

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



January 22, 2021

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: the "Don"

Photographer: Keith Okamoto

It was a typical rainy day in beautiful Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over 100 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered (albeit virtually) for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the cyberspace of ZOOM, instead of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Greeted virtually with a smile and aloha from super century **President Nancy Cabral**, we Hilo Rotarians happily muted our zoom windows and prepared to virtually connect together in the shadow of the great pandemic of 2020.



Our fearless **100th President** welcomed over 40 members and guests to the Zoom cyber-room with that big cowgirl smile of hers and asked **Shane Shitabata** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then **President Nancy** reminded everyone that the Rotary theme for the year under her leadership of Rotary was "**Rotary opens Opportunities**" and just like that, we were inspired and opportunistic.



Prez Nancy then thanked the last Lava Flow writer, **Genie Phillips**, and her trusty photographer, **Bob Hanley**. She also introduced this week's writers, yours truly "**The Don**", and his trusty photographer, **Keith Okamoto**.

Announcements

President Nancy announced that today's guest speaker would be Executive Director of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, **Miles Yoshioka**. She reminded us that there is still a need to reach our goal of 100 blankets for the Friends of the Children's Justice Center. You can pick up great blankets at **Tim's Surplus Store** and drop them off at her office, or at Hawaii Printing.

Wally Wong reminded us that every Thursday at 10:30 am, a group of Rotarians get together to prepare lunch at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. Also, there is a great volunteering opportunity (there's that word again!) every week day at Auntie Sally's where you can help with the DOH COVID inoculation scheduling. We hope to have our member and heart attack recoveree **Mitch Roth** speak to us on February 5. Get well **Mitch!** On February 19th we will learn about recent developments at the Lyman House Museum with a presentation by director **Eric Page**.

Celebrations

There were four January **Birthdays** for club members thus far.

Past President **Anna Liu** turned 21 on January 9.

Gail Takaki turned 29 on January 17.

Mitch Dodo turned 39 on January 19 and his older brother

"**The Don**" turned 49 on that same day! Wow, is that the truth?

Mayor Mitch and **First Lady Noriko** celebrated their 30th **wedding anniversary** on January 13th. Congratulations **Mr. & Mrs. Mayor**.

Rotary anniversaries included

Ben Mark (1 year),

Bob Hanley (10 years),

Patrick Smith (19 years) and

Genie Phillips (4 years).

You Rotarians are so awesome!

Jenn Tanouye then gave us a great reminder that **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** is coming up on February 26-28 and gave us a short history of **RYLA**.



RYLA is one of Rotary's signature programs that demonstrates Rotary's belief and commitment to develop our youths to become future leaders. **RYLA** originated with Rotary International in 1960 in Australia and is supported by District 5000, our state-wide Rotary Organization and all nine Clubs on Hawaii Island collaborate to deliver an excellent student leadership camp. The Hawaii Island Rotary clubs work directly with the high schools located in their area/District. Students from local public, charter, and private high schools are invited to apply.

RYLA seeks 10th and 11th graders interested in personal and team leadership, and community service. Students chosen to attend **RYLA** enjoy an all-expenses paid camp where they work with students from around the island, build great friendships, learn about leadership and explore real-life issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect, and in the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. A strong interest in serving their communities, and exhibit motivation to take on greater leadership roles and find additional ways to serve.

RYLA'S intent is to encourage students to be more effective leaders by learning:

- ▣ Fundamentals of personal and team leadership
- ▣ Essential communication skills
- ▣ Conflict management
- ▣ Real-life problem solving
- ▣ Rotary's purpose and commitment of "Service above Self"

This year RYLA on Hawaii Island is February 26-28, 2021. The sponsoring Rotary Clubs are: Rotary Club of Kona, Kona Sunrise, Kona Mauka, North Hawaii, Pahoa Sunset, Volcano, South Hilo, Hilo Bay and Rotary Club of Hilo. (Each club will sponsor students from high schools within their local/district area.)

The club encourage high school sophomores and juniors who are school and/or community leaders and have strong interested in serving their communities apply for **RYLA**. If you know of any high school age kids that would qualify and benefit from this program that builds leadership and inspires Rotary values, please let **Gail Takaki** or **Jenn Tanouye** know. This year **RYLA** is being led by **Jakob Au**.



\$ Happy Dollars \$

Dirk Yoshina was happy that it was a new year and he donated money to the **Rotary Foundation** as well as the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. Thanks **Dirk!**



Mitchell Dodo was happy for his birthday and reminded us that he joined when he was a minor. He was also happy to see former member **Jon Harlen** joining us from Texas. Yay **Mitchell** and welcome back **Jon!**



Randy Hart was happy for the new year and all the good things that Rotary brings. Thanks **ADG** and future **DG!**



New member **Charles Heaukulani** showed his new Rotary spirit by being thankful for being alive and becoming a new member. Welcome aboard **Charles!**



Helene Tajiri was happy that her husband **Harvey** has joined our Thursday team of cooks at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. She would be happier if he started cooking at home! LOL, Happy wife happy life **Harvey**, get with the program!



Jon Harlan was happy to reconnect with the club after moving to Texas so many years ago and he waved his "Sow the Seeds of Love" banner from 2001. He wished he was in a safer COVID environment like the Big Island. We sure do miss you Buddy!



Birthdays:

Shane Shitabata	Jan 06
Anna Liu	Jan 09
Gail Takaki	Jan 17
The Don Chu	Jan 19
Mitch Dodo	Jan 19

Club Anniversary:

Masao Amako	Jan 01 2004 (17)
Raymond McPherson	Jan 01 2004 (17)
Eric Anderson	Jan 06 2017 (4)
Ben Mark	Jan 10 2020 (1)
Bob Hanley	Jan 14 2011 (10)
Patrick Smith	Jan 15 2002 (19)
Genie Phillips	Jan 20 2017 (4)
Julie Kron	Jan 24 2020 (1)
D'Andrea Pelletier	Jan 24 2020 (1)
Nancy Cabral	Jan 29 1988 (33)

Wedding Anniversary:

Mitch & Noriko Roth	Jan 13 1991 (30)
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Announcements:

Feb 05- Mayor Mitch Roth
 Feb 18- Eric Page, Archivist
 Lyman Museum
 History of RC of Hilo in early '30's

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**

The Don was happy to see **Brother Jon** after he was such an important part of our Rotary team, and he was so helpful in sowing the seeds of love baby! He was happy that we are all safe and shared that the COVID pandemic was real having lost 3 friends and relatives to the virus. He was also happy to get a bit older and was now old enough to be a part of the best Rotary club in Hawaii.



President Nancy was happy that the club was doing so well during her 100th year celebration term, and encouraged everyone to continue to answer the call and be opportunistic in giving. Thanks **Madame President!**



GUEST SPEAKER

Jim Cheney introduced our guest speaker **Miles Yoshioka** of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce is to assist businesses and promote the Island of Hawai'i. We provide leadership via services and advocacy for the business community while promoting the economic well-being of our island as a whole. The Chamber accomplishes this by initiating and maintaining programs of research, education and community engagement. The Chamber identifies the critical issues facing the business community and seeks to achieve satisfactory solutions to complex problems by working with and coordinating activities with other organizations, companies and government to promote a stable and healthy economy.

This year the chamber is lead by, President **Toby Taniguchi** of KTA. Assisting him are President-elect **David Bock** of the Hawaii Tribune-Herald, and VP **Doug Simons** of Canada-France-Hawaii telescope. Also serving as Treasurer is **Lara Hughes** of First Hawaiian Bank. Immediate Past President is **Rhea Lee-Moku**, formerly of HECO.

Miles then shared with us a video 50 years of Astronomy on Maunakea. See it (with sound and audio!) here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3xbVubfjDI>

He summarized the history as to why astronomy was so important to Hawaii island. It was due to the devastation of the 1960 tsunami of Hilo that people began to look for something to diversify the economy and rebuild our economy. This helped put Hawaii play an important part in gaining knowledge on an international level, and made our research among the best in the world.

Committees on the chamber play an important role, and the Chamber has a Government Affairs Committee, and Economic Development Committee, Military Affairs Committee, Social Committee and Young Professionals Committee. There is also a

Presidents Cup Golf Committee, but that is by invitation only. Please see **The Don** in order to be invited. **Miles** invited everyone to the upcoming chamber event of Virtual Whiskey Tasting on February 10. Yes, we will sign up Sir!

President Nancy thanked **Miles** for all that the Chamber does for the community, and personally invited **Miles** to join Rotary. An offer which **Miles** could not refuse.

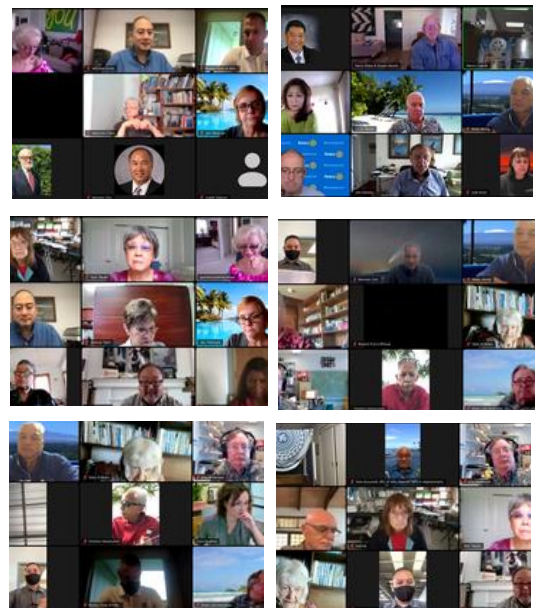
President Nancy then asked **Patty Brey** to lead us in the **4 way Test** of the Things we Think, Say and Do and then we zoomed out of there. And that's a fact Jack.



Happy Dollars



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

DISTRICT 5000

Feb 26-27, 2021

2021

RYLA

Building Leadership Skills for the Future!



5W's of RYLA



- **Who** - Rotarians & Students from across Hawaii
- **What** - RYLA Virtual Camp Experience
- **When** - February 26th and 27th, 2021
- **Where** - Virtual on DISCORD and ZOOM
- **Why** - To share, build and exercise leadership skills with youth



RYLA Core Curriculum



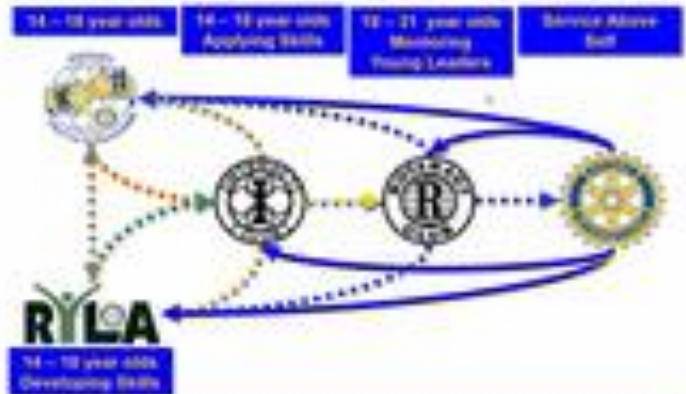
- 1. Fundamentals of leadership
- 2. Ethics of positive leadership
- 3. Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- 4. Problem-solving and conflict management
- 5. Rotary's mission and service to the community
- 6. Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- 7. Elements of community and global citizenship
- 8. Leadership Confidence



Meeting the requirements of the Peer-Only Test and not forgetting fun.



Pathway to Rotary



It's about starting with and mentoring our youth and developing tomorrow's leaders.



HOW CAN OUR CLUB HELP RYLA 2021 BE A SUCCESS?

Recruit 10th and 11th graders from your local high schools - and specifically through the Interest Club! Registration is limited to 108 students statewide.

- Sponsor students to attend RYLA - registration is \$100
- Donate items for the RYLA Survival Kits that each student will receive - gift cards, small items, etc. A total of 126 kits will be prepared.
- Donate items as prizes for students - gift certificates. Twenty prizes needed.
- Be a volunteer - Adult Facilitator, delivery person to bring students Survival Kits before RYLA weekend, deliver pizza to individual students on Saturday, Feb 27th



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