

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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President Beverly Heikes called the Zoom meeting to order at noon. We look forward to whenever we will be back in person, but **President Bev** is still excited to be able to meet via Zoom at this time. She recognized Sergeant-at-Arms **Kelvin Watanabe** who played a big part in helping to coordinate this Zoom meeting. **Susan Munro** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Helene Tajiri introduced her guest, **Dr. Fengchuan Liu**. But as he will be inducted soon as a member with **Helene Tajiri** as his sponsor, he shouldn't be a guest for too much longer. **Dan Richards** will also be inducted soon, but is technically still a guest until then. **Dr. Liu** also served as our speaker for the day.



President Bev wants to increase all of our Rotary IQs and did so today by sharing a video about Rotary's global impact in our areas of emphasis: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, protecting the environment, growing local economies, saving mothers and children, and supporting education.

President Bev, along with a number of others, want our Rotary meetings to be fun and engaging. **Julie Kron** announced a quick scavenger hunt



to find something green around the house. **Jim Cheney** won by holding up his eraser. Impressive win without even getting up from his seat.

President Bev continued to emphasize the **"Each one bring one"** initiative set forth at the beginning of the Rotary year.

Community Service Chair **Wally Wong** made several announcements. He shared that the 3rd grade dictionary project is underway. The labels have been put into the dictionaries and are awaiting delivery but need the accompanying video that they're still working on. **Wally** also shared that the school supply drive is being headed up by **Genie Phillips** and **Beckie Marshall**. Supplies can still be dropped off at **Nancy's** office (Day Lum) or **Ed's** office (Hawaii

fellow Rotarians.

Susan Munro shared that she heard from **Bob Fox's** wife, **Nina**, that he has been ill. **Susan** read a message she received from **Bob**, "He misses the camaraderie and community of all his old and less old friends and he is sorry to be unable to join them." **Nina** also shared with **Susan** that **Bob** has entered home hospice care.

President Bev wished happy birthday to September babies as well as congratulating all of those celebrating wedding and Rotary anniversaries this month.

Foundations Chair **Shane Okimoto** emphasized **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)** donations. After our first two months of the Rotary year, we are still less than 25% participation. This is one way to get all of our members engaged. It only takes a **\$25** donation to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** to do your part. Donations can be made online or mailed in to our club's PO box.



Connie Ichinose led a quick Rotary Trivia, asking everyone to type into the chat areas of focus for Rotary. **Patty Bray** and **Julie Kron** were the quickest for the under 5 years of membership, while **Helene Tajiri** and **Kerry Glass/Susan Munro** were fastest for the over 5 years of membership group, who had to list two foci.



Many were **Happy for Happy Dolars** today. Numerous members contributed to **TRF** to complete their **EREY** including **Patty Bray**, **Dirk Yoshina**, **Fengchuan Liu**, and **Mike Meyer**, who made his donation online. **Helen Hemmes** was thankful to the club for recognizing her anniversary and gave to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)**. She also shared that **Cindy Boots** is happy for her birthday this month and also gave to **HRYF**. **Helene Tajiri** was happy that **Dr. Liu** was there to be guest speaker and gave for her **EREY**. **Jeremiah Leonard** fulfilled his **EREY** in celebration of

TRF. **President Bev** shared that she got to visit her two sons for the first time in two years, along with other family and donated to **TRF**.

Helene Tajiri introduced our speaker for the day, **Dr. Fengchuan Liu**. **Dr. Liu** grew up in China, studied physics at the University of Washington at Seattle receiving his Ph.D. He has worked with NASA and is currently the project manager for the Thirty Meter Telescope project (TMT). He has spent much of his time on the island getting to know the community on Big Island. **Dr. Liu** began by reaffirming his commitment to make project work, by listening and learning from the community, building bridges, and enhancing relationships. Mauna Kea provides the finest astronomical site in the world, something recognized even back in 1981. Even though the project stands 18 stories tall, they have done all that they can to minimize its profile on the mountain so only 14% of the Big Island's population will even be able to see part of it. Compared to the Keck telescope, which is the best current telescope in the world, TMT would be 81 times more capable. Already, 2600 tons of structure are being produced in Japan for the project. Numerous sites are hard at work polishing lenses and doing other necessary prep work. These worldwide sites include India, China, and the US. Andrea Ghez won a Nobel prize studying at Keck Observatories and would be able to continue her research with a resource like TMT.

Dr. Liu fielded questions from members and estimated about 2 years to begin use of TMT because they want to make sure to do things the right way. Pro-test resolution steps will need to be addressed by connecting with indigenous people on grassroots levels and seeking out how to partner moving forward.

President Bev closed out our meeting by thanking **Dr. Liu** and everyone else who helped make the Zoom experience a positive one. **Jeremiah Leonard** closed out our meeting by leading the **Four-way test**.

Birthdays:

Aaron Albers September 1
 Bob Fox September 5
 Craig Shikuma September 9
 Shirley Woods September 5
 Cindy Boots September 14
 Tim Beatty September 22
 Sam Wallis September 22

Club Anniversary:

The Don Chu Sept 01 1995 (26)
 Sally O'Brien Sept 01 1994 (27)
 Wally Wong Sept 01 1995 (26)
 Joe Hanley Sept 04 1987 (34)
 Jimmy Yagi Sept 17 1965 (56)
 Ian Birnie Sept 20 1985 (36)
 Jerry Watanabe Sept 22 1989 (32)
 Tim Beatty Sept 27 2002 (19)
 Corey Kawamoto Sept 27 2002 (19)

Anniversaries:

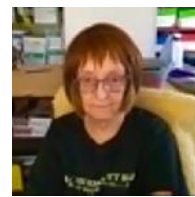
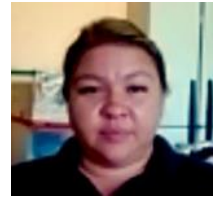
Tim & Kanoa Beatty Sept 02 2001 (20)
 Helen & Donn Hemmes Sept 02 1967 (54)
 Lei Quinting-Androyna
 & Gabe Androyna Sept 06 2013 (8)
 Misti & James Tyrin Sept 08 2007 (14)
 Alan & Zohra Kusunoki Sept 20 1992 (49)

Announcements:

Sept. 24—Rebecca Choi—Keiki Heroes Program
 Manager
 Oct. 8—Ashley Keirkiewicz—Puna District
 Councilwoman
 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



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