

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow

Photographer: Eric Anderson

June 4, 2021

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Helen Hemmes

Opening.

Prior to opening the meeting at 12:08 p.m., **President Nancy Cabral** shared the challenges of locating a place and getting approval to hold the meeting in person at the Salvation Army, 219 Pōnahawai Street, in downtown Hilo, with having the site also work for Rotarians attending via Zoom. The lunch included Subway sandwiches and bentos, salad, and chips, all individually wrapped, with cookies—and, as announced later—donuts for dessert. Mahalo plenty, **President Nancy**, and **Danielle** and **Jacob Bratton** from the Salvation Army for making it possible! **Keith Okamoto** led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.



President Nancy expressed thanks to Lava Flow reporter **Newton Chu** and photographer **Keith Okamoto** for the May 21 meeting and shared that **Helen Hemmes** and **Eric Anderson** (attending today via Zoom) had volunteered for today. Our theme, she noted, is **“Just to Achieve.”**

Upcoming events

...were then noted, with thanks to those who wrote thank you letters to medical persons for all their help during the pandemic and to the key volunteers for the June project, organizing and getting community support for the **“Brewfest in a Box.”** Volunteers are needed to help pack the boxes on June 12 at **President Nancy’s** house, with the drive-thru pick-up the evening of June 18 and during the day, June 19, at the Boys and Girls Club. On June 26, Rotarians can help with community service at the **Rotary Centennial Park** at 9 a.m., followed by a social picnic and the **Brewfest in a Box** virtual concert starting at 2 p.m. She noted that her last meeting as president will be held on June 18, the location to be announced.

Introduction of Guests.

Treasurer Jen Tanouye introduced her friend **Starry Summers**, a yoga instructor with many more talents.



Also present was **Roy Breyfogle**, guest of **Treena Breyfogle**.

Let’s Celebrate!

Birthday celebrations were noted for **Chuck Porter**, **Judy Gibson**, **Kathleen McGilvray**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, **Patrick Guillen**, **Dirk Yoshina**, and **Danielle Bratton**.

Stan and Nancy Fortuna, **Aaron and Lydia Albers**, **Jimmy and Jeanne Yagi**, **Dee and Greg Scott**, **Carrie Ann** and **Santos Masulit**, and **Miles and Wendy Yoshioka**. **Gail Takaki**, **Mitch Dodo**, **Patty Terada**, and **Pete Muller** are celebrating **Club anniversaries**.

Announcements.

President Nancy thanked **Marcia Prose** for her article in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald about the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. Mahalo, **Marcia!**

Volunteers are needed after our meeting today to help assemble backpacks for clients of the Salvation Army, items to include basic necessities including caps. Funding came from a District grant of **\$5,000** plus matching funds from our Club.

When is the installation? **Beverly Heikes**, president-elect, announced the date and place would be announced soon, tentatively on July 17 or 18.

President Nancy then announced directors attending should come forward for pins honoring their work this past year, plus a 100-year pin. She also thanked **Randy Hart**, Governor Elect, and others attending the meeting via Zoom.

Tribute

Alberta Dobbe, a former president, gave a tribute to **William R. Dolan**, “**Ron**,” as the Club has learned he has left Hilo. She shared how “**Ron**,” a “reputable



CPA,” came to the rescue when the Club needed research on the rules and regulations regarding foundations. Thanks to his help and that of the committee – **Harris Hirata**, Chair, **July Malagday**, and **Buddy Gordon**, the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** was re-established during her presidency (1999-2000).

Program – Ocean Safety

Jim Cheney, Programs Administrator, introduced the speakers, co-workers **Nolan Agliam**, who has been employed 19 years with Ocean Safety as an Ocean Safety

Officer & Rescue Watercraft Crewperson, and **Bradley Young**, employed 10 years as an Ocean Safety Officer & Rescue Watercraft Operator.



When the program started, we saw the title Ocean Safety Division, Hawai’i Fire Department,

County of Hawai’i, April 2021, on the screen with both speakers wearing masks and introducing the goal of their talk, “Seeking help to match the needs of our community.” **Nolan Agliam** shared that Hawai’i County’s lifeguard program is 20 years behind Oahu and 8 to 10 years behind Kona in approaches. For over 25 years, the County used a single person at the beach parks. In 2018, employees took the stand that



they didn’t want to work alone as it is dangerous for employees while responding to incidents. Also, he noted, working alone does not provide adequate surveillance or response to incidents. A number of beach towers are now closed.

Another key point was that headquarters for the program over 25 years ago started at the Walter Victor Stadium, then moved to NAS Pool by Hilo airport, and are now at Richardson’s Park. A current goal is to find a central area for headquarters and training. Any help from Rotarians would be appreciated.

Bradley Young then shared his background (a degree in marine science) and noted that a new program started in 2015. Services with equipment are provided up to 2 miles out in the ocean. Eighty percent of the focus is on preventive actions. Services include education & drowning prevention, rescues & emergency life support, enforcing shoreline ordinances & regulations, offering first aid & basic medical care, and doing search and rescue operations. Staff includes 50 Water Safety Officers (26 East District, 24 West District), 1 Lieutenant, and 2 Captains. Recertification is required every three years with a listing of the various training activities.

Equipment includes surveying towers and binoculars, BLS medical equipment, airway (oxygen), trauma external defibrillators (AED), cervical/spinal equipment (C-Spine), HFD VHF (Very High Frequency) radios, Communication equipment (cell phones, long range acoustic devices (L-Rad), HFD VHF (Very High Frequency) radios, plus ATVs, UTVs, and RWC Vehicles. The goal is to have preventive action to

Celebrating anniversaries in June are

Birthdays:

Chuck Porter	June 4
Judy Gibson	June 6
Kathleen McGilvray	June 7
Jeremiah Leonard	June 11
Patrick Guillen	June 12
Dirk Yoshina	June 14
Danielle Bratton	June 19
Jen Tanouye	June 19
Biff Kennedy	June 21
Dee Scott	June 25
Beckie Marshall	June 29
Ron Dolan	June 30

Club Anniversary:

Gail Takaki	June 01, 1993 (28)
Mitch Dodo	June 04, 1999 (22)
Patty Terada	June 06, 2016 (5)
Peter Muller	June 20, 2016 (5)

Anniversaries:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna	June 02, 2011
Aaron & Lydia Albers	June 06, 2015
Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi	June 07, 1980
Dee & Greg Scott	June 08, 1996
Carrie Ann & Santos Masulit	June 18, 2015
Miles & Wendy Yoshioka	June 20, 1984

Announcements:

June 18- Global Grans
Barbara Kiernan, Catalina Rotary Club

Club Administration 2021-2021

President- Nancy Cabral
 President Elect- Beverly Heikes
 Vice-President- Kerry Glass
 Past President- Anna Liu
 Secretary- Susan Munro
 Treasurer- Jen Tanouye
 Sergeant-at-Arms- Jacob Bratton
 Foundations- Shane Okimoto
 Membership- Connie Ichinose
 Public Relations- Marcia Prose
 Community Service- Wally Wong
 Vocational Services- Mike Meyer
 International Service- Patrick Smith
 New Generations- Gail Takaki
 Club Service- Bobby Dugar
 Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- Tim Beatty
 Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- Mitch Dodo
 Programs- Jim Cheney
 Attendance- Judy Gibson/Dirk Yoshina
 Lava Flow- Genie Phillips

keep the beaches safe and to be able to provide help for residents and visitors. He noted that 50 percent of the deaths of visitors are caused by drowning.

Future goals include having towers open 7 days per week, having extended hours (10 hours days/sun-up to sun-down), captain and lieutenant per district, their own department, and a headquarters' facility.

Questions followed regarding the challenge of visitors and staff's involvement with Bayfront. With time running out and with **President Nancy's** desire to ask for Happy Dollars, both **Nolan Agliam** and **Bradley Young** were encouraged to stay to respond to additional inquiries. Mahalo plenty for sharing and for all the activities taken and planned to keep residents and visitors safe!

Happy Dollars and more

Treana Breyfogle encouraged members to pick up flyers for the "Brewfest in a Box" to post at business sites and on Facebook.



President Nancy gave \$50 for her sister **Patti, Newton Chu** gave \$20 **Steve Handy** contributed \$20 to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** for all the work that **Nancy** did this past year ("didn't go crazy and not crying"),

Jen Tanouye \$10 on behalf of her guest,



Jim Cheney \$20 for the delightful thank you letter he got from the West Hawaii Community Center for the letter he sent as our May project, and

Jacob Bratton gave \$100, (\$50 each) sharing that the Salvation Army is moving **Danielle** and him at the end of June to Ogden, Utah, and expressing appreciation for their three years of Club membership.

Closing.

Genie Phillips led us in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, and do, and the meeting ended with the announcement that donuts were available as today is National Donut Day, a day created in 1938 by the Salvation Army as a fundraiser.



Rotary Opens Opportunities