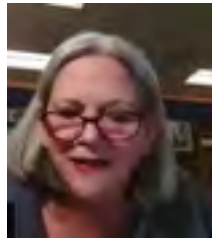




February 5, 2021
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Helen Hemmes
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Pre-Meeting. Those of us who signed on early for the Zoom meeting were welcomed and had fun seeing two Rotary bells. **Club President Nancy** noted that we “always need to adjust to achieve.” It was fun to see **Jimmy Yagi** at the Zoom meeting.



Opening. **Club President Nancy Cabral** called the meeting to order at noon, ringing the Rotary bell and noting the Club was celebrating its 100th year. **Randy Hart**, future District Governor, led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked **Newton Chu** for being the reporter and **Keith Okamoto** for being the photographer for our Jan. 22 Lava Flow issue, with **Helen Hemmes** and **Eric Anderson** reporter and photographer, respectively, for this week. Thanks to **Bobby Dugar** for hosting the Zoom meeting!



It was noted that our new member and guest speaker would be introduced later, with no other guests in attendance.

Announcements and Events.

Donations for January and February. Rotarians are encouraged to give more blankets (new or slightly used) for distribution to Friends of the Children’s Justice Center, as we’re short of our 100 blankets for the month. For February, “rubba slippahs” (flip flops) will be donated to the Salvation Army, Hilo Temple Corps. Items can be delivered to either Day-Lum or Hawaii Printing.



Aloha Ilio Rescue Fundraiser. **Julie Kron** encouraged Rotarians to attend the event tomorrow, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 235 Waiuanue Ave., with proceeds to help homeless persons take care of their pets and to fund stray dogs.



Volunteers for every Thursday. **Helene Tajiri** thanked Rotarians who volunteer for the weekly lunch preparation for the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery, starting at 10:30 a.m. Let her know if you wish to volunteer.

Induction of New Members Today. That’s postponed until later in the meeting, as one of the three nominees (**Charles Heaukulani**) is at court. All three, including **Kelley Heaukulani** and **Devin McMackin**, are sponsored by **Wally Wong**.



DOH COVID Inoculation Scheduling. As **Benson Medina** emailed, Rotarians are encouraged to volunteer to help register kupuna for the vaccine on Monday-Friday through March. **President Nancy** noted that “Rotarians and vaccines go together,” noting that Rotarians internationally have helped with the polio vaccine.

Upcoming Meetings. **Eric Page** from Lyman Museum is our guest speaker on Feb. 19, and **Mitch Roth**, our County Mayor and also a member of our Club, on March 5.

Let’s Celebrate.

President Nancy listed those celebrating wedding and club anniversaries (no Rotarians with birthdays the past two weeks). Congratulations to **Danielle and Jacob Bratton** (15 years) and **Biff and Anna Kennedy** (55 years). Club anniversaries were those of **Julie Kron**, **D’Andrea Peletier**, **Nancy Cabral**, **Toshi Aoki**, **Anna Liu**, and **Chuck Porter**. **Club President Nancy Cabral** gave a little history regarding her joining the Club Jan 28, 1988. Back in 1920, the 18th Amendment gave women

the right to vote. In 1950, a Rotary Club in India made a proposal to eliminate the word “male” from the Rotary constitution, but it was not until May 1987, that the Supreme Court ruled that Rotary should not exclude members on the basis of gender. The May 7, 1987, Lava Flow for our club referenced the action via a “wait and see” approach, with some Hilo Rotarians obviously uncomfortable with the Supreme Court’s decision. The world for our Club evolved on Jan. 28, 1988, with Nancy’s becoming a member (the first female member of our Club). Thanks for that little piece of history!

Grants.

The Board authorized payment of three grants from the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation (HRCF):

Friends of the Children’s Justice Center, \$7,000; Hilo Medical Center Foundation, \$7,000; and Hi600 Blue Mask Program, \$5,000. Thanks were expressed for the donations, as usually funds come from our annual fundraiser, the Brewfest. If you wish to donate, the address is HRCF, P.O. Box 7476, Hilo, HI 96720.

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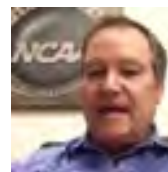
Birthdays	None	
Anniversaries	Danielle & Jacob Bratton Feb 4, 2006 (15 yrs)	
	Biff & Anna Kennedy Feb 4, 1966 (55 yrs)	
Date Joined Rotary	Julie Kron Jan 24, 2020 (1 yr)	
	D’Andrea Poletier Jan 24, 2020 (1 yr)	
	Nancy Cabral Jan 28, 1988 (33 yrs)	
	Toshi Aoki Feb 1, 2002 (19 yrs)	
	Anna Liu Feb 3, 2017 (4 yrs)	
	Chuck Porter Feb 4, 1994 (27 yrs)	



Happy Dollars.

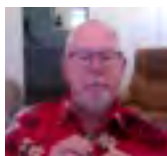
Marcia Prose donated \$\$ to invite Rotarians to the free concert via The Palace Theatre website on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

Patrick Guillen welcomed the coaches at the meeting (Jimmy Yagi and our speaker, Kaniela Aiona). He gave \$86 in honor of Jimmy Yagi’s



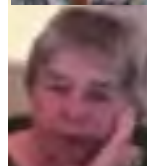
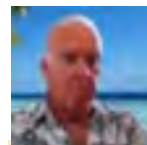
upcoming birthday on Feb. 18.

Julie Kron donated \$\$ to the HRCF, thanking Patrick Guillen for all his help with her college son.



Kerry Glass shared \$\$ too, nothing he was happy that he got his COVID-19 injection as one of ten Club

members aged 75 and older. He shared that both Chris Tamm and he were contacted by Kaiser; Susan Munro is volunteering to help with registration via phone calls (with a few other Rotarians signed up to do so). He encouraged Rotarians to get the vaccine. Alberta Dobbe said she got her shot too.



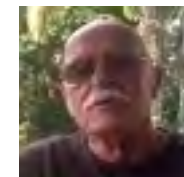
Beckie Marshall gave \$\$, stating she was a proud Mom, with her daughter an intern for Senator Kahele on Capitol Hill.

Helene Tajiri gave \$\$ to the HRCF, thanking the volunteers for the Thursday lunch. The “Go Cook

‘Um Crew’ includes Tina Jimenez, Treena Breyfogle, Beckie Marshall, Jen Tanouye, Helene, and her husband Harvey.

Randy Hart gave \$\$ for the sad news – that the District Club meeting (being coordinated by Alan Kusunoki) this spring will be virtual only – but the good news is that it helped him make the decision that the meeting in 2023 will be held in Hilo. He wants a fun and enjoyable meeting. If you are interesting in volunteering on his committee, let him know.

Patrick Smith donated \$\$ to share the good news that his daughter who had COVID-19 and pneumonia has since made a full recovery. What a blessing!



Jen Tanouye gave \$\$ to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation to share info about funds for Wally Wong, who is in Honolulu with his daughter, now at Queen’s Hospital. Donations for his expenses can be contributed via GoFundMe, via sending a card and donation directly to Wally (address on our membership list), or dropping off a check at Day-Lum Realty, with President Nancy ensuring he gets contributions. President Nancy shared that she would give \$\$\$ in his daughter’s name, and she noted that both Eddie Hara and she appreciated the “wonderful ways” in which Rotarians came through when they both dealt with the loss of family members in 2020 (Eddie’s son, and Nancy’s father and husband).



President Nancy noted five club members this month are doing what Wally has done by himself every week/month.

Aaron Albers gave \$\$ as well.

[Introduction of Our Speaker.](#) **Jim Cheney**, our program planner, invited **Patrick Guillen**, UH-Hilo Athletic Director, to introduce the men's basketball coach at UH-Hilo, **Kaniela Aiona**. He's the sixth head coach after the first local coach, **Jimmy Yagi**, who is now retired. **Kaniela** grew



up in Waimea and is a Honokaa High School graduate. He left the Big Island 19 years ago to play college collegiate basketball and then began his coaching career. Webster is his alma mater, and his most recent position was a five-year run as head coach at Menlo College where his teams had a high grade point average. His team qualified for the 2019-2020 NAIA national conference that was canceled because of COVID-19. And additional impressive credentials were shared.



[Speaker UHH Basketball Coach Kaniela Aiona.](#)

Coach **Aiona** shared his appreciation for being invited to speak to our Club. He said he was new to the business of the Rotary Club, but since he grew up in Hawai'i, he said he understands "Aloha" and cultural perspectives. He said **Patrick Guillen** had helped assemble a great coaching staff and that the mission for the team is greater than just the number of wins and

players, ages 18-22, have been able to practice starting in late October. They now have a 3-1 record since the season started.

One of the issues he discussed was the recruitment of players locally and elsewhere. He noted that recruitment is relationship oriented and that having coaching staff and others with whom you have contact and trust helps with recruitment both locally and even internationally. The current team, mostly local, has players from New Zealand, Australia, and Southern California. It's a tricky year for recruiting, as high school graduates are available and so are college students whose seasons have been affected and who now have another year to serve on a team.

Those who are basketball fans definitely want to follow the team by checking on-line and reading the Sports pages in our local newspaper.



With regard to a question by **Genie Phillips** as to what rally cry he uses for his team, **Coach Aiona** noted that he would say, "Play hard, play smart, play together."

[Installation of New Members.](#)
Postponed!

[In Closing.](#) The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m., with thanks to all for attending and with **Aaron Albers** invited to lead the Club in the 4-Way test of the things we think, say, and do.



