

Rotary Club of Hilo



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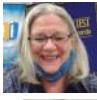
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Reporter: The Don

It was a wet and wild Friday afternoon in Hilo when our fearless leader **President Nancy Cabral** rang the bell, virtually, and we all gathered at online at the Rotary Club of Hilo's Zoomba Room. **Connie Ichinose** led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance, and we were all loyal citizens of this great United States of America.



A short Welcome by da Prez **Nancy** reminding us that it was historic for the Rotary Club of Hilo to be meeting during our 100th anniversary year, and that she was proud to be our President.

Connie Ichinose introduced her guest, future member **Kari Hoffman**, driving somewhere in the wilds of Arizona.



President Nancy welcomed our new Fire Chief, **Kazuo Todd** and welcomed old friend and former member **Mike Robinson**, visiting from somewhere in Vancouver Washington. Also, former member **Charlene Myers** was visiting from her new home in Arizona.

President Nancy gave thanks for last meetings reporters **Susan Munro** and **Bob Hanley**, and introduced today's reporter, **The Don**, and photographer, **The Keith Okamoto**.

There were a flurry of announcements, including the fact that there is still time to join the **May100 letter project**, so please email to **Nancy** or drop it off! Remember, we are thanking first responders, such as Emergency Room people, fire departments, paramedics, etc.

Hey, how about our new **June 1 Project**, Buy or sell a "**Brewfest in a Box**"! Brewfest Chair **Treena** announced the price of box, 6 cans of beer or box of hard cider, for **\$55** please support our efforts for funding for the **Hilo Rotary Foundation** for the 2021-22 fiscal year! I'll drink to that! Please note that we cannot ship outside of state



Calendar of events:

Every Thursday the "**Go Cook Um Crew**" meets at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery, at 10:30 am and cook up a storm for the residents. Contact **Hele-ne Tajiri** for more information.

Also, the meeting where we will be assembling the boxes of brew and stuff will begin on Saturday June 12, to prepare for the drive thru June 18-19 pickup fest.

On Saturday June 26 we'll be holding the virtual **Brewfest Concert** online!

And holding our own Community Service weed-eating party beginning at 9:00 a.m. at **Mike Robinson's** Centennial Park. This is a Social and Work event with picnic lunch and virtual concert. Be there!

Birthdays:

Charles Heaukulani, May 22

Kathy Borer May 23

Ian Birnie May 28

Anniversaries:

Joe & Diana Hanley, May 26, 1984

Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29, 2005

We were then treated by **Marcia Prose**' very special Semi-Silent, and Semi-Noisy movie about the 100 years of the **Rotary Club of Hilo**, starring a very young looking elder, **Randy Hart**, through the past 100 years. He looked great! The link to this video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-ibxcFITm8>

President Nancy then announced the addition of 2 new members:



Kari Hoffman, retired Edward Jones financial advisor, is moving here from Arizona. She is a past president in Rotary.



Anita Tatum, of Lex Brodie's Tire, is a returning member and she needed no introduction!

President Nancy announced that at last weekend's District 5000 conference, The **Rotary Club of Hilo** took **1st place** in Large Club's "Community Service Award," and **1st Place** in Large Club's "Membership Grow Rotary Awards" WOW pat yourself on the back everyone!

And an extra special Avenues of Service Award was given to our very own **WALLY WONG!!!!** CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE, AND ESPECIALLY TO **WALLY!**

Treena Breyfogle then took over as Chair of the Brewfest Committee. She announced that there still Sponsorships of \$500 - \$5,000, just email her at tbrey0328@gmail.com. You can now buy brewboxes at the Hilo Brewfest website. Remember to help out assembling the boxes on June 12, and then helping with the Drive Thru pick up on June 18-19!

GUEST SPEAKER

Kathleen McGilvrey introduced Rotary Club of Ala Moana member **Rich Courson**. **Rich** has been a member of Rotary since 1985, he is a past-president and became the Polio Plus Chair for District 5000 in 2019. Before

Rich began his detailed history of Polio Plus, he introduced the newest member of the Polio Plus Society Donor Award, none other than our very own **Randy Hart**. YAY!



Rich then launched into the historical relationship of Rotary and Polio.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Since 1979, we have vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children. But we haven't done it alone. Here is a timeline for our partnerships. In the 1979-early 1980s Rotary undertakes a series of polio immunization campaigns throughout Southeast Asia

and Latin America, beginning with one in 1979 in the Philippines and followed by similar activities in Cambodia, Haiti, Morocco, Paraguay, and Sierra Leone. In 1985 Rotary introduces PolioPlus – the first effort to immunize every child in the world with polio vaccine – and aims to raise \$120 million. During its 1988 convention in Philadelphia, Rotary announces it has raised \$247 million, more than double the target amount. In 1988 Rotary pushes forward the global resolution to eradicate polio at the 1988 World Health Assembly in Geneva. It also spearheads the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Then China, Russia and India joined and helped build plant to produce vaccine and immunize its children. In 2002-03 Rotary launches the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign with a fundraising target of \$80 million. The campaign, netting \$135 million, eclipses Rotary's goal. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contributes \$1 million when it honors Rotary with its Gates Award for Global Health, its first gift to Rotary's efforts to end polio.

Then in 2007 The Gates Foundation announces its first major grant to polio eradication – a \$100 million challenge to Rotary, promising to match funds raised by Rotarians. In 2009 Bill Gates pledges an additional \$255 million at Rotary's International Assembly, and Rotary increases its fundraising goal to \$200 million. In 2011 Bill Gates speaks at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans.

By 2012 Rotary raises \$228.7 million, surpassing the original goal of \$200 million. In the same year, **Jeff Raikes**, then-CEO of the Gates Foundation, announces an additional \$50 million contribution to polio eradication efforts at Rotary's International Assembly. In 2013 an announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon sets the stage for a new extension of the partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation agrees to match 2-to-1 every dollar committed by Rotary, up to \$35 million per year, through 2018. Throughout the campaign, Rotary exceeds its annual fundraising goal.

By 2017, on the heels of the success of the 2-to-1 matching grant, Rotary and the Gates Foundation announce an increased combined pledge of up to \$450 million at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Rotary's new goal is to contribute \$50 million per year over three years. With a 2-to-1 match, the Gates Foundation's contribution will increase to \$300 million if Rotary reaches its fundraising target.

Last year, all of Africa became polio free!

Rich urged us all to keep this up, in the next few years the world will become polio free and it will be a huge boost for Rotary, because Rotary keeps its word. We are so close, we are down to 1 case in Pakistan and 1 case in Afghanistan.

Join the Polio Plus Society pledge!

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 02
 Connie Ichinose May 05
 Patty Terada May 13
 Charles Heaukulani May 22
 Kathy Borer May 23
 Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 01 2009
 Susan Munro May 01 2009
 Charlotte Kekela May 10 2019
 Ian Kitagawa May 13 2016

Anniversaries:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 01 1983
 Steve & Shari Handy May 03 1998
 Kathy & Joe Borer May 16 1992
 Connie & Galen Ichnose May 17 2015
 Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 1994
 Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 1984
 Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29 2005

Announcements:

June 04 – Ocean Safety
 Bradley Young & Nolan Agliam
 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

President Nancy then opened up the **Zoomba Roomba to Happy dollars** (P.O Box 7476, Hilo, HI 96720) by starting with her pledge to Polio Plus!

Chris Tamm, then informed us that long-time member **Ron Dolan** is seeking alzheimers care in New Hampshire. Aloha and best wishes to you **Ron!**

Randy Hart, Alberta Dobbe, Kerry Glass, Kathleen McGilvrey, and Newton Chu also pledged to Polio Plus.

Charlene Meyer pledged to be a Brewfest sponsor



President Nancy then asked our newest member **Kari Hoffman** to lead us in the **4-way test** of the things we think, say and do. Amazingly, **Kari Hoffman** did this while she was driving.

Wow! And with that and a click of a button, we were inspired!

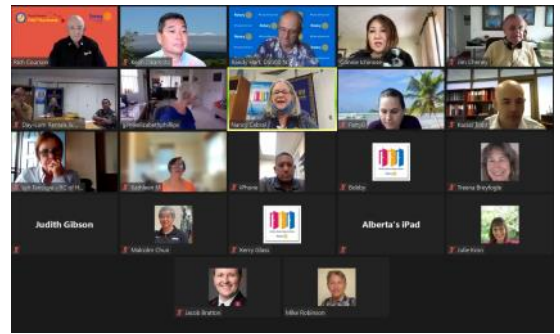
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Happy Dollars



PO Box 7476, Hilo 96720



Rich Courson

Joined the Rotary Club of Ala Moana in 1985. He has continually been involved in various aspects of the club and has held various Board Member and Officer positions over the years.

He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1992.

He was President of his club in 2015-16.

Rich became the Polio Plus Chair for District 5000 in 2019 until present.

His passion in Rotary is The Rotary Foundation with emphasis on Polio Plus and Global Grants.



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Rotary Opens Opportunities