

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



July 8 2022

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First Meeting for **President Connie Ichinose!**

The meeting began promptly at noon at the upscale SWS Restaurant at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Rotarians had their choice of



menu items such as Caesar Salad, French Dip and even a plant based burger selection. President **Connie Ichinose** reminded everyone that this is a Zoom hybrid meeting. **The Together We Can** theme tied the event together. Everyone at the meeting got an Imagine Rotary pin! Once the meeting was called to order, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by VP **Mitch Dodo**.



Greeters - **Genie Phillips, Tina Jimenez**



Guests were introduced by **Helene Tajiri**. **Helene** brought three guests, **Lara Gomez, Della Yamashiro** and her husband **Harvey Tajiri**. **Steve Handy** brought guest **Wallace Chong**. **Samantha Peck** was also a guest; she'd contacted the club via our website.



Then we heard words of inspiration by **Helene Tajiri**, who shared that "God bless America" is actually a prayer. She explained why that this is an arrangement that she and the late **Dirk Yoshina** had presented at meetings in the past on July 4. and went through the lyrics. Then we all rose to sing a verse and chorus of "God Bless America", along with people on Zoom. Those participating via Zoom were The Rotary Club of Hilo, **Alan Kusunoki, Julie Kron, Mike Meyer, Stan Fortuna, Jr, Cathy Ogino-Williams, Shirley Holmes Woods, Patrick Smith, and Dmitriy Ksendzowsky**. After the song, **Helene** gave an envelope to **Connie**, explaining that it was gift from **Dirk**. In his will, he had left the club **\$1000**.

Connie went through all of the birthdays for the month,

Lisa Rantz – July 3

Aaron Hatada – July 6,

and anniversaries,

Ed & Portia Hara – July 1 44 years

Kazuo & Miko Todd – July 3; 17

years,

and our District Governor,

DG Randy Hart, who on July 9 celebrates 32 years as a Rotarian!

Participants also got a list of projects that are coming up, as well as a survey of our interests in certain community activities.

Then we went to Club Announcements, starting with **Tina Jimenez** who spoke about what a wonderful experience it is to be part of **Go cook Cook emUm**. Every Thursday 10:30 am-Noon this group does lunch preparation for Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. Anyone interested should contact **Beckie Marshall** or **Tina Jimenez** for more information.

We then heard about an opportunity to collect school supplies for local students! **Joy Matsuura** shared that this will be going on all throughout July. Contact **Joy** or **Beckie Marshall** for more details on how to be a part of this.

More announcements followed, and we were encouraged by **Bobby Dugar** to take part in Social Squad, "**Socializing with a Purpose**" which meets Wednesday, July 20 at the Temple Bar at 5:30 in Hilo.

Mini Mixers are back! If you want to play pickleball, the hottest new athletic craze, a game is set for Thursday July 21.

Contact **Jen Tanouye** for the low down. A Walk and Talk mini mixer led by **Harvey Tajiri** was discussed by **Gail Takaki**, who quipped that if **Harvey Tajiri** doesn't know something, he'll make it up!

Joint projects with other clubs include a **Ginger Eradication Program** with the **Kaka'ako Eco Rotary Club** on July 16, The **Paint the Town** event on August 6 with the **Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset**, and, in celebration of the **International Day of Peace**, the **Sunrise to Sunset Peace Pole Planting** with the **Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise** on Wednesday, Sept. 21



District Governor **Randy Hart** will be at our next meeting on July 22! He will be meeting with club board of directors prior to that gathering.

Lisa Rantz award! It was announced that **Lisa Rantz**, Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center, has been given the Athena Award, made possible by Bank of Hawaii and KTA Super Stores.

Congratulations, **Lisa!**

Eric Anderson shared about the Orchid Show and preview party on Thursday, July 28th and says it goes from 6-9 p.m. and that tickets are available. This is a great way to invite friends who may be interested in becoming Rotarians.

Happy dollars

led by VP **Mitch Dodo**, as many people wanted to celebrate the great things happening in their lives!



Susan Munro, Club Secretary, gave **50 dollars** donation to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, and said she is happy we are back in SWS and that it is so nice to see everyone.

Connie Ichinose, our new Club President, gave **50 dollars** to **Rotary foundation**

Keith Okamoto gave **20 dollars** to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



Steve Handy gave **20 dollars** to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, designated for the **Fiji Solar Project**. Says he is happy his friend, dentist **Wally Chong** is at the meeting.



22 Happy Dollars were given to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** by **Lisa Rantz**, in honor of her 2022 Athena Award

Birthdays:

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| Lisa Rantz | July 03 |
| Aaron Hatada | July 06 |
| Gene Tao | July 20 |
| Sam Willocks | July 22 |
| Eric Anderson | July 23 |
| Cowboy Kaneshiro | July 24 |
| Cathy Ogino-Williams | 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:

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| Randy Hart | July 09, 1990 (32) |
| Bruce Blankenfeld | July 10, 2015 (7) |
| Alberta Dobbe | July 11, 2008 (14) |
| Connie Ichinose | July 12, 2013 (09) |
| Bobby Dugar | July 13, 2018 (04) |
| Mitch Roth | July 19, 2013 (09) |
| Kathy Borer | July 21, 2017 (05) |
| Dee Scott | July 21, 2017 (05) |
| Misti Tyrin | July 23, 2010 (12) |
| Len Woods | July 23, 2010 (01) |
| Shirley Woods | July 23, 2010 (01) |
| Lisa Rantz | July 26, 2013 (09) |

Anniversaries:

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| Eddie & Portia Hara | July 1, 1978(44) |
| Kazuo & Miko Todd | July 03, 2005 (17) |
| Randy & Lydia Hart | July 17, 1993 (29) |
| Tom & Delia Brown | July 29, 1981 (41) |

Announcements:

July 22, DG Randy Hart
Vision/ Goals/Plans for his year

Club Administration 2022-2023

President- **Connie Ichinose**
President Elect- **Jeremiah Leonard**
Vice-President- **Mitchell Dodo**
Past President- **Beverly Heikes**
Secretary- **Susan Munro**
Treasurer- **Patty Bray**
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Galen Ichinose**
Foundations- **Kerry Glass**
Membership- **Helene Tajiri**
Public Relations- **Marcia Prose**
Community Service- **Beckie Marshall**
Vocational Services- **Mike Meyer**
International Service- **Steve Handy**
New Generations- **Jen Tanouye**
Club Service- **Kelvin Watanabe**
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- **Tim Beatty**
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Dr. Sunao Wada Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Programs- **Newton Chu**
Lava Flow- **Joy Matsuura**
Greeters- **Aaron Albers**



Eric Anderson gave **100 dollars** to the **Rotary Foundation**.



Kathleen McGilvrey says she is glad to be back and gave **10 dollars** to the **The Rotary Foundation**.

From Zoom! Remote member **Stan Fortuna Jr.** says he is glad to be in Michigan and grateful for his family, and he gave **1001 dollars** to the **Rotary Foundation**



Nancy Cabral mentioned a YWCA luncheon Weds 27 at Ola Brew in Hilo and gave **\$1000** to that event and **\$1000** to the **Rotary Foundation**.

Connie Ichinose went over the Board of Directors for 2022-2023, and introduced

Beckie Marshall, director of Community service, who encouraged everyone to help out. She urged everyone to fill out their biography on the web site so we know their interests.

Steve Handy, director of International Service, discussed more solar projects for schools in Fiji to reduce carbon emissions and use green energy. He explained that money that would be spent on fuel can go toward computers. This will lead to students gaining the skills they need to succeed. The program is also teaching children about recycling- kids clean up beaches and things get recycled on the mainland. **Mr. Edwards** from Australia has already helped several schools.

Membership committee leaders **Nancy Cabral** and **Helene Tajiri** handed out colored papers. They asked everyone to put down their name and the names of two people they think would make good Rotarians.

Marcia Prose of the Public Image Committee discussed needs for web site, blogs, photographers and reporters.

Connie reminded us there are 12 opportunities this month to serve. She says we should consider bringing prospective members to mixer events.

Jen Tanouye of Youth Service Rotary discussed an opportunity to read to Kindergarten children.

Club President **Connie Ichinose** thanked the audio/support team, including



Sam Willocks, Eric Anderson, Kelvin Watanabe, Galen Ichinose and **Jeremiah Leonard** for making the technical part of the meeting and Zoom connection happen.

The meeting was then led in the **Four Way Test** by **Chris Tamm**.

And then there was a final reminder for the **July 22 meeting**, which will feature our District Governor, **Randy Hart!**



Lara Gomez, Della Yamashiro



Wallace Chong



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