteers are welcome to participate every Thursday, says project organizer **Beckie Marshall**. Looks like a fun time is had by all.

**Bylaws committee.** Beverly has formed a committee to review the club's bylaws and update them if necessary. Members: **Connie Ichinose**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, **Julie Kron**, **Newton Chu**, **Helen Hemmes**, and **Susan Munro**.

**Did you know...** **Gail** had another installment of her "who is this member" contest. Do you know who is "an ever-ready bunny, always on hand at every event?"

**Connie**, of course! And who's an army kid, a UH Manoa graduate, and a **RYLA** cheerleader? That would be **Gail!** Who has a grown daughter, sits at the "bad boys table" and is a football fan? **Steve Handy**.



## Vocational Minute.

Vocational Chair **Mike Meyer** asked **Patty Bray** to talk about her new gig at Popover, the bakery she runs with her sister. **Patty** brought visual aids and discussed the anatomy of a popover sandwich. Check it out at 399 E. Kawili.



## Paul Harris Awards.

Foundations Director **Kerry Glass** presented awards. **Patrick Smith** got his Paul Harris Fellow Certificate and a PHF+1 pin; **Connie** got her PHF+3 pin, **Randy Hart** is now PHF +7, and **Gail** got her PHF+3. What a generous group of Rotarians!



## Celebrations

### Birthdays:

**Miles Yoshioka** (February 4),  
**Shane Okimoto** (February 6),  
**Helen Hemmes** (February 8)

## Wedding Anniversaries:

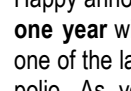
**Alberta Dobbe** and her late husband were married 68 years ago, on February 6, 1954.

## Club Anniversaries:

**Toshi Aoki** (20 years),  
**Anna Liu** (5 years),  
**Mike Meyer** (7 years),  
**Helen Hemmes** (34 years),  
**Dirk Yoshina** (30 years)

## Happy Dollars

**Charlene** and **Amos** are happy to be visiting the island again and made a **TRF** donation. Though they love their new club, they have many memories of ours. But **Charlene's** real Happy announcement is that Pakistan has gone **one year** without a new case of polio. Pakistan one of the last hideouts in the world for endemic polio. As you may remember, **Charlene** has always been a strong believer in Rotary's Polio Plus efforts.



DG-Elect **Randy Hart** made a donation to **TRF** and talked up new District 5000 Rotary Logo shirts. See him or the [district site](#) if you want to buy. These are designed by **Tori Richard**, in dark blue or red **Randy** was wearing the blue, and **Nancy Cabral** was wearing the red one. A portion of sales will be donated to the Hokulea World Voyage.

**Kathleen McGilvray** also had a **TRF** donation. She used her time to present **Kerry** with a "top fundraiser" prize for his "Walk a Mile" participation in past years. Golf at Mauna Kea Golf Course -- too bad **Kerry's** not a golfer! Rumor has it that he's going to auction this and donate the proceeds to **HRCF**. Stay tuned for details.

**Jen Tanouye's Happiness \$** will go to **HRYF**. She's happy to have guests **Jill Siegel-Stone** and **Lisa Kwee** helping with **RYLA** preparations this year.

**Nancy Cabral** was so happy she had three checks: to **HRCF**, **TRF**, and a separate one for the **YWCA**. And why is she so happy? The **Panaewa Stampede Rodeo** will take place this year on February



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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:

Feb 18: Lisa Rantz (Exec Director—Hilo Medical Center Foundation) [What the foundation does to get doctors to come to Hilo](#)

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

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

### 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**

She will be giving away tickets today: get a free one, then buy a ticket for your date (Remember the **4-way test**).

**Lisa Kwee** misses Rotary and loves all our programs. \$ to **HRCF**.



**Jeremiah Leonard** (Club Service Chair and President Elect) wants you to sign up as a greeter or to help with the Lava Flow. \$ to **HRCF**.



**Jill Siegel-Stone** says she's new here, and it's time to start getting involved in community activities. \$ to **HRCF**.

Today's Program

Community Service Director **Wally** introduced introduced member **Kathleen McGilvray**, and **Kathleen** introduced today's speaker, **Andy Kahili**. **Andy** has been with the Y for 32 years. As she tells it "Not many men can say that!"



**Andy** talked about the YWCA's "**Healthy Families**" program. It's been going since the 1980s, and has garnered worldwide praise. This is a home visit program, that can function as an extended family support. YWCA staff visit with the parents and the child in their home to offer a wide range of services and parenting advice. Once a child is admitted, the child and the parents can be in the program for three years. They have space for 68 families. This is part of a statewide home visit program.

### Adjournment

**Charlene** led us in the **4 Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting will be on February 18.**



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