

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



September 11, 2020

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Connie Ichinose

Photographer: Keith Okamoto

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, **Kerry Glass** who led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a thought-provoking quote:



September 11, 2001 "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." ...**Barack Obama**

Visiting Rotarian: **Assistant District Governor Doug Adams**

Thank you to last week's reporter, **Susan Munro** and photographer, **Bob Hanley**. This week's reporter – **Connie Ichinose** and photographer – **Keith Okamoto**.

Announcements & Events:

Rotary face masks - **Connie Ichinose** – Former Rotarian **Audrey Wilson** generously sewed and donated 40 Rotary masks to our club. We will be selling them for \$10 each. The monies will be donated to the **Salvation Army**. Masks can be picked up and money dropped off at the **Day Lum office** from Monday, 9.14.20, after 10 a.m.



DOH Mask survey – **Kerry Glass** - The Hawaii Department of Health in cooperation with the University of Hawaii Department of Nursing has reached out to East Hawaii Rotary clubs for volunteers to assist with a survey to determine COVID-19 mask utilization in east Hawaii. The project is simple. It DOES NOT include engaging individuals, phone calling or working with large groups of people. Our job is to observe individuals at several Hilo locations and note whether they are using a mask, using it properly or not using a mask at all. These notations are made on a website via your cell phone or iPad so data results are being made in real time. In most cases, these observations can be made from the safety of your automobile. Some of the survey locations will be Richardson's Beach Park, Liliuokalani Park, Prince Kuhio Plaza food court, etc. Time would be 9-11 a.m. **Kerry** will send out a link with dates for sign up.

Fri, Sep 25 - Official District Governor visit via Zoom by **District Governor Naomi**

Masuno.

Sept 24 – Doug Adams – D5000 will hold an informational zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m. re. the launching of a District Online Auction to help clubs raise funds. Email **Nancy Cabral** or **Kerry Glass** for the zoom info/link.

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays: **Bob Fox** - Sep 5; **Craig Shikuma** - Sep 9

Anniversaries: **Tim & Kanoa Beatty** - Sep 2, 2001 (19 yrs.); **Helen & Don Hemmes** - Sep 2, 1967 (53 yrs.); **Misti & James Tyrin** - Sep 8, 2007 (13 yrs.)

Club Anniversary: **Newton Chu** - Sep 1, 1995 (25 yrs.); **Sally O'Brien** - Sep 1, 1994 (26 yrs.); **Wally Wong** - Sep 1, 1995 (25 yrs.); **Joe Hanley** - Sep 4, 1987 (33 yrs.); **Maureen Poirier** - Sep 8, 2017 (3 yrs.)

August Focus Groups – **Connie Ichinose** had reported to the Board that a common concern voiced from the groups was that our members don't get to know each other as much as they would like. Several had suggested short vocational talks. So, **VP Kerry** announced that we would be doing just that from now on.

Five Minute Vocational Talk

by **Stan Fortuna Jr.** **Stan** moved from Grand Rapids, MI to Hilo in 2001, taking on the position of the founding headmaster of Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i campus. He had previously been a school superintendent for 10 years and before that, a superintendent in another district for almost 10 years. During his tenure at KSBE, the school added five buildings per year for five years. **Stan** lived here for 11 years before moving back to Grand Rapids. He has come back every year (except this year due to COVID 19) to visit the campus and friends.

Stan has four children and a 10th grandchild on the way. He appreciates the **RCH** for letting him stay on, because he "just couldn't give up his membership," even if he couldn't make the weekly in person meetings.



In the background, **Stan** strategically placed a painting by a local artist who painted an Arizona

landscape, for the amusement of **Amos** and **Charlene Meyers**, who just recently moved there and wore a "Just Scrap" shirt in honor of **Lorraine Shin**.

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

Helen Hemmes – to **HRYF** to commemorate her 53 years of marriage to the man she adores.



Susan Munro – **HRCF**-happy to see our newest member, **Kazuo Todd** at the meeting!



Nancy Cabral –**HRYF** - first day back to work – happy to hear from **Stan**

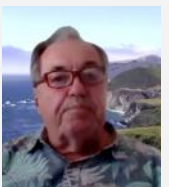


– "I was his first landlord." **\$360** happy for 36 years with husband, **Al**. "Thank you to the club for the beautiful bouquet." **We love you, Nancy. Heavenly Peace, Al.**



ADG Doug Adams- Happy to see **Nancy** — "our hearts go out to your family." Donation in honor and remembrance of the 19th anniversary of the 9-11 attack on America.

Kimo Jim Becker – Happy to be part of the **Membership CARE Committee** – **Sally, Helen, Dirk, Jen, Connie** – an "extraordinary group" – part of the meetings has evolved to a show and share time. Took a tour of **Helen's** office, viewed **Dirk's** antique Japanese display, and **Sally** shared pictures of herself, dressed in a kimono. The group is compassionate and kind and sends cards of love and sympathy to members. Happy dollars to contribute money to buy those cards.



Helene Tajiri – Happy to have helped make lunch for the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery** yesterday. Got there with no plans and put together an ONolicious meal from the pantry! **Harvey Tajiri's** creation of smoked spam and onions was served along with rice, green beans, corn, carrots, and apples!



Birthdays:

Bob Fox September 5
Craig Shikuma September 9
Cindy Boots September 14
Tim Beatty September 22
Sam Wallis September 22

Club Anniversary:

The Don Chu Sept 01 1995 (25)
Sally O'Brien Sept 01 1994 (26)
Wally Wong Sept 01 1995 (25)
Joe Hanley Sept 04 1987 (33)
Maureen Poirier Sept 08 2017 (3)
Jimmy Yagi Sept 17 1965 (55)
Ian Birnie Sept 20 1985 (35)
Jerry Watanabe Sept 22 1989 (31)
Tim Beatty Sept 27 2002 (18)
Corey Kawamoto Sept 27 2002 (18)

Wedding Anniversary:

Tim & Kanoa Beatty Sept 02 2001 (19)
Helen & Don Hemmes Sept 02 1967 (53)
Misti & James Tyrin Sept 08 2007 (13)
Alan & Zohra Kusunoki Sept 20 1992 (48)
Nate & Annette Chang Sept 29 1979 (41)

Announcements:

Sept 18—No Meeting
Sept 25—District Governor (Naomi)
Plans for Rotary year
Oct 2—No Meeting
Oct 9—Doug Adams/Mike Meyers
Cof Hi Amendments & Census taking
Oct 16—No Meeting
Oct 23—Bonnie Irwin UHH Chancellor
Oct 30—No Meeting

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

Joining in was **Wally Wong** and **Beckie Marshall**. **Wally** added that everyone is welcome to help – every **Thursday from 10:30 am til noon**. “This is how you get to know each other – you serve and work together!”



Send your Happy Dollar donations to: **Rotary Club of Hilo; PO Box 7476, Hilo 96720**

Speaker: Gail Takaki – Keiki Heros

Cartoon characters, Kai and Hoku were created to get into the hearts and minds of young people by using young characters. Mentorship from Rotarians **Nancy Cabral, Mitch Dodo, Shane Okimoto, Gail Takaki**, and **Doug Adams** along with many other supporters led to the formation of the **Success Factory/NexTech**. The **Rotary Club of Hilo** has been one of its sponsors for the 4 years since its inception. The students are exposed to one to one interaction with a professional in their field which is one of the valuable lessons they offer.



Other programs/initiatives:

Solve plastic waste issues in our community – via zoom
Day camp (one day in person and the rest completed virtually)
Explorations. Unfortunately canceled due to COVID 19.

Keiki Heroes:

Joined up with Hawaii Stem Community Care to organize PPE design and production.
Educational program that could reach elementary and preschools
Developed Characters:
Kai and cousin Hoku, who asks the questions many keiki would ask.
Ola – spokesperson
Laulima – gecko who shows kindness and compassion.
Teach and remind of good practices
Invite keiki to website to plant the seeds to become a Keiki Hero.

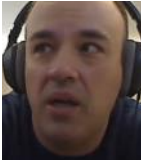
Developed a wear mask poster – teaches correct way to wear masks.
Local style way of teaching to respect other people's bubble – uses a surfboard as a guideline.
Needed to make a quick change to social media due to schools not meeting in person.
Recruiting Ambassadors – young adults – to teach keiki.
Focusing on translating to ESL communities
Community partnering –
KTA is doing contests, prizes, featuring on living in paradise, lion clubs

Rotary Club of Hilo - Shared flyers in backpacks through Salvation Army.
Working through schools' PCNC's and parents – schools are distributing packets to students so trying to get flyers into these.

YMCA – becomes second set of parenting with day care.

Efforts being made to secure monies through county/covid monies.

Suggestion by **Kazuo Todd** to try and get material in with the 18K fire prevention material going out through the HFD to almost every school in the next 2-3 weeks.



Website geared to the young children:

keikiheroes.org

Gail stressed that she and the organization are not asking us for funding or donations, but primarily to spread the word.

Four Way Test was led by **Kerry Glass** and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Rotary Opens Opportunities