

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow

Photographer: Bob Hanley

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Reporter: Susan Munro

[Reporter's comment: It was **SO WONDERFUL** to be in the **same room** with thirty-four club members and four brand-new members and half a dozen guests! And we had a lovely big video screen to view our Zoom participants. **BUT** the room was too small, and the acoustics were not the best, especially for Zoom attendees. And at the last minute we had to collect the food orders and take the money. This reporter is sure we will make some changes]

To Begin

Our President, **Nancy Cabral**, called the meeting to order at noon, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

She thanked all the folks who helped to get the meeting together today: **Jacob Bratton**, our Sergeant At Arms; **Sam Willocks** and **Bobby Dugar**, handling the AV and Zoom technical stuff; **Judy Gibson** and her assistant **Connie Ichinose** doing attendance and badges; **Jen Tanouye** and **Kerry Glass** taking lunch orders and collecting money. Greeters **Patrick Smith** and **Genie Phillips** were joined by **Patty Day**, who hadn't even been inducted yet. And **Nancy** thanked the "Bad Boys Table" -- who all agreed to sit in the restaurant proper, because there wasn't enough room in our assigned space. She also acknowledged the Lava Flow writers and photographers: **Jen Tanouye** and **Reese Mates**, (last meeting); **Susan Munro** and **Bob Hanley** (today).



Guest Introductions, News from Absent Members, and a Song

Marcia Prose brought **Robin Benedict**, from the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii (more on that later). **D'Andrea Pelletier** brought her husband **Drew Pelletier**. **RosaLei Quinting-Androyma** Nancy's guest (and prospective member), brought a guest of her own, **Casey Sugse**.



Nancy had some news from absent members: **Dirk Yoshina** is in the hospital, but attending today's meeting via Zoom. **Joy Matsuura's** father's memorial service was held recently. **Stan Fortuna** hoped to attend remotely, but did an Ultra Run instead. And congratulations to **Kazuo Todd**, one of our newer members, who was recently named Hawaii County



Fire Chief.

Then, for our first in-person meeting in a long time, **Nancy** arranged a special treat. Member **D'Andrea Pelletier**, our own "Queen of Opera," sang "Summertime" in her own inimitable style. Wow!

Presentations

Major Donor award.

David Mozdren, the D5000 Major Donor



Chair, and **Shane Okimoto**, our club's Foundation Chair, presented the Major Donor award to **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro**. The Major Donor award recognizes a **\$10,000** total contribution to **TRF**.

Brewfest Beneficiary presentations.



We presented **\$7000** checks to the **Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii (FCJCEH)** and the **Hilo Medical Center Foundation**. Club President **Nancy Cabral** and HRCF Board Chairman **Tim Beatty** presented the Big to **Lisa Rantz**



(HMCFF) and **Robin Benedict** (FCJCEH). We are happy we could make these gifts this year. Despite being unable to hold our signature fundraiser, we had many generous donors.

Announcements and Events

HRCF Foundation Giving Status. **Nancy** reported that donations to the club's foundation this year have been **\$60,391.19**. Amounts paid out to date total **\$46,320.98**.

May 100s Project. Please write a letter to a First Responder, expressing your appreciation for their service. Deliver to **Nancy's** office. These will be delivered to local hospitals, fire stations, and police departments.

Waiiaka High School Interact Club.

Gail Takaki talked about the two seniors at Waiiaka High and their Interact Canned Food Drive. She thanked the members who brought all those cans of food today. The actual event is Saturday, May 8.



Board of Directors meeting, May 11. The monthly meeting is Tuesday at 5:30. Members are always invited. The website has the date and Zoom link.

Brewfest in a Box. **Bob Hanley** says tickets go on sale soon. Boxes will be assembled on June 5, and customer pickup is June 18th. The special Virtual Concert is June 26.

D5000 Virtual District Conference, May 14-16. Cost is \$40, and our club will be specially featured because it is our anniversary year. Here is the [registration link](#).

New Member Inductions

Three new members today: **Laurie Bass** (rejoining after an absence of several years), **Aaron Hatada** (Day-Lum), and **Patty Day** (Nancy's sister), all sponsored by Prez Nancy. *You go, girl!*

Celebrations

Birthdays in May:

Steve Handy on May 2

Connie Ichinose on May 5;

Patty Terada on May 13;

Charles Heaukulani on May 22;

Kathy Borer on May 23

Ian Birnie on May 28.

Anniversaries in May:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki celebrated their 37th anniversary on May 1.

Steve & Shari Handy were married 23 years ago on May 3.

Kathy & Joe Borer will celebrate their 29th anniversary on May 16.

Connie & Galen Ichinose (practically honeymooners) will celebrate 6 years on May 17.

Tammy & Kala Silva will celebrate 27 years on May 17.

Joe & Diana Hanley are looking forward to their 37th anniversary on May 26.

Jen & Stefan Tanouye will have been married 16 years on May 29

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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 Ichinose	May 17 2015
Tammy & Kala Silva	May 17 1994
Joe & Diana Hanley	May 26 1984
Jen & Stefan Tanouye	May 29 2005

Announcements:

May 21 – Rich Courson
Genesis of Polio Plus
June 04 – Ocean Safety
Bradley Young & Nolan Agliam

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

Club Anniversaries in May:

Kerry Glass and **Susan Munro** have been Rotarians for 12 years, as of May 1.

Charlotte Kekela joined our club 2 years ago, on May 10.

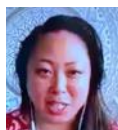
Ian Kitagawa became a Rotarian 5 years ago, on May 13.

Vocational Talks

With **Mike Meyer** as our witty emcee, we had three brief vocational talks:



Jade Chen has been a member since March. She was sponsored by **Connie Ichinose**. **Jade** has an eclectic background that includes day trading, poetry, yoga, and cultural event organizing. Here on Hawaii Island, her focus is coaching and conducting healing retreats. She loves to help people work through their problems. She said, "Remember, you are more than your problems, more than your job..." Her business website is <http://www.theradiantlotus.org/>



D'Andrea Pelletier came to Hawaii with a dream. She sold real estate on the mainland, but her passion has always been operatic singing. Her dream is to sing to everyone. And she has another goal: to get a real opera house going here on this island. **D'Andrea** joined in January 2020, sponsored by **Charlene Meyers**. She has concerts scheduled – check out her website, queenofopera.com.



Julie Kron, soon to be our club's Membership Director, joined the club in January 2020, sponsored by **Randy Hart**. **Julie's** a mom, with a son who just finished his freshman year in Phoenix. She's a paralegal, and she helps her husband **Jake** run his electrician contracting business. She's also a volunteer at Aloha 'Ilio Rescue. And **Julie's** a biodynamic (organic) wine consultant – you can order from <https://scoutandcellar.com/?u=juliekron> and have bottles delivered to your door.



\$ Happy Dollars \$

Mike Meyer is happy things are getting back to normal, and kinda happy his daughter is moving to Wyoming for a job. Sad that she's leaving, of course, but happy that she's making good progress toward a career she's interested in.



Susan and Kerry are happy for 12 years in Rotary. They'll send some \$ to the **Hawaii Youth Foundation**.



Jim Becker, also a Major Donor, is going back to the mainland for a trip. He thanked the club for the Nepal Grant that was recently approved. He's giving his \$ to **TRF** and to **HRCF**.



Helene Tajiri just wanted to talk about how much fun it is to be part of the Go Cook Um Thursday lunch prep at Hawaii Island Home for Recovery.



Beverly Heikes had many things to celebrate: four years in Rotary, her son's first year of college in Boston, and her wedding anniversary.



Patty Day, a brand-new Rotarian, was happy to be in the club. But she's going to Kona for a vacation, and she'll miss the May 21st meeting. [we will forgive you, **Patty!**]



Connie Ichinose is happy for a birthday, for her and Galen's wedding anniversary, and for a visit from their son and his wife. \$ to **HRYF**.



Nancy was happy for our in-person meeting but surprised how much work it took to arrange it. \$ to **HRCF**.

Lisa Rantz thanked the club for supporting healthcare. She reported that Hilo will have two handsome new veterinarians in June. That would be her twin sons, who are graduating on May 20, and coming to take over the Castro veterinary practice. And she's also happy because she finally owns 10 acres after a very long escrow!!



And that's all, folks!

Bob Fox led us in the **Four Way Test**.



Our next meeting will be May 21 via Zoom

The Zoom link will be unchanged.



New members: **Aaron Hatada** and **Patty Day**