

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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What a meeting we had, and a turn out! Today was lively and full of laughter at the White Guava Cafe. Much preparation was put into today's meeting, which was opened by President **Beverly Heikes**. Today's gathering was called to order at 12 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Joy Matsuura**.



"A good laugh is sunshine in the house." - William Thackeray

Nothing brings more laughter and sunshine than Rotary's motto "**Each One Bring One.**" Stories, connections, and relationships are what is seen at today's meeting. Also, good smelling food. President **Beverly Heikes** encourages us to invite the people in our lives to meetings and service projects. We welcomed our guest, **Jeff Gray** (invited by **Julie Kron**), and **Jon Countess** and **Sandy Tokuuke** (Invited by **Jim Cheney**).

Announcements

January is Vocational Month, led by **Mike Meyers**, Vocational Director.

Community Services, led by **Wally Wong**, **Glam Bags for Homeless**- Feb. 18, 2022.

Led by **Treena Breyfogle**.

Boys and Girls Club Clean Up- March 19, 2022

The Club celebrated its members' birthdays, anniversaries, and club anniversaries.

Happy Birthday!

Shane Shitabata (Jan. 6),

Anna Liu (Jan. 9),

Gail Takaki (Jan. 17),

Newton (The Don) Chu (Jan. 19),

Mitch Dodo (Jan. 19).

Happy Anniversary!

Mitch and **Noriko Roth** (31 yrs.)

Happy Club Anniversary!

Maso Amako (18 yrs.),

Raymond McPherson (18 yrs.),

Eric Anderson (5 yrs.),

Ben Mark (2 yrs.),

Bob Hanley (11 yrs.),

Patrick Smith (20 yrs.),

Genie Phillips (5 yrs.),

Julie Kron (2 yrs.),

Nancy Cabral (34 yrs.).

A new member induction is the best way to start the New Year. In the mist of Covid, it is easy to keep focus on the shadow. A shadow that has left a shade on the world. Every morning the sun rises, and Rotary will continue to bring out the resources, opportunities, and change for our community. We welcomed our newest member, **Cyrus**



Johnasen. Sponsored by **Tim Beatty**.

About Cyrus

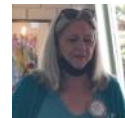


Cyrus Johnasen works for County of Hawaii as Director of Communication. He is married to **Hoku Johnasen**, and has a pup named **Boston**. **Cyrus** says he is looking

forward to establishing a connection between Rotary and the County of Hawaii and is excited to be a part of the club.

Happy Dollars

Cyrus Johnasen is happy to be our newest member for the year.



Nancy Cabral is happy to have made a lot of money, and has made contributions to

Newton Chu is happy to bring awareness and raise monies to help Tonga.



Jon Countess is happy and proud of his children.

Randy Hart is happy to be celebrating his grandson's 2nd birthday.



Mitch Dodo is happy to be 52 years old, and that everyone should go to Popover Bakery and try the maple bacon donut!



Gail Takaki is happy is happy to be celebrating her 69th birthday and will be donating **\$69**.



Dee Scott is happy for her daughter's acceptance into nursing school. Congratulations!



Robert Efford is happy to donate in light of Rotary's focus of youth, and how Arc of Hilo is helping youth transition into various situations.

Today's guest speakers

were invited by Program Chair, **Jim Cheney**. **Jon Countess**

and **Sandy Tokuuke** provide financial services through Merrill



Lynch. Speaking on the topic of financial planning in a pandemic.

Jon and **Sandy** first wanted to thank Rotary for all the good that the club does for our community!



The presentation started with a question. Would you like to be a millionaire? Secretly everyone's hand went up. It was brought to attention that Hawaii schools do not provide any financial literacy, including our universities. Anyone can become a millionaire, like some of their clients who were described as regular people.



One being a truck driver, a teacher, and a young adult with a part time job. When we take these steps: paying yourself first, living within your means, eliminating credit card debt, and investing. This helps you to be able to save regularly. When investing, stocks were advised as a way to accumulate wealth.

For more info on Financial Planning, contact **Jon Countess** or **Sandy Tokuuke** at Merrill Lynch.

Today's meeting was brought to an end at 1 pm by President **Beverly Heikes**, and **Four Way Test** by **Dee Scott**.

See you all at our next meeting!

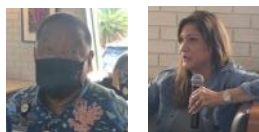
Feb. 2, 2022, at 12 pm-

White Guava Cafe

Presenting YWCA- Maternal and Child

Birthdays:

Shane Shitabata Jan 06
Anna Liu Jan 09
Gail Takaki Jan 17
The Don Chu Jan 19
Mitch Dodo Jan 19



Photos—not in report

Club Anniversary:

Masao Amako Jan 01 2004 (18)
Raymond McPherson Jan 01 2004 (18)
Eric Anderson Jan 06 2017 (5)
Ben Mark Jan 10 2020 (2)
Bob Hanley Jan 14 2011 (11)
Patrick Smith Jan 15 2002 (20)
Genie Phillips Jan 20 2017 (5)
Julie Kron Jan 24 2020 (5)
Nancy Cabral Jan 29 1988 (34)

Wedding Anniversary:

Mitch & Noriko Roth Jan 13 1991 (31)

Announcements:

February 4

Maternal & Child Health Awareness
YWCA

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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