

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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What could have been just another "hohum" meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo was kicked up to a new level when **President Wally Wong** strutted into the room wearing his gorgeous **RED PATENT PUMPS!** Wally was making a reminder statement to the members about the YWCA Event coming up October 24th, Walk a Mile in her Shoes!

We will be having a team walk in the event led by our Prez, and are still asking for participation and donations. If you will be walking and have a red shirt, End Polio Now, please wear it, as October 24, is also Rotary's End Polio Now Day.

There will also be another workday in Liliokalani Park to help get the park in shape for the 100th anniversary celebration next year. If you plan to help, please contact **Wally** about the time to meet.

After ringing the meeting to order, **President Wong** asked **Marcia Prose** to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then asked **Alan Kusunoki** to assist the crowd in singing the Hawaiian Doxology.

Thought for the day:

If you feel depressed, you are living in the past, If you feel anxious, you are living in the future, If you are at peace, you are living in the present. Lao Tzu

Visiting Rotarians,



Phoebe Lambeth (South Hilo), and **Lee Miyuki** (Hilo Bay) were quickly introduced, along with **Lorraine Shin's** guest **J.D. Walker**.

Greeter **Cindy Boots** was happy to share that she'd discovered **J.D.** is formerly from Wisconsin and is also a fellow Packer fan. He has his own Photography and Web Design business in Keaau.

Lisa Rantz hosted guests **Dr. Kay Nordling** and former club member **Julie Tulang** who were representing the Hilo Medical Center and Foundation. **Robin**

Benedict with the Friends of the Children's Justice Center was also a guest.

Turning quickly to his first order of club business, **President Wally** called upon **Helene Tajiri** and proposed new member

Dylan Shropshire to come forward so **Dylan** could be inducted. **Helene** gave a short Bio, and then **Dylan** spoke of growing up on the big island, attending Hawaii Prep

in Waimea, and also UH-Manoa. He owns and operates several small businesses, and is also in the Agricultural Real Estate business too. He is the son of past member **Steve Shropshire** and grew up hearing about the good things Rotary can do for communities and the world. **Dylan** is hoping to participate in many of our community projects and also that his businesses here will help to create jobs for his generation and future generations in and around our community and island. **Dylan's** businesses all center around some sort of agricultural theme which is in tune with our club motto Malama Honua, Caring for the earth.

Please make a point of meeting **Dylan** and introducing yourself soon and embracing him into our club's membership. Oh yes, and he's young and energetic too!

A quick review of recent events:

Photos of **President Wally** and exchange student **Carolyne Paison** working together at the Ironman Aid Station last Sat, Oct 10th. **Wally** experiencing his first "read" at his kindergarten class in Keaau was very fun, and so cool to see how excited the children are.

A photo of the newest stage of the garden/planting at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. By the way, our club is going to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the HIHR, so please sign up to help when the sheet comes your way.

Due to some personal issues, **Tom Brown** had resigned from our club this past summer. A membership vote was taken and passed to offer **Tom** Honorary Membership.

Tom's been in the club for many years, was a Past-President and Asst. District Governor and served as many chair directors and also a driving force on the very important Social Committee.

There will also be 2 **Rotary Gives Thanks** days for your calendars, 11/21 and 11/16 so please sign up to help.

Club Recognitions and thanks went out to our PR person **Marcia Prose**, and **Mike Robinson** for stepping in and becoming our club treasurer, as **Alan Kusunoki** takes over as the 2015-2016 Assistant District Governor due to **Tom Brown's** resigning.

Also recognized were **Jim Cheney** (reporter) and **Bob Hanley** (photos) of the 10/9 Lava Flow, with kudos to coordinators **Tammy Silva** and **Ed Hara**.

Next up on the very busy agenda was **Steve Handy**, Chair of our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, who had the pleasure of sharing the results of fundraising efforts from the 2015 Brewfest. **Steve** thanked the many members and sponsors who'd made these

totals possible, along with all the Rotary members and volunteers who were needed to make the event the financial success that it's been year over year. This year, our club was able to increase revenue, decrease costs, and contribute MORE \$\$ to our specific foundations and add more funds to our own **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** too!

The **Rotary Club of Hilo** was able to present checks in the amount of **\$13,200** each to both the **Hilo Medical Center Residency Program Foundation** and **The Friends of the Children's Justice Foundation**.

Our Foundation was also able to retain **\$17,000** for use on a variety of projects for our community and also internationally. We have already contributed to projects in Indonesia and the Mauricias Islands.



Birthdays:

Chris Tamm October 6
Nancy Cabral October 12
Tammy Silva October 15
Gerard Carter October 26

Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart October 14 1994 (21)
Ron Dolan October 4 1991 (24)
Gene Tao October 11 1985 (30)
Treena Breyfogle October 12 2012 (3)
Alan Kusunoki October 15 1993 (22)
Wayne Atebara October 15 1997 (18)
Cowboy Kaneshiro October 22 1999 (16)
Rand Mundo October 22 1994 (11)

Wedding Anniversary:

Craig & Linday Shikuma October 15 (35)
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16 (33)
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26 (47)
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27 (31)

Announcements:

Oct. 23 - Glenn Harris - Ethics and the 4 Way Test
Oct. 30 - Jan and Ian - Wiki Fresh
A concept restaurant
Nov. 6 - Rob Kelso - PISCES
Pacific International Space Center for
Exploration Systems
Nov. 12 - (Thursday) Hekka Social
Nov. 13 - No Meeting
Nov. 20 - Kerry Glass - Rotary Foundation
Dec. 7 - (Monday) 95th Club Anniversary Dinner
Hilo Yacht Club

President Wally Wong
President Elect "Your Name"
Immediate Past President Richard Johnson
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Mike Robinson
Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
Membership Connie Ichinose
Public Relations Marcia Prose
Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
Club Service Jean Sugiyama
International Service Stew Hussey
Community Service Reese Mates
Youth Service Tammy Silva
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

Dr. Kay Nordling spoke on behalf of the HMC Residency Program confirming that the



monies contributed to this project for the last years have been so very important in keeping the program moving forward. There are now 2 classes of residents in training, and a third class in the interview process for training and retaining new doctors here on Hawaii Island. **Dr. Nordling** commented that she had felt a close feeling of community here, and that was one of the primary reasons she chose to come here and work with this project. The dollars that have been contributed over the years were stepping stones to keeping this program moving forward and succeeding.

Robin Benedict, with the **Friends of the Childrens Justice Center** was then allowed a few moments to drive home the very importance that the dollars that the **Rotary Club of Hilo** has contributed to the



center. Each year the money is a huge help in covering so many needs for the children at the center. The extra funds we've provided allowed the center to send teens to a Winners Camp on Oahu where the teens experience life changing coaching sessions and interaction with others. The dollars also help to sponsor holiday gifts for more than 325 children and in effect, help to make sure no child is left without.

There were only a few brief opportunities for Happy \$.



President Wong donated \$10 as he was very glad he didn't have to wear the RED PUMPS more than just the hour of the meeting.

Cindy Boots had 2 \$5 bills to share that **Judy Gibson** has gotten home from her hospital experience, is doing well and thanks everyone for the emails, visits and well wishes. **Judy** wanted to remind folks to email her with their "make-up" events, so she can be sure you all get your meeting credits.

Cindy also announced that each member needs to circle Monday, December 7th on their calendars for our very important **95th Club Anniversary celebration**. The dinner will be

Photos by **Kerry Glass**

held at the Hilo Yacht Club and more details will be announced at a later date. We'll putting out collection jars for extra funding so that we can celebrate in style, as we should all be very proud of being members of the 2nd oldest club in the State of Hawaii, and oldest club on Hawaii Island. If you'd like to help with some of the plans, please contact Chairman, **Mitchell Dodo**.

Having club business use up almost all of the lunch-hour, our guest speaker **Dr. Marco Manglesdorf** was left with just only about 7 minutes to relate his message to the club about the Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative an it's impact on our island.



Since January, HIEC has been reaching out to educate the people on Hawaii Island about the possibility of creating our own citizen owned energy cooperative. This would be an alternative to HELCO merging with NEXTERA based in Florida. Kauai Island already has own Energy Cooperative. HIEC would be managed and directed by a democratically elected Board of Directors. The aim and benefit of this us on Hawaii Island, is that we would become more energy sustainable, and also bring the cost of our energy down. To read and understand more, please google Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative.

Dylan Shropshire was given his first official duty as our newest member, to lead the **4 Way Test**, and quickly learned that yes, there's a 5th...Have Fun!

Speaking of Fun....a very fun dance lesson was shared with the crowd by **Lisa Rantz** and **Wally Wong**, to demonstrate the fun to be had if you join the October 31st Hilo Pub Crawl and Rocky Horror Picture Show Social. Be sure to sign up with **Wally** soon.

