

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



October 8, 2021

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The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by **President Beverly Heikes**. The flag pledge was led by **Shirley Woods**.



Our greeter this week was **Julie Kron** – our guest and speaker was Council member from Puna, **Ashley Kierkiewicz**.

**President Beverly** shared a meme from **Marcia Prose** on the reality of zoom meetings. Now we know what people really look like when they opt for no video!



**Julie Kron** did a quick scavenger hunt, asking us to find a book. Quick on their feet were **Shirley Woods** and **Jim Cheney**, who tied for first!



After this short but fun break, **President Beverly** shared a short Rotary video on people of action called, “**Power in our Connections**” and then spoke of our club’s September park clean up service project. Thank you to all those who participated. A number of community members, Rotarian spouses, and UHH graduate students were in attendance and worked side by side with our fellow Rotarians.

Next our **President** expressed her thanks to all who participated in the school supply drive - donating school supplies, monetary donations, shopping, sorting, and delivering.

**Beverly** also wanted to acknowledge those who have brought in new members as part of RI’s ongoing initiative, “**Each One Bring One**.” She made a call to action, encouraging all to continue sharing our Rotary story with others.

### Announcements:

**District Conference - May 20-22, 2022** at **Aulani Disney Resort & Spa** on Oahu. Registrations have reached the maximum capacity under COVID meeting restrictions which limits attendees to 200. If COVID restrictions change in the next few months, they will add guests up to the normal meeting capacity of 280. Until further notice, those wanting to attend can register on a first come, first served basis wait list.

Our next meeting will be **October 22, 2021**, location TBA. Our speaker at this meeting will be **Jane Goodwill**, author of “Voices of Hawaii.”

**President Beverly** announced the sad passing of our long time cherished member and friend **Dr. Robert “Bob” Fox**, who passed away on October 1, 2021. **Bob** was a member of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** for 37 years, achieving his **Paul Harris Fellowship** and was also a big proponent of the importance of 100% club attendance. He was also an integral part of our Hilo community and a UHH faculty member for 38 years, chairing the Physics and Astronomy Department and the Natural Science Division. This reporter would like to add my personal thoughts on this special man. We developed a friendship last year and I appreciated and enjoyed **Bob’s** quick wit and intelligence. I almost had to have a dictionary at hand when talking with him – he had a way of throwing in those 10 letter words in normal conversation! I knew that he could be brutal in his honesty, but found him also to be very kind, respectful, and so funny! I know I speak for all Rotarians when I say, “A hui hou, **Dr. Fox!** We will miss you!”

**President Beverly** asked for a moment of reflection, to honor **Bob’s** memory.

### Birthdays, Anniversaries:

**Happy Birthday** - **Laurie Bass**, Oct. 4; **Chris Tamm**, Oct. 6; **Stan Fortuna**, Oct. 10; **Nancy Cabral**, Oct. 12; **Beverly Heikes**, Oct. 15; **Tammy Silva**, Oct. 15.

**Happy Wedding Anniversary** - Newlyweds **Lara & Josiah Sonoda**, Oct. 10 (1 yr.); **Malcolm & Cecilia Chun**, Oct. 12 (16 yrs.); **Craig & Linda Shikuma**, Oct. 15 (41 yrs.); **Newton & Roberta Chu**; Oct. 16 (39 yrs.); **Beckie & Michael Marshall**, Oct. 19 (30 yrs.).

**Rotary Anniversaries** - **Ron Dolan**, Oct. 4 (30 yrs.); **Patty Bray**, Oct. 9 (1 yr.); **Lara Sonoda**, Oct. 9 (1 yr.); **Treena Breyfogle**, Oct. 12 (9 yrs.); **Alan Kusunoki**, Oct. 15 (28 yrs.); **Joy Matsuura**, Oct. 17 (2 yrs.); **Pat Guillen**, Oct. 21 (5 yrs.).

**The Rotary Foundation (TRF): Kerry Glass** reported that our YTD contributions to the annual fund are at **\$4,060** which is 38% to our goal of **\$11,000**. 25 people have donated to **TRF** out of 94 total members.

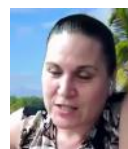
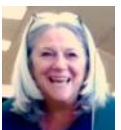
**October is Polio Plus Month.** **Polio Plus** is one of **Rotary International’s (RI)** biggest initiatives and as a result, Afghanistan and Pakistan are currently the only countries with recent polio cases. Currently, the **RCH** has donated **\$659**, 22% to our 2021-22 goal of **\$3000** to Polio Plus. **Special October through December Offer/ Incentive:** Get 3X points with a TRF donation of \$50 minimum. Example: Give \$100 and get 100 points from TRF and 200 points from the club = 300 total points to use towards a **Paul Harris** recognition. These points can be used for your own Paul Harris or you can choose to “gift” them to another fellow club member. A percentage of TRF donations come back to our club to use on local projects. When sending in a check, please designate on the memo line either “annual fund” or “polio plus”. If not indicated, **Kerry** will assume the donation to go to the annual fund. Club members can donate several ways - send in a check to the club at **PO Box 7476, Hilo, HI 96720**; donate online at **rotary.org**; or give cash or check at the next in person meeting.

### Happy Dollars:

**Marcia Prose** - **\$50 TRF**. The Tribune Herald’s front page scoop that the Palace Theater’s new AC is up and running was “almost right”. Their years long goal of air conditioned comfort is very close. Another ongoing campaign is combating the challenge of the homeless camping out on the Palace’s stoop, often leaving “presents”. (We can only imagine...) You can go to Hilopalace.com to donate. **Marcia** continued her long report with a rundown of this week-end’s Pirate themed events: Friday - Pirates of the Caribbean, Saturday - Silent pirate movie, and a Sunday children’s pirate movie. Thank you, **Marcia**. If we ever need to fill in time, we know who to call!



**Nancy Cabral** - **\$1000** to TRF.



**Patty Bray** - **\$25** to TRF in honor of Hilo Medical Center Foundation’s upcoming Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate event.

### Birthdays:

Laurie Bass	October 4
Chris Tamm	October 6
Stan Fortuna	October 10
Nancy Cabral	October 12
Beverly Heikes	October 15
Tammy Silva	October 15

### Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart	Oct 01 1994 (26)
Ron Dolan	Oct 04 1991 (30)
Patty Bray	Oct 09 2020 (01)
Lara Sonoda	Oct 09 2020 (01)
Treena Breyfogle	Oct 12 2012 (09)
Alan Kusunoki	Oct 15 1993(28)
Joy Matsuura	Oct 17 2019 (02)
Patrick Guillen	Oct 21 2016 (05)
Cowboy Kaneshiro	Oct 22 1999 (22)
Izzy Huertas	Oct 23 2020 (1)

### Anniversaries:

Lara & Josiah Sonoda	Oct 10 2020 (01)
Malcolm & Cecilia Chun	Oct 12 2005 (16)
Craig & Linda Shikuma	Oct 15 1980 (41)
Newton & Roberta Chu	Oct 16 1982 (39)
Beckie & Michael Marshall	Oct 19, 1991 (30)
Chris & Barbara Tamm	Oct 26, 1968 (53)

### Announcements:

Oct. 22—Jane Goodwill  
"Voices of Hawaii"

Nov. 19—Rita Palma—Exec. Director  
Hawaii Island Home For Recovery

### 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**  
 Attendance- **Judy Gibson**  
 Lava Flow- **Genie Phillips**  
 Greeters- **Patti Day**  
 Executive Director- **Kerry Glass**

**Jeremiah Leonard-** \$20 TRF and he also treated us to a "Jeremiah Joke" about a butterfly who was feeling a bit sluggish. We may need to make this a regular bit - who knew Jeremiah could moonlight in stand up????!!!

**Shirley Woods** - Polio Plus donation.



**Helen Hemmes** - donation to TRF - in memory of **Dr. Robert Fox**.

**Jen Tanouye & Gail Takaki** - donating \$54 each on behalf of the the club to Alzheimer's Hawaii in support of the 54 **WHS Inter-act students** who walked 45 miles in the Alzheimer's Walk held in September.



**Susan Munro** - TRF donation in honor of **Dr. Robert Fox**.

**Beverly Heikes** - \$25 to TRF. Beverly is happy that her husband is doing well after surgery. A special thank you to **Shirley Woods**, who watched the **Heikes'** doggie during this time.

### Speaker:

**Ashley Kierkiewicz** was raised in Hilo, attended St. Joseph High and UHH, majoring in political science. She has worked at Hasting & Pleadwell Communications Company and currently serves on the County Council. Programs Chair **Jim Cheney** mentioned that although our club does not normally have politicians as meeting speakers, he felt that most of our members were not from the Puna district so made an exception for this meeting.



**Ashley** updated the club on what has been happening in Puna since the 2018 lava flow when more than 700 homes and farms were lost. Although the journey to recovery has had set backs, mainly the onset of the pandemic, there has been progress.

### 2019 Achievements:

\$60M from State Legislature  
 Kamaili Road Access to Pohoiki. DLNR formed a task force to restore boat ramp access to benefit fishermen.  
 Interim Eruption Recovery Strategy  
 Reopening of Highway 132  
 Recovery Task Force

Activate Puna - A mural at the Pahoa pool by an Australian muralist is on display depicting an abstract representation of the lava flow. Another Puna based muralist named Kai worked with Puna students to create a mural at Pahoa school. He engaged and empowered the kids and community and encouraged them to pursue their passions. #ACTIVATEPUNA.

### 2020 Achievements:

Kilauea Recovery Grants Program - Received \$3.4 million to be directly used for community projects.  
 Puna Keiko Art Contest  
 Kilauea Recovery & Resilience Plan  
 Economic Recovery Plan  
 Voluntary Housing Buyout Program

### 2021 Achievements:

Puna Strong Grants Program - \$350K total grant money to non profits. No grant writing was necessary. A series of talk story sessions were conducted to find recipients and help them with the grant qualification.  
 Revitalize Puna Quarterly Community Activation - community meetings to connect and educate. Recover.community.gov.  
 Resilience Capacity Areas & Action Teams  
 Secured USDA RPIC Grant  
 Secured Technical Assistance from CDFA

For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/alohapuna100621> or [Ashley.kierkiewicz@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:Ashley.kierkiewicz@hawaiicounty.gov).

**Gail Takaki** led the **4 Way Test** of the "things we think, say, or do."  
 The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 by **President Beverly Heikes**.

Club Project 1. Aug - Sep 2021. Basic Education and Literacy - "Rotary Aloha for Keiki" project school supply drive and book donations for three schools, Hilo Union Elem, Kalaianaoale Elem & Ilium, and Laupahoehoe Charter School.

Mahalo to the following:

**School Supply Donations**  
 Bobby Dugar  
 Len & Shirley Woods  
 Dee Scott  
 Kerry Glass  
 Susan Munro  
 Jen Tanouye  
 Kari Hoffman  
 Marcia Prose  
 Reese Maties  
 Beverly Heikes

**Monetary Donations**  
 Tim Beatty  
 Mike Meyers  
 Corey Kawamoto

**Shopped/Sorted/Delivered**  
 Shirley Woods  
 Genie Phillips  
 Kari Hoffman  
 Beverly Heikes

**Beckie Marshall**  
**Alberta Dobbe**  
**Jen Tanouye**

### Community Service - Wally Wong, Director Rotary Park (Kuhio Kalaianaoale) Clean-up

Mahalo to the following participants:

**Rotarians:**  
 Wally Wong  
 Shaun O'Brien  
 Anita Tatum  
 Beckie Marshall  
 Randy Hart  
 Susan Munro  
 Beverly Heikes

**Community Members & Spouses**  
 Chris Ralidy  
 John Hoyt  
 James Hanley  
 Kerry Glass  
 Kari Hoffman  
 Julie Kron  
 Len Woods  
 Genie Phillips  
 Nancy Cabral

**UH Hilo Graduate Students**  
 Ben Poppas  
 Jenna-Lai Daog  
 Alejandro Caamano

**Eyra Lucas**  
**Lucy Chaignen**  
**Mio Kamitaka**



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

# Reflections Dr. Robert "Bob" Fox



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## Announcements & Events

Today's Speaker  
Ashley Kierkiewicz – County Council Member – Puna District  
Kerry Glass – The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus

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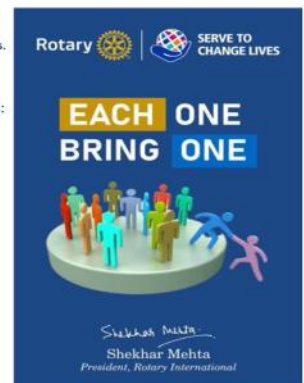
Next Meeting – October 22, 2021 –Location TBD  
Speaker: Jane Goodwill – Author – "Voices of Hawaii" - Corporate Events/Glass Ceilings  
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On-going initiative to share our Rotary experience with others.

Congrats to the following Rotarians:

Connie Ichinose  
Lara Sonoda  
Helene Tajiri  
Bobby Dugar  
Julie Kron



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# Easy to Give

**Checks** payable to “TRF” or “The Rotary Foundation” (indicate Annual Fund or Polio Plus in memo)

- Mail to Rotary Club of Hilo, PO Box 7476, Hilo 96720
- Or hand it in during a meeting

**Cash** given to your Foundations Chair at meeting

**Online** log on to “my.rotary.org” and donate via credit card.



# Special Offer

October thru December

Get **3x points** for your \$50 minimum TRF contribution

For example:

Give \$100 Get 100 points from TRF  
200 points from the club

300 total points



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- Interim Eruption Recovery Strategy\*
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- Puna Keiki Art Contest\*
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- Economic Recovery Plan~
- Voluntary Housing Buyout Program~

Kīlauea Recovery and Resilience Plan



## 2021 Achievements

- Puna Strong Grants Program\*
  - Puna Strong Leadership Cohort
- Revitalize Puna Quarterly Community Activations\*
  - July (in-person) x October (virtual)
- Resilience Capacity Areas & Action Teams\*
  - Social, Cultural, Economic, Built Environment, Natural Environment, Youth
- Secured USDA RPIC Grant\*
  - Cooperative agreement: \$225,000 to support community-driven resilience actions
- Secured Technical Assistance from CDFA\*
  - Develop a financing roadmap for resilience hubs x local food systems

