

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



November 6, 2020

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Photographer: Treena Breyfogle

Zoom on Friday, November 6, 2020

Zoom meetings have some advantages: despite being off-island, President **Nancy Cabral** was able to call the meeting to order at noon, as usual. There were 41 participants on the call.



She welcomed us all, and asked **Lara Sonoda (née Hughes)** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



We had one visitor today: **Danielle Preston**, invited by **Wally Wong**. **Danielle** is doing an ethnobotanical project in Hilo, and **Wally's** planning to get her help with the tree planting project. Also in attendance: remote members **Amos** and **Charlene Meyers**, and **Alan Kusunoki**.

Nancy thanked the October 23 "Lava Flow" team: **Helen Hemmes** and **Bob Hanley**. Today's newsletter volunteers are photographer **Treena Breyfogle**, and this reporter.

Events and Announcements

October Service Project results. We were aiming for 100 masks, but we got 1317. Of course, some were the boxed, disposable type. The masks will be distributed to local service agencies.

November Service Project. We are hoping to plant 100 trees. Look for more details from **Wally**. **Nancy** may have located good place to plant a lot of trees – but you can also plant one in your yard. Take a photo, and send it to **Wally** (and to **Marcia Prose**.)

Fill the "Glam Bags" (Tuesday, November 10). The bags were decorated



by some of our members this week, and next week we will fill them with hygiene supplies and food. Call **Treena Breyfogle** if you want to help. They'll be delivered to homeless folk in Hilo and Pahoia close to Christmas. This is a joint project with the **Rotary Club of Pahoia**.

Veterans' Home Project (Wednesday, November 11). We will do a joint Rotary Service Project with the other Hilo clubs. Details will be sent soon!

Club Centennial Date Celebration (Monday, December 1, at 5:30 PM via Zoom). District Governor **Naomi Masuno** will attend, and the whole district will be invited. **Treena's** doing a video about our history. *This replaces our normal December 4 meeting.*

Nancy reminded us to visit the [club website](#) and see all the great things we have been doing.

Milestones

Birthdays. None since our last meeting.

Anniversaries. **Chris** and **Barbara Tamm** were married 52 years ago, on October 26, 1968. There was some joking about whether it might have felt like even more to **Barbara**. Of course not!

Club Anniversaries. **Kathleen McGilvray** has been with the club for 7 years, since November 1, 2013.

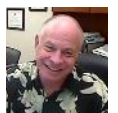
Happy Dollars \$\$

Kerry Glass was very pleased with the election results for Hawaii County. *Congratulations, Mitch Roth* -- all that sign-waving was worthwhile! Donation to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**.

Nancy had \$500 for the same reason. She also chose the **Youth foundation** for her donation, –because her father had a career as a teacher. She then took a moment to mention that **Charlene** and **Amos** made \$5000 donation to **Polio Plus** last week. Very generous, you two!

Jen Tanouye's donation went to **HRYF** as well, because the Virtual **RYLA** program development is going very well. It will be a great experience for the high school students who get to attend later this year.

Mitch Roth (aka da Mayor) is happy that all three of his children will be back on the island for a few weeks. Donation to **HRYC**.



Birthdays:

Randy Hart November 12
Nate Chang November 13
Keith Okamoto November 19
Kerry Glass November 22
Malcolm Chun November 29

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvray Nov 01 2013 (07)
Gene Tao Nov 01 1985 (35)
Stan Fortuna Nov 30 2001 (19)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter Nov 07 1992 (28)
Gene & Julia Tao Nov 13 1963 (57)
Reese & Steven Mates Nov 15 2003 (17)
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass
Nov 22 1985 (35)

Announcements:

Nov 13—No Meeting
Nov 20—Audrey Mitchell
Hints on Preparing Turkeys &
Thanksgiving Dinners
Nov 27—No Meeting
Dec 4—100 year history of the Rotary Club
Of Hilo, Part 1
Dec 11—No Meeting
Dec 18—100 year history of the Rotary
Club Of Hilo, Part 2
Dec 25—Merry Christmas
Jan 01—Happy New Year

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
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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

Genie Phillips, not to be outdone, matched **Mitch's** donation to the **Hawaii Youth foundation**. Thanks, **Genie!**

Jim Cheney had \$ for the **Youth foundation**, but not Happy Dollars, *exactly*: former member, **Juergen Deneke** passed away.

Wally has happy, because **Lorraine Shin** is giving equipment from her fitness center to the Laupa-hoehoe Public Charter School. *Good job, Lorraine!* We look forward to seeing your new center, when it opens in the site of the old bowling alley. \$ to the **Hawaii Youth foundation**.

Today's Program

Today's speaker, member **Kimo Jim Becker**, has been a Rotarian for 28 years, and has worked on many international projects. Telemedicine is his focus these days, and today he spoke about a telemedicine project in Nepal that our club sponsored during **Keith Okamoto's** term.

The lead clubs were the **Rotary Club of Jawa-lakhel**, Kathmandu, Nepal and the **Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati**, Cotati, CA. In 2019, a team of

Visited RC of Kathmandu and Jawalakhel



KUBI Telepresence Robot



doctors from Nepal came to California for training. Each doctor got a kit of telemedicine tools, to enable them to work online with medical experts from their hospitals in different areas of Nepal. **Kimo** pointed out that life expectancy in rural Nepal is around 50 years, so this extra medical expertise is of great value. If you are interested in seeing this project in action, **Kimo** will be leading a trip there in the fall of 2021. It will be spectacular: he showed photos of temples in Bhaktapur, and said there might be a small airplane flight close to Mt. Everest, etc.

At the end of the presentation, several members (**Nancy, Helene, and Connie**) volunteered to make additional **donations** to support this work.

And That's All, Folks!

Kazuo Todd led us in the **Four-Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be on November 20. Special guest speaker **Audrey Wilson** will talk about Thanksgiving turkey.

*Note on **Happy Dollars**: you can make donations to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** online: <https://www.hawaiirotariyouthfoundation.org/donations/>*

Don't forget to mention our club's name, so we get credit for your donation. See attached photo.



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