

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



November 5, 2021

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It was beautiful sunny day in Hilo as our **101st President Beverly Heikes** banged the gong to start our meeting.

President Beverly welcomed us all to the November 5th "In-Person" meeting of our 101 year old Rotary Club of Hilo at the beautiful new 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 senior member and Past President **Alberta "not Gillis" Dobbe**.



President Beverly called upon our greeters and new members, **Leonard and Shirley Woods**. **Leonard "not Tiger" Woods** introduced our guests, including former member **James Kimo Becker**, Past President **Rick, "not Rikki" Newkold**. Also visiting as a guest of **Tim "surplus" Beatty** was **Cyrus Johnson** who runs the communications office of **da Mayor Mitch "not an IRA" Roth**. **Susan "not Glass" Munro** introduced her guest, **Captain Sam Le Mar**. **Connie "Super Social" Ichinose** introduced her guest, **Aisha McClung**. **President Beverly** recognized those Rotarians who brought guests by giving them "Payday" candy bars, as bringing guests to a meeting will only "payoff" in the future. You are so right **Madame President!**

President Beverly also introduced us to the Rotary Lunch Runners in the room, **Connie, Dee "great" Scott**, and **Julie "Membership" Kron**. Thanks for delivering the wonderful tasty meals prepared by **Chef Dean** and his mom! Also present was Incoming 2022 District Governor **Randy "KMC" Hart**.

President Beverly thanked **The Don** for being the writer of the Lava Flow and his trusty sidekick photographer, **Patrick "from Fort" Smith**.



Since it was November and now **ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**, she called upon our resident expert of the **Rotary Foundation**, none other than **Kerry "Paul Harris" Glass** to school us in the many

ways giving to the **Rotary Foundation** will be the best thing you can do, every day, every month, every year. Thanks **Kerry!**

President Beverly then gave a shout out to the many Club Members who either donated to or volunteered (**Wally Wong, Beckie Marshall, Connie Ichinose, Shirley Woods, Anita Tatum, Len Woods, Nancy Cabral, Dee Scott, Jen Tanouye, Robert Efford, Randy Hart, Treena Breyfogle, Patrick Smith, Steve Handy, Ed Hara** and **President Beverly**) for the many Club activities for the past few months. These events included the "**Mahalo to Healthcare Workers**" event at Hilo Medical Center, and the "**Trunk or Treat**" safe Halloween event put on by the Penn Youth Foundation. **President Beverly** then recognized our master Club Community Events Chair, **Wally "Mr. Aloha" Wong, Nancy "Day Lum" Cabral**, and **Ed "Hawaii Printing" Hara** for their amazing work with the Dictionary project. This Rotary Club project passes out dictionaries to our local elementary school kids (so that they can use them to help their parents choose the proper words)!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Randy Hart November 12,
Kari Hoffman, November 17

Wedding Anniversaries:

Gay & Chuck Porter
November 7, 1992 (29 years)

Gene and Julia Tao
November 13, 1963 (58 years)

Reese & Steven Mates
November 15, 2003 (18 years)

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvray Nov 1, 2013 (8 years)

Gene Tao Nov 1, 1985 (36 years)

Kari Hoffman Nov 2, 2000 (21 years)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Rotarians were reminded that we have a busy few months ahead! Stay tuned for word on Thanksgiving event at the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery**, and for the December Christmas lunch at **Kamana Senior Center**.

Our next meeting will also be at the White Guava Café on November 19 and feature **Rita Palmer**, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery.

In the meantime **Treena "not Tina"**

Breyfogle announced the Stocking project for Hawaii Island Home of Recovery residents. She distributed white "stocking" bags for members to decorate, and gave everyone a list of what items were needed to stock the bags. Items will be collected at our next in-person meeting at the White Guava Café on November 19. Items will also be collected at the December 3 Club meeting. On December 8th, 3-5 p.m., there will be a semi-social bag decorating event at **Treena's** house with pot-luck pupus and beverages. In the meantime, start thinking of what you can do to help fill these stockings and make this Christmas special for the residents. Mahalo **Treena!**

Finally don't forget that at our December 17th meeting we will elect our new officers and directors for the next Rotary year!

NEW MEMBER

Captain Sam LeMar

Salvation Army Captain, originally from Lahaina, Maui, **Captain Sam** and his wife **Lt. Felicia LeMar** and their 3 daughters moved to Hilo to run the Salvation Army here in Hilo. **Captain Sam** is an ordained minister and an expert Texas BBQ meat smoker (Whoa!). Thanks to **Susan "not Kerry" Munro** who sponsored the Captain! Welcome to the best club in Hawaii Captain!



HAPPY DOLLARS!

Our food was barely down the hatch when former member **James "Kimo" Becker** stood up and gave happy dollars to support our club and give thanks for our support of **TRF** grant for Global Telemedicine in Nepal and the Philippines.

Past President **Rick "not Rikki" Newkold** gave Happy Dollars for being able to join his old club for lunch. **Rick** is spending time in Germany being a family caregiver, and travels all over the US in his RV.

Past President Nancy "Day Lum" Cabral gave a **TON** of money to **TRF** for all the club's efforts on the Planet!

Susan "not Kerry" Munro gave **Happy Dollars** for the joy of bringing in new members!

Past President Alberta "not Gillis" Dobbe was just doggone happy to be here today! Way to go everyone!



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Keith Okamoto	November 19
Kerry Glass	November 22
Malcolm Chun	November 29

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Announcements:

Nov. 19—Rita Palma—Exec. Director
Hawaii Island Home For Recovery
Dec 3—Delayed 100th Club Anniversary
Dec. 17—Election of Club Officers/Directors

Club Administration 2021-2022

President- **Beverly Heikes**
President Elect- **Connie Ichinose**
Vice-President- **Kerry Glass**
Past President- **Nancy Cabral**
Secretary- **Susan Munro**
Treasurer- **Patty Bray**
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Kelvin Watanabe**
Foundations- **Shane Okimoto**
Membership- **Julie Kron**
Public Relations- **Marcia Prose**
Community Service- **Wally Wong**
Vocational Services- **Mike Meyer**
International Service- **Patrick Smith**
New Generations- **Jen Tanouye**
Club Service- **Jeremiah Leonard**
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation- **Tim Beatty**
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Dr. Sunao Wada Foundation- **Mitch Dodo**
Programs- **Jim Cheney**
Lava Flow- **Genie Phillips**
Greeters- **Patti Day**
Executive Director- **Kerry Glass**

VOCATIONAL SPEAKERS

Vocational chair **Mike “not Meyers with an S” Meyer** gave us a great summary of the Vocational pillar of Rotary and reminded us that if not for the pandemic we would be visiting each other at our various workplaces and part of the “rotational” hub of Rotary.

Mike “No S” Meyer then gave us a short summary of his chosen vocation, that of a Field Engineer at a licensed Interior Communication contractor. Basically, he is totally wired(!), or totally wires buildings for communication equipment such as speakers, phones and registers. If you have ever walked into the TJ Max, or CU Hawaii or Food Basket in Hilo, you’ve seen (or heard) his work. **No S Mike!** We didn’t know that and now we all know you better.



Next up was new member **Shirley “not Len” Woods**. **Shirley** is a lifelong educator. If you can read this Lava Flow, thank **Shirley**. She started out in Grand Rapids Michigan, and then was schooled in Utah and Nevada and taught school

in those states until she moved to Hilo. She most recently taught at Ha’aheo School just outside of Hilo. **Shirley** loves to teach and meet people and we can certainly see why. We can now read **Shirley** and we are so thankful for teachers like you!

Finally, past president **Steve “Footlong” Handy** came up and shared with us his story of how he became **Mr. Footlong** of Hilo. He actually started in the airline business and worked his way throughout the west for many airlines before his father called him home to Hilo to help develop the Subway franchise for the family. He now is a proud owner of 4 locations, where he nurtures his team to succeed and thrive in our community. We are now so thankful for that, and please, make my next order a foot-long as well!

And with a few minutes to spare, **President Beverly** called upon Membership chair **Julie Kron**, new membership sponsors **Connie “Super Social” Ichinose**, **Susan “not Glass” Munro**, **Bobby “Super” Dugar**, and **Helene “Mocha” Tajiri** to come up and receive a Babe Ruth candy bar for hitting home runs by sponsoring 7 new members this past quarter. WOW, Way to go team!

And with that, **President Beverly** called upon new member **Teri “check your spelling of” Zuiderhoek** to lead us in of the things we think, say and do. And with a quick bang of the gong, we were outta there.

And that’s a fact Jack.



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