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## White Guava Café, at Noon

Today's attendance was 24 members and three guest speakers. **Bobby Dugar** took **Kelvin Watanabe's** places as Sargent at Arms, **Kerry Glass** filled in for **Patty Bray** as cashier, and **Genie Phillips**, **Treena Breyfogle**



and **Wally Wong** acted as our greeters. President **Beverly Heikes** called the meeting to order at noon, as usual. New member **Peg Berger** led us in the Pledge of

Allegiance. Beverly thanked the above folks as well as the Lava Flow team: **Bob Hanley** (Photographer) and your humble Reporter.

"Each One Bring One" is RI President Shekhar Meta's initiative for us this year. In keeping with that directive, Beverly thanked those of us who have sponsored new members (12) or brought guests (28) this year.

**Vocational Minute.** Our newest member, **Dmitriy Ksendovsky**, CEO of Key Simple, spoke a briefly about his specialty, Advanced Engineering. Key Simple develops and sells software.



## Events and Announcements

**District Conference in Oahu.** Beverly was



happy to announce that the club won awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Youth Service and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up for Membership. Congratulations to Youth Services Director, **Jen Tanouye!** And Membership Director **Julie Kron.**

**Social Squad "Socializing with Purpose".** The May 25 event was attended by 14 club members and four guests. They had a good time at the Temple Bar and raised \$410 for the YWCA. **Bobby Dugar** organized the event, of course.

**Go Cook 'Um.** On May 19 four dedicated volunteers -- **Beckie Marshall**, **Shirley Woods**, **Genie Phillips** and **Beverly Heikes** -- made twenty-five lunches for the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery residents. More hands are always welcome: call Beckie for details.

**Brewfest 2022 (June 25).** Tickets \$75. Project chair **Anita Tatum** says they still need more volunteers. To work on June 25, you must attend the training on June 21. Sign up [online](#) or contact Anita for more information.

**Change of Command (July 1).** There will be a joint celebration at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel: our own **Randy Hart** will be installed as District Governor, **Connie Ichinose** will



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become our new club President, and new presidents will be installed for the South Hilo and Pahoia Sunset clubs. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased [online](#).

**PHF+6.** Foundations Director **Kerry Glass** presented **Chris Tamm** with his Paul Harris Fellow +6 pin. That represents \$7000



contributed to The Rotary Foundation, or equivalent points transferred. Very, very generous, Chris!

## Celebrations

**Birthdays:** **Charles Heaukulani** (May 22), **Kathy Borer** (May 23), and **Anita Tatum** (May 24)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** **Joe Hanley** and **Diana** (May 26, 1984 -- 36 years), and **Jen Tanouye** and **Stefan** (May 29, 2005 -- 17 years)

## Happy Dollars



**Helen Hemmes** donated some Happy Dollars so that she could tell a secret: **Alberta Dobbe** recently celebrated her



88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Not to be outdone, **Alberta** found \$88 to contribute. We all sang.

**Steve Handy** was happy about the upcoming



international service trip to Fiji. The local club will be building a house for a family. There will be an opportunity for members of our club to travel to Fiji with Steve. If you can, you should. **Nancy Cabral** had a VERY generous check and used her time to talk up Brewfest. Contributions in any amount are welcomed, but a ticket at the \$300 level gives you access to the indoor areas at the venue, including the indoor toilets!

**Jen Tanouye** gave \$ to HRYF because the Waiakea High Interact kids got an award. She's also happy about the club's communication with another group of young people in Hiroshima.



**Kerry** had some money for TRF: He and Susan had a great time in New York City last week – opera, a musical, museums, and shopping. And LOTS of walking.





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## Today's Program



Our speaker today, **Aubrey Hawk**, is the owner and president of Aubrey Hawk Public Relations. She is also a consultant and volunteer for Compassion & Choices. Aubrey has lived on the island since 2017 and is active in many



service organizations here. Sharing the program with Aubrey were **Larry Heintz**, the Hilo Medical Center's ethicist, and **Nina Buchanan**, widow of our member Bob Fox.

Aubrey came to talk about a law passed by the state legislature in 2019. The *Our Care, Our Choice Act* aims to make medical aid in dying available for Hawaii residents who are diagnosed with a terminal illness that will leave them less than six months to live. Not an easy topic to discuss, but one that may be on the minds of club members because of the deaths this year of Bob Fox, Barbara Tamm and Dirk Yoshina.

People with terminal illness have many care decisions to make, and for those who wish it, the Our Care, Our Choice Act provides another option. Anyone who wants more information on this subject should visit the Compassion and Choices [website](#).

Unfortunately, the Our Care, our Choices Act doesn't insure that people in East Hawaii can use the services that it made legal. Larry indicated that Hilo Medical Center management has enacted a policy *against* its doctors participating. *Disappointing, in this reporter's opinion.*

## Adjournment

The 4 Way Test was led by one of our new members Keisha Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10. Our next meeting will be June 3rd.