

Rotary Club of Hilo Lava Flow

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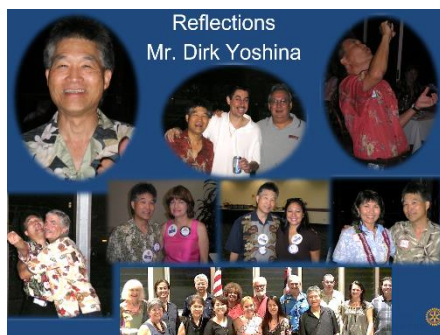


It was typical overcast day in Hilo as our 101st President **Beverly Heikes** banged the gong to start our meeting. President Beverly welcomed us all to the May 6th “In-Person”

meeting of our 101 year old Rotary Club of Hilo at the quaint WHITE GUAVA CAFÉ, owned and operated by the famous Rotarians of South Hilo members, **Jim and Audrey Wilson**, and their Chef son, **Dean Wilson**. The Café is located at the former site of Pizza Hut in front of the busy KTA Super Store on Puainako Street in quaint little Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over a century, Hilo Rotarians stood and pledged their allegiance to the United States of America, by following the lead of **Genie “Not Al” Phillips**.

President Beverly called upon our greeters **Bobby “Da” Dugar** and **Carrie Ann “not Kerry Glass” Masulit** who introduced our guests, including Hilo Bay Rotary Club member **Mike Cunningham**, **Jill Siegel Stone** and new Rotarians **Dmitriy Ksendzovsky** and **Margaret “Peg” Berger**. Jill was a guest of **Jen “K&J” Tanouye**.

Da Prez then asked for a moment of silence to



reflect on the passing of long-time and legendary member, **Dirk “not Jagger” Yoshina**. RIP buddy,

we were lucky to have been a part of your life and we miss you so much.

Da Prez the thanked **Connie Ichinose**, **Lara Sonoda**, **Helene Tajiri**, **Bobby Dugar**, **Beverly Heikes**, **Susan Munro**, **Tim Beatty**, **Kelvin Watanabe**, **Kari Hoffman**, and **Gail Takaki** for continuing to invite guest to our club meetings and events. Also thanked and recognized were **Anita Tatum**, **Alberta Dobbe**, **Julie Kron**, **Pat Guillen**, **Treena Breyfogle**, **Kathy Borer**, **Wally Wong**, **Nancy Cabral**, **Lisa Rantz**, **Jen Tanouye**, **Genie Phillips**, **Carri Ann Masulit**, **Sam Willocks**, **Beckie Marshall**, **Skye Czember**, **Ben Mark** and **Joy Matsuura**. Wow, that is a lot of socially active Clubbers! Rotarians were also recognized for their participation in the “Rotary at Work Day” this past April 24, where they joined the Waiakea Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay in helping the environment by cleaning up Liliuokalani Gardens.

Social Squad, led by **Bobby Dugar**, raised over \$320 to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island at their latest “Socializing with a Purpose” meeting the Temple Bar. Joining Bobby were **Steve Handy**, **Beverly Heikes** **Patrick Smith**, **Randy Hart**, **Cyrus Johnsen**, **Joy Matsuura**, **Keisha Anderson**, **Corey Kawamoto**, **Nancy Cabral**, **Ben Mark** and **Tim Beatty**. And who could forget the “Go Cook-Um” squad that prepares meals every Thursday at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery? Led by **Helene Tajiri**, club members **Shirley Woods**, **Dee Scott**, **Genie Phillips**, **Tina Martinez**, **Connie Ichinose** AND **Beverly Heikes**, they were assisted by community members **Harvey Tajiri** and **Danni Gardner**.

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And the club is growing! We inducted two new members today. **Margaret “Peg” Berger** was sponsored by **Kari Hoffman**. Peg is a retired professor from Fullerton College Radio and Broadcasting program. Originally from Oahu she has worked in Radio for years and can write, voice and mix a piece of copy or commercial in 15 minutes. Wow that is so fast!



Gail Takaki sponsored **Dmitriy “Dee” Ksendzovsky**, CEO of Key Simple, an advanced engineering company. Dee is raising 3 kids and recently moved here with his wife Shin

and their 3 children, Ben, Asa and Elizabeth. Welcome home Dee!



As an official part of the business meeting, the Chair of the By Law Committee, and with a valid quorum being present, **Connie Ichinose** moved the Club to vote for the new revised and updated by-laws put forth by the By Laws Committee. Serving on the committee besides Connie, were **Newton Chu**, **Susan Munro**, **Helen Hemmes**, **Julie Kron** and **Jeremiah Leonard**. The revisions



were passed unanimously with a total of 38 in attendance, in person and on Zoom.

President Beverly then announced our upcoming events, including our May 25th Social Squad event at the Temple Bar, a \$20 donation will help the YWCA Developmental Preschool. On May 20-22, District Conference will be held at the Disney Aulani Hotel. So far 8 members of our club will be attending. Our next club meeting will be May 25th featuring speak **Aubrey Hawk** of Compassion and Choices. Also, the Hilo Brewfest is back and will be held the weekend of June 25. Finally, on July 1 we will usher in and out new leadership and celebrate past President **Randy Hart** becoming our new District 5000 District Governor! Awesome!



Anita Tatum gave a quick update on how to volunteer for this year’s Hilo Brewfest. Sign up now at

www.volunteersignup.org/ECJET

Then our Guest Rotarian **Richard Cunningham** (from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay) gave a short



presentation about the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation and presented a beautiful Koa gift box to lucky winner **Kerry Glass**!



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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Steve Handy May 2, Connie Ichinose May 5, Patty Terada May 13, Patrick Smith May 15, Carrie Ann Masulit May 16, Charles Heaukulani May 22, Kathy Borer May 23 and Anita Tatum May 24.

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1, 1983 (39 years)
- Steve & Shari Handy May 3, 1998 (24 years)
- Kathy & Joe Borer May 16, 2015 (30 years)



Galen & Connie Ichinose May 17, 2015 (7 years)

- Joe & Diana Hanley May 26, 1984 (36 years)
- Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29, 2005 (17 years)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Kerry Glass May 1, 2009 (13 Years)
- Susan Munro May 1, 2009 (13 years)
- Patti Day May 7, 2021 (1 year)
- Aaron Hatada May 7, 2021 (1 year)
- Anita Tatum May 7, 2021 (1 year)
- Charlotte Kekela May 10, 2019 (3 years)
- Ian Kitagawa May 13, 2016 (6 years)

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



President Beverly called upon our resident expert of the Rotary Foundation, none other than Kerry "Paul Harris" Glass to present Paul Harris + 1 pin to Eric Anderson, a Paul Harris +8 to Randy Hart, and a Paul Harris +3 to the late Dirk Yoshina.

HAPPY DOLLARS!!!!

Randy Hart was very happy to be presented another Paul Harris Fellow pin and started on the next one, Yay way to lead the way Randy! Susan Munro was happy about Kerry Glass winning her a new Koa jewelry box. Bobby Dugar was happy that the next Social Squad event would benefit the youth program at the YWCA. Guest Richard Cunningham was happy about our club's enthusiasm for the Hawaii Rotary Youth



Foundation. Anita Tatum was happy about Brewfest coming back. Genie Philips was happy about everything. Helene Tajiri was happy about Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation. Newton Chu was Happy about being a new grandfather, and sad about losing our Club's very own Mick Jagger, Dirk Yoshina.

President Beverly congratulated Nancy Cabral, Kerry Glass, Susan Munro and Alan Kusunoki who will be honored at the District 5000 virtual Foundation event for outstanding giving support!



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GUEST SPEAKER

Our very own **Marcia Prose** was our guest speaker. She gave us a detailed summary of the purpose of the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii. A non-profit founded by Joe Hanley and our Rotary club nearly 40 years ago.



THE FRIENDS' VISION AND MISSION FOCUS ON HELPING THE CHILDREN OF ABUSE IN EAST HAWAII AND PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE FUTURE. OUR VISION: To help abused and neglected children of today break the cycle of abuse tomorrow. Did you know that 30%-40% of adult abusers were abused as children?

Research clearly shows that abuse can and is a learned behavior. Children who are abused and receive no therapy, no assistance, no support from the community can often repeat the abuse when they become parents and adults. The FRIENDS strive to help child victims of abuse with small but critical needs at crucial times in their lives. We hope to restore their self-worth and make them feel "normal." And by normalizing their lives, we hope to direct them away from repeating the same abusive behavior.

THE FRIENDS MISSION: To help sexually, physically, emotionally abused and neglected children.

They do this in partnership with the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii, by providing funds and resources to support the needs of these children. The "Friends" offer hope, encouragement, and opportunity for victims of child abuse. In simpler words, its mission is to help abused children rebuild their lives by providing essential basic needs and enhancements that powerfully affect their well-being... "helping a victim be a child again. "

THE FRIENDS HELP LOCAL VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE IN WAYS NO ONE ELSE CAN

THEY HELP EACH CHILD INDIVIDUALLY Child victims of abuse, neglect and violence can feel broken, "not normal" and isolated. The Friends help these abused children rebuild their lives by small but powerful needs. Where else would these children find this type of help?

- Emergency Needs – a child taken from his home may have only the clothes on his back; we help with emergency clothing, bedding, footwear, hygiene items, school supplies. The Friends also maintains a clothes closet.
- Life Enrichments – Sports equipment, tutoring, Senior photos and yearbook, new clothes to wear to school, summer camps, so much more.
- Empowerments – "Winners' Camp to provide leadership training for at-risk teens
- Critical Needs – gas coupons to enabling victims with transportation to counseling

THE FRIENDS HELP EACH CHILD INDIRECTLY

They assist the Center where allegations of abuse can be investigated in a friendly, safe environment by trained professionals. By



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supporting the Center, the Friends support the child.

- Maintenance of the child friendly building and its atmosphere
- Snacks and drinks for children who may be at the center for several hours
- Critical Training supporting the professionals who interview and work with the child
- Collection of stuffed animals and other small gifts for each child to claim when they first visit the center.

THE FRIENDS HELP POSSIBLE ABUSE VICTIMS OF THE FUTURE BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC TODAY.

- Prevent Child Abuse materials disseminated at Community Fairs
- Speaker's bureau to civic clubs and other organizations
- Informative displays, press releases and other outreach activities

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF ABUSE

Can the cycle of abuse be broken? Will an abused child be likely to continue the abuse when they grow up? How can your donation help break the cycle?

Help Guide offers the following information: "Child abuse is more than bruises and broken bones. While physical abuse might be the most visible, other types of abuse, such as emotional abuse and neglect, also leave deep, lasting scars. The earlier abused children get help, the greater chance they have to heal and break the cycle—rather than perpetuate it. While physical abuse

is shocking due to the scars it leaves, not all child abuse is as obvious. Ignoring children's needs, putting them in unsupervised, dangerous situations, or making a child feel worthless or stupid are also child abuse. Regardless of the type of child abuse, the result is serious emotional harm. Parents who were themselves victims of child abuse may only know how to raise their children the way they were raised."

By helping abused children at critical times in their lives, we can together begin to break the cycle of child abuse. Children can learn new ways to cope, new ways to handle their own anger and frustrations. Your support for the Friends helps them to help themselves.

Currently the funds that our club raises at the Brewfest helps the Friends support this worthy cause.

And with that, Da Prez reminded us to pay our dues and asked [Genie Philips](#) to lead us in the 4 Way Test of the things we think say and do.