

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



July 23, 2021

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## Opening

Members and guests were welcomed upon arrival for the in-person meeting at the Nani Mau outdoor site by **Kerry Glass**, Vice President and **Patty Bray**, Treasurer, who collected funds for lunch. Greeters included **Joy Matsuura**, **Lani Olds**, and **Aaron Albers**.



Our newly-elected **President Beverly Heikes** called the meeting to order, inviting **Joy Matsuura** to lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

She invited **Doug Adams**, Assistant District Governor, to introduce our special guests from Oahu, **Maryann Berry**, District Executive Secretary, and **Sandy Matsui**, District Governor (DG).



**President Beverly** welcomed the DH with a lei, and we all stood up to express our honor and appreciation. (For information on the DG's background, go to [www.rotary5000.org](http://www.rotary5000.org).)



**Kerry Glass** then welcomed others, **Aaron Albers** (his first in-person meeting), **DG Sandy Matsui**, **Maryann Berry**, **Leonard** and **Shirley Woods** with their grandson **Mekhi Woods**, and **Doug Adams**, Assistant District Governor.



**Connie Ichinose** welcomed **Ayeshah Salayman**, **Patrick Guillen** introduced the new Administrative Assistant in his office at UH-Hilo, **Kim Kamei**, and **Julie Kron** welcomed **Tara Pruett**. **Eric Moller** was the guest of **Kazuo Todd**.



**President Beverly** expressed thanks to **Jeremiah Leonard**,

Club Service Director, for posting her screens, the first expressing "Mahalo!" to June 18, 2021, Lava Flow reporter **Genie Phillips** and photographers **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro**, along with today's names, **Helen Hemmes**, reporter, and **Genie Phillips**, photos.

Next was the listing of **Announcements & Events**, with August as **Membership Month** ("Each One Bring One"), clubs meetings on August 6 and 13, **Social Squad** ("Socializing with a Purpose") on August 18, 5-7 p.m. at Temple Bar, along with the note that Early Bird Registration for the District Conference May 20-22, 2022, at the Aulani Disney Resort & Spa, has been extended to July 30, 2021. She also

noted that he would be taping the meeting for distribution, rather than have a hybrid meeting of in-person and Zoom.

## Let's Celebrate!

**Jeremiah Leonard** featured the "Happy Birthday" song with July birthday attendees invited to stand.

Then came a neat song with the screen, "Let's Celebrate" for wedding anniversaries, with the Rotarians present acknowledged (**Ed Hara**, married 43 years to **Portia**) and **Randy Hart** (31 years to **Lydia**) – with a correction to 28 years shared by **Randy**. Then came even more music for the Rotarians who **joined Rotary in July**, the years ranging from 13 (**Alberta Dobbe**) to 3 (**Bobby Dugar**). Good fun!



## Happy Dollars!

It was amazing how many contributed and for various reasons:

**Randy Hart** donated \$100 (Club and wedding anniversary),



**Mitch Dodo** \$20 (for our two special guests from another island (Oahu)), and **Corey Kawamoto**, with a gift both to the DG and Exec. Secretary, along with a happy \$100 to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to support funding needs for food and much more in Fiji, in coordination with Rotary Fiji.



**Tim Beatty** and **Kelvin Watanabe** also contributed to **HRFY**.

**Connie Ichinose** gave \$100 for the first official meeting, the **DG's** presence, and funding for the Fiji project.



**Susan Munro** gave \$ (undisclosed amount) for her upcoming birthday celebration on July 30 and Fiji project.

**Pat Guillen**, happy that we are in-person, gave \$ (undisclosed amount).



**Jen Tanouye**, New Generations Chair, gave \$ for **RYLA**, **Interact Club**, dictionary distribution, and reading to kindergartners. (Do contact her if you want to volunteer!)



**Keith Okamoto**, a past president, gave \$100 in honor **President Beverly's** first meeting, along with a generous gift for the Fiji project.



**Dirk Yoshina** also gave \$100,

**Kazuo Todd** giving \$100 to the **HRFY** with a salute to **Pres. Beverly** for her first meeting and his happiness of being back in person.



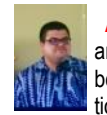
**Patrick Smith** was happy to be vertical with Fiji (donated \$200).



**Alberta Dobbe** gave \$87 to the same project, the amount based on her current age as of her April birthday



Funds were also donated by **Maryann Berry**, with the comment that **Alan Kusunoki** could transfer his membership to any other club but prefers to stay with **RC of Hilo!** to the Fiji vaccination fund.



**Aaron Albers** shared that he and his wife are now licensed foster parents for a newborn girl with a \$25 **HRFY** gift. Congratulations, **Aaron!**



**Nancy Cabral** expressed thanks for all that happened last year when she was president and gave \$50 each for all the members she sponsored for membership, as she strongly advocates support for the donations of **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)**.



The final Happy Dollars came from **Nancy's** sister, **Patti Day**, grateful that her sister is no longer president. Wow! Truly Happy Dollars for important activities.

NOTE: We learned that the Board approved matching funds on a \$1 to \$1 basis up to \$5,000 from donations to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** for the Fiji Covid 19 relief program being run by the Rotary Club of Suva East. A care package would include hygiene products, food, and mask.

## Installation of New Members.

**President Beverly** introduced her guests and read a short bio. The credentials of both were impressive! She then invited **DG Sandy Matsui** to do the installation of new members



**Shirley Woods** and her husband **Leonard**. She asked for a response from both regarding agreement for regular attendance as members of the **RC of Hilo**, partnership in supporting projects, and action to share the standards of Rotary. Both agreed. Their sponsor, **President Beverly**, presented leis, and **Connie Ichinose**, President Elect, presented them with their certificates.



### Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz	July 03
Aaron Hatada	July 06
Gene Tao	July 20
Sam Willocks	July 22
Eric Anderson	July 23
Cowboy Kaneshiro	July 24
Ian Kitagawa	July 27
Lara Sonoda	July 27
Genie Phillips	July 28
Mitch Roth	July 28
Treena Breyfogle	July 30
Susan Munro	July 30

### Club Anniversary:

Bruce Blankenfeld	July 10, 2015 (6)
Alberta Dobbe	July 11, 2008 (13)
Connie Ichinose	July 12, 2013 (8)
Bobby Dugar	July 13, 2018 (3)
Mitch Roth	July 19, 2013 (8)
Kathy Borer	July 21, 2017 (4)
Dee Scott	July 21, 2017 (4)
Misti Tyrin	July 23, 2010 (11)
Lisa Rantz	July 26, 2013 (8)

### Anniversaries:

Eddie & Portia Hara	July 1, 1978(43)
Kazuo & Miko Todd	July 03, 2005 (16)
Randy & Lydia Hart	July 17, 1990 (31)
Tom & Delia Brown	July 29, 1981 (40)

### Announcements:

August 6—Club Assembly/Membership  
August 13—Vocational/Membership

### Club Administration 2021-2022

President- **Beverly Heikes**  
President Elect- **Connie Ichinose**  
Vice-President- **Kerry Glass**  
Past President- **Nancy Cabral**  
Secretary- **Susan Munro**  
Treasurer- **Patty Bray**  
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Kelvin Watanabe**  
Foundations- **Shane Okimoto**  
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**  
Attendance- **Judy Gibson**  
Lava Flow- **Genie Phillips**  
Greeters- **Patti Day**  
Executive Director- **Kerry Glass**

### Program.

**DG Sandy Matsui** started her presentation with the 12-minute video from **Rotary's International President Shekhar Mehta** of India, noting that District Governors attended via Zoom this year. His talk was stimulating, with his emphasis on **"Do More, Grow More"** with the expression **"Each One Bring One"** in the next 17 months, with the goal of moving from 1.2 million members (the same amount for the past 17 years) to 1.3 million. In his talk, he shared about becoming a Rotarian with the focus on **"Service Above Self"** and his first experience of learning to think more about people who needed help rather than about himself (in his case, checking the strength of a person's hands to see if the person had the strength for equipment). Service then became a way of life for him. He noted the focus for this year, **"Serve to Change Lives."** In life, one should ask, May I give? May I serve? The focus this year is also on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), with his noting that girls face many issues in different countries.

The **DG** shared much more. In Hawai'i, the focus is changed to **"Service with Aloha to Change Lives."** With Rotary days of service, a key question is, "Is it Fun??" The focus this year includes various activities:

- 1) Plan with Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact,
- 2) Partner with local businesses, community groups, or government,
- 3) Welcome families and friends to Rotary,
- 4) Promote Rotary on multimedia platforms (Are we reading the weekly newsletter?),
- 5) Collect information/data, and
- 6) Have four types of Rotary days of service. These Rotary Days of Service include
- 7) Project 1 in Sept. 2021, Education and Literacy,
- 8) Project 2 on Nov. 27,
- 9) Project 3 in Feb. 2022, and
- 10) Project 4 on April 23. She noted that human trafficking is an Island of Oahu project, giving an example of an eight-year-old victimized by her grandma.

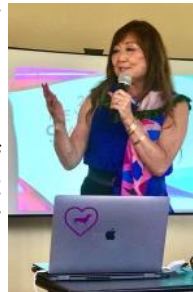
She ended her talk by sharing that she was able after 28 years to induct her husband as a member, with the language from the "Lilo and Stitch" movie: "Ohana means family and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten."

She also noted that the early bird deadline has been extended to July 30 to register for the District Conference, to be held May 20-21, 2022, at Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa, on Oahu. "Let's serve with Aloha to change lives!"

### Closing.

**Shane Shitabata** led us in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, and do, with the fifth item, "Have fun!"

**President Beverly** ended the meeting with thanks to all for coming.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**