

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



March 5, 2021

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: the Connie Ichinose

Photographer: Joy Matsuura

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by **President Nancy Cabral** with a welcome to our 100th year of the Rotary Club of Hilo.



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by soon to be inducted new member, **Sam Willocks**.

Guests:

Wally Wong –Welcome to **Charles** and **Kelley Heaukulani**, who will be inducted at this meeting, into our club. “They are strong individuals to our community and will bring a wealth of talent to our club.” **Wally** also wanted to thank everyone for their support for his daughter, **Pua** who was in a serious accident last month. **Wally** is with **Pua** on Oahu while she undergoes rehab. He reported the encouraging news that she’s getting up and walking with walker. Welcome to **Peter Boucher** from the RC of South Hilo.

Jade Chen – guest of **Connie Ichinose** – Please take the opportunity to meet **Jade**, a young woman who is already an accomplished entrepreneur, mother of a 10-year-old son, published author, and much more. She will be inducted today as well.

Carrie Ann Masulit, **Charles’** sister, joining in to celebrate in his and **Kelley’s** installation.

Shirley – **Beverly Heikes’** guest.

Miles Yoshioka – guest of **President Nancy Cabral** and soon to be inducted as a new member. **Miles** is the Director of the **HI Island Chamber of Commerce** and a recent club speaker.



Reporter/Photographer this week: **Connie Ichinose** and **Joy Matsuura**.

Announcements:

Nancy - **100 blankets** were quickly distributed yesterday to the **Salvation Army**, **Children Justice Center**, and **Kamana Senior housing**. **Nancy** commented that as she was driving around a little bit later, she already saw someone on the street using one of the donated blankets. **Rotary in Action in our Community!**

Nancy also reported that we have collected over 100 pairs of slippers.

Treena Breyfogle – March’s 100 items is **rice**. Drop off your bags of rice to the **Day Lum downtown office** or to **Hawaii Printing**. Any size bag will be appreciated and will be donated to the **Food Basket**.

Helene Tajiri – **Go Cook um Crew** at the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery**. “Come one time and that will be great! Get to know your fellow Rotarians on a different level. Join us!”



DOH Covid Phone Banks– **Alberta Dobbe** mentioned that they have enough volunteers at this time. **Connie** mentioned that they will be needing more when the next tier is instigated. See **Benson Medina** (Rotary Club of South Hilo) for sign up info.

March 19 – club assembly

April 9 – Speaker **Samuel Wilder King**, Executive Director IMUA TMT.

April 23 – Zoom member meeting; speaker to be announced.

April 24 – beach clean-up – **Wally**; community service. Possibly major South point clean up with trucks or Rotary Park clean up in honor of Earth Day; April 22.

District Conference, May 14-16 (virtual) – **Nancy** - business ads will be offered to Rotarians for an insert in the Star Bulletin and Hawaii Tribune Herald. **DG Naomi Masuno** has asked our club to submit an ad, commemorating our 100-year anniversary.

June 18 - last meeting of the Rotary year 2020-2021.

June 26 - **Brewfest Beer in a Box day** –**Treena Breyfogle** asked members to save the date, June 19. The **Brewfest committee** will need volunteers to stuff beer boxes and envelopes and man the pickup stations. The committee will also be sending out sponsor requests. Brewfest supports our club foundation.

Installation:

The Rotary Club of Hilo is proud to introduce and welcome its new members:

Charles Heaukulani, sponsored by **Wally Wong**

Kelley Heaukulani, sponsored by **Wally Wong**

Sam Willocks, sponsored by **Nancy Cabral**

Jade Chen, sponsored by **Connie Ichinose**

Congratulations! All members give a virtual standing ovation!!!!

Birthdays:

Patty Bray	Mar 04
Bobby Dugar	Mar 09
Kelvin Watanabe	Mar 13
Kelly Heaukulani	Mar 25
Helene Tajiri	Mar 25

Club Anniversary:

Cathy Gray	Mar 03 2017 (4)
Jade Chen	Mar 05 2021
Charles Heaukulani	Mar 05 2021
Kelly Heaukulani	Mar 05 2021
Sam Willocks	Mar 05 2021
Beckie Marshall	Mar 6 2020 (1)
Lani Olds	Mar 6 2020 (1)
Cindy Boots	Mar 07 1997 (24)
Tom Brown	Mar 17 1989 (32)
Naomi Menor	Mar 18 1988 (33)
Tammy Silva	Mar 23 2012 (9)
Chris Tamm	Mar 24 1995 (26)
Helene Tajiri	Mar 25 1994 (27)
Galen Ichinose	Mar 31 2017 (4)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis	Mar 01 1969 (52)
Mitch & Karen Dodo	Mar 12 2005 (16)
Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun	Mar 18 2005 (16)
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe	Mar 19 1989 (32)
Jeremiah & Toni Leonard	Mar 20 2013 (8)
Beverly & Ken Heikes	Mar 23 1996 (25)
Helene & Harvey Tajiri	Mar 23 1968 (53)

Announcements:

Mar 19 - President Nancy & Board
Mar 26 - No Meeting
April 02- No Meeting
April 09- Imua TMT
Samuel W. King & James Stone

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

Paul Harris Recognition – Shane Okimoto recognized Mike Meyer for attaining his Paul Harris +1. Shane explained that \$1000 or points earn your first Paul Harris achievement. Each additional \$1000 donation to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) or points get you the next level. One of our annual club goals is to achieve EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year), where every Rotarian in our club donates at least \$25 to TRF. Mike remarked that he got a reminder to give his EREY donation and when he did, this is what put him over the top and got him to his coveted +1 status!

Happy Birthday to:

February – Lorraine Shin (Feb. 20); Naomi Menor (Feb. 23); Jim Cheney (Feb. 28).

March – Patty Bray (March 4)

Rotary anniversaries:

Bob Fox, 37 years; Keith Okamoto, 5 years; Eddie Hara, 34 years; Cathy Gray, 4 years.

Happy Dollars:

Bob Fox - \$500 in honor of his 37 years in Rotary. Bob added, “Nani Mau is dying to have us back.” He expressed the sentiment that many of us are feeling – let’s get back to our weekly in person meetings!

Helene - \$25 to HRYF in honor of Treena’s excellent video on the club’s 100 anniversary.

Connie - \$25 to TRF to start off new member Jade’s Paul Harris/EREY.

Nancy - \$25 each for Sam, Charlie, and Kelley to start off their Paul Harris/EREY.

Charles - \$25 (TRF) in honor of Pua, Wally’s daughter.

Carrie - \$25 in honor of her brother, Charlie’s new membership to the RCH.

Jade - \$25 (TRF) Thank you for the honor of becoming a member of the RCH.

Beckie - \$25 in honor of the first virtual RYLA – watching students blossom

brought her so much joy. “Mentoring their leadership makes me a better leader!”

RYLA: Jen Tanouye – Thank you to all Rotarians who helped this past weekend. Special thank you’s to Gail Takaki, Kathleen McGilvray, Patti Terada, Danielle Preston, Beckie Marshall. Also, to those who helped deliver Ryla boxes and pizzas to the students: Helene Tajiri, Connie



Ichinose, and Nancy Cabral. More than 100 students from across the state participated. Jen will share some great videos in near future.

Happy Dollars continued:

Skye – \$25 to either club foundation or TRF.

D’Andrea - \$30 (TRF) happy because she just had the honor of a live stream performance, singing for Rotary International. D’Andrea has 2 singles coming out. Check them out on all social media platforms under “Queen of Opera”.

Nancy - \$100 HRCF in honor of RYLA and her grandson, Justin who attended and had a great time! He made a lot of friends and was glad that his grandma forced him to attend.

Beckie added that a young man named Jacob did an excellent job, helping with many of the technical issues!



Guest speaker – Mayor Mitch Roth

Our esteemed **Mayor and RCH member, Mitch Roth** began his talk sharing that, “**With every adversity there is always a greater opportunity.**” **Mitch** recently suffered a severe heart attack. While recovering, he discovered some interesting information. Recovering HMSA patients’ cardiac rehab is only covered if done in Kona. This causes a good deal of hardship for many on the east side of the island. If they don’t go, there is a 40% likelihood that they will experience another heart attack. This is where **Mitch** discovered one of the benefits of being the mayor – he has had conversations with HMSA’s CEO to remedy the situation. He also asked why the new HMC cardiac facility has not been progressing and discovered that the process is stuck in, you guessed it, permitting! **Mitch’s** administration is working on improving and streamlining the permitting process.

To clarify the confusion, **Mitch** confirmed that the 10-person maximum gathering requirement is still in place. But he had some good news in that the Governor is planning to reopen much of the state as of April 1st. All but one mayor agrees (**Mitch** was one of those in agreement).

In addition, upcoming very soon will be a new proclamation amendment regarding outdoor gatherings which will up the maximum to 25 people in attendance. It will also be possible for other businesses like the Palace Theater to operate and have functions of more than 10 people in attendance. They will need to go through Civil Defense and submit a safety plan to receive approval. This will be a big thing for hotels, who need to be able to operate and bring back the tourists. All this is to ensure that reopenings are done in a safe manner. Part of the proclamation amendment will include business exceptions and should be signed by the Governor by Monday, March 8.

One of **Mayor Roth’s** campaign promises was to conduct a sustainability summit within the first 100 days of this term. True to his word, our Mayor is in the middle of just such a summit, its speakers include **Nainoa Thompson**, among others and break out sessions. One of the major sustainability concerns is the ability for our kids to raise their kids on this island and so on for generations to come. Affordable housing, quality jobs, like jobs in the STEM industry are key components.

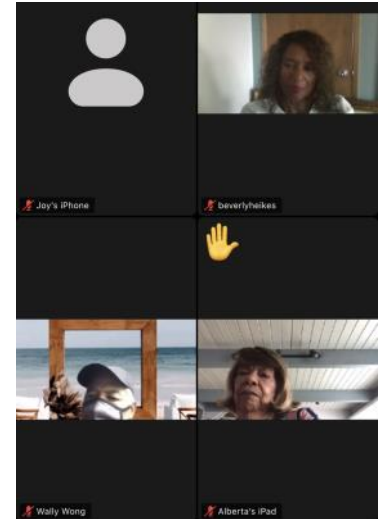
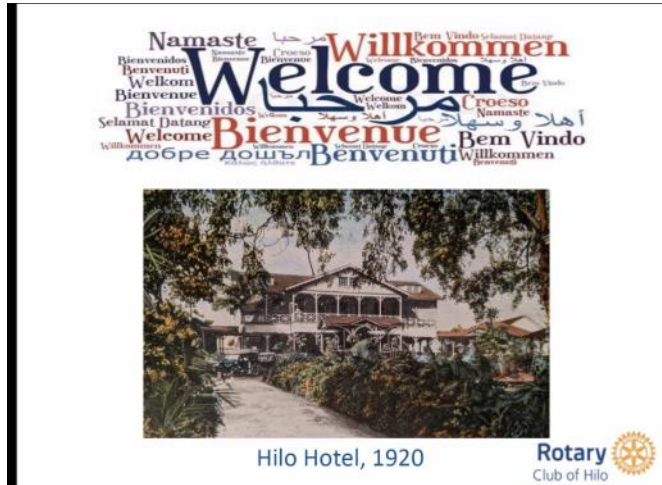
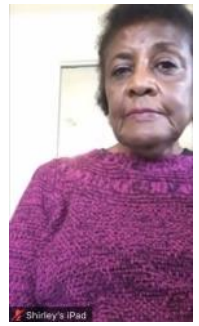
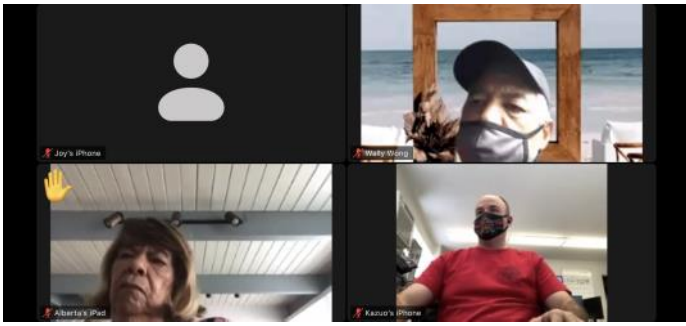
Food sustainability is another major issue. We need to be able to grow our own food and not be so dependent on imported products. Another topic is effective transportation, mainly our island’s bus availability and effectiveness. Over 2,500 people have registered for this summit. It gives the community an opportunity to weigh in on these important issues.

Mitch added, “Right now, I’m a complete vegan - no meat, no oils, no fun!” This led to his introduction of a new and exciting initiative called “**Island Chef.**” The format is similar to the TV reality singing competition, “the Voice.” The premise is to have kids participating in a cooking competition where famous local chefs like **Sam Choy** and **Chef Peter** from the Mauna Lani pick teams and work as mentors to these aspiring young chefs. The goal is to get kids interested in eating local foods. The top teams will win monetary prizes and the chefs win bragging rights. **Mitch** is aiming for the summer to launch this project.

Questions/Comments from the members: **Jim Cheney** is concerned with wild pig problems at the Wailoa boat harbor. **Mitch** replied that because this is state lands it would be handled by DLNR. **Nancy** remarked, “it’s a problem everywhere! At my house we fatten them up in our dog kennels and call them laulau!”

Newton Chu – “Take care of yourself, **Mitch**. The proclamation change and opening up interisland travel will be good. We can open carefully and quietly in our state.” Wise words from another wise man!

New member **Charles Heaukulani**– led **4 Way Test**.
The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.



Rotary Opens Opportunities