

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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**Reporter: JYSugi**

It was a packed house on the first Friday in October. I got to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Alan Kusunoki** lifted his voice to guide us through the doxology in Hawaiian.

### Visitors and Guests



**Pete Mueller** and **Katie Lambert** visited us from Hilo Bay, and **Phoebe Lambeth** joined us from the South Hilo Club. **Morgen Bahurinsky** (two time

Ironman finisher) joined **Marcia Prose** as one of our guest speakers, and **Kathleen Stomsvide** (formerly of Crescent City) was visiting us to learn a little more about Rotary and purchase Octoberfest tickets.

Special thanks to **Tammy** and **Ed** for their continued hard work on the Lava Flow, and to **Biff Kennedy** and **Bob Hanley** for last week's edition.

### \*\*Spotlight\*\*

**Richard Johnson** raised \$830 for the Walk to End Alzheimers, and our two youth clubs (Waiakea High School Interact and the UH Hilo Rotaract club) joined in and cheered all the walkers on.

**Kerry** and **Susan** are our international ambassadors of goodwill in Kowloon, Hong Kong. They met the President of the Rotary Club there.

Combining efforts with the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise, our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** donated \$2,500 to the Bali Rotary Club to provide school scholarships to the children of AIDS-affected families. Each child receives a few hundred dollars to help pay for their school costs.

### 2016 Hilo Brewfest

The Hilo Brewfest Committee held their first meeting, and **Treena Breyfogle** is asking all of us to nominate other worthy charities (in addition to the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center) as possible recipients of the proceeds from the upcoming 2016 Brewfest. If you would like to nominate another worthy cause, please email **Treena** with the specific details such as the name of the charity, their mission, the population they support, and the need that they have.

### Waiakea High School Interact Club News

**Cindy Boots** described the high energy atmosphere of the Waiakea High School Interact Club and encouraged everyone to attend one of their meetings (especially if they need an energy recharge).

The general meetings of the Interact Club are held every Tuesday from 12:25 to 12:55 at the Waiakea High School Library. Upcoming projects include building and acting in the KTA Haunted House starting on Friday, Oct 24th.

### Global Grant

We had monies from the Rotary Foundation that we weren't using, so **Wally** offered to partner with the Kihei Wailea Rotary Club to fund their project to build eye hospitals in India.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Need to make up a missed meeting?  
Looking to do "good" in our local community?  
Here are some activities that could use your help.

### Adopt A School

Keaau, Kaumana, and Naalehu were the orphans of the latest "Adopt A School" program. Ever the white knight, **Wally** volunteered to help these schools. **Wally** needs help buying fabric markers and puffy paints for Keaau students who want to decorate donated pillowcases. **Wally** is tracking down a 3D printer to help a Kaumana elementary school teacher build a "Maker Space" for the children there. This encourages the children to use their imagination and hands-on skills to create objects. **Wally** is also trying to build a Rotarian Community Core group in the Naalehu area. He has contacted some former Rotarians, but if you know of anyone who is interested in doing "good" in the Naalehu area, please let him know. Naalehu school needs to secure playground equipment, library books, and carpets to enrich the students' experience there.

### Third Grade Dictionary Delivery

Week of Oct 12th  
If you would like to help distribute the dictionaries, please contact **Reese Mates**.

### Interact Workshop

Oct 17th 2pm to 3pm  
Waiakea High School Library  
**Gail Takaki** is leading our club's efforts to enroll our WHS Interact students in this mini-RYLA workshop. We need volunteers at 2pm to help the Interact students identify their hallmark service project for the year. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact **Gail**.

### Blue Zone Kickoff Celebration

Oct 17th 7:30am to 1:30pm  
Civic Auditorium  
**Reese Mates** is posting an on-line sign-up sheet for volunteers. They need volunteers to help with registration. Doors open to this free, family-friendly

event at 8:30am and close at 1pm. For more info, please contact **Reese**.

### Bamboo Fun Part 2

Oct 24th 8:00am to Noon  
Liliuokalani Gardens  
Join our **WHS Interact Club** and the Friends of Liliuokalani Gardens to clear the bamboo grove.

### Big Island Construction Career Day

Oct 29 8:00am to 3pm  
Hilo Civic Auditorium  
**Phoebe Lambeth** explained that 1,000 high school students have already signed up to attend this hands-on career fair for high school and community college students. Participants experience what it is like to work on a construction site by operating heavy construction equipment, and visiting with the trades to engage in skill building. They need 200 volunteers. If you can help out, please contact **Melanie Martin** at 808-220-6732 or email [hawaiiiccd@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiiccd@gmail.com)

### Keiki ID

Please contact **Tim Hansen** for more details if you would like to volunteer at any of the following Keiki ID events:

- 6 Oct (5pm to 8pm) Target Hilo
- 10 Oct (11am to 1pm) Glad Tidings
- 10 Oct (9am to 1pm) Christian Liberty School, Keaau
- 17 Oct (10am to 1pm) Prince Kuhio Plaza
- 17 Oct (9am to 2pm) Paauilo School
- 24 Oct (3pm to 8pm) Puna Resiliency Block Party
- 20 Nov (10am to 2pm) Wailoa State Park
- 21 Nov (10am to 2pm) Pahoa Rec Center
- 22 Nov (10am to 3pm) Spartan Fest Hilo Intermediate

### \$\$HAPPY DOLLARS\$\$

In brief:

**Treena** was happy for **Richard** and **Jenny Johnson** who rescued her when her car battery died.



**Marcia Prose** was happy for the Palace's myriad October offerings.

**Katie Lambert** was happy that all the Rotary clubs have been so welcoming when she's come to explain Octoberfest.



**Helene Tajiri** was happy for her grandson who just made his first basket!

## 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. 9 - Katrina Ramsey - UHH Ohana Heroes  
Oct. 9 - Jana Ortiz-Misiaszek -  
Blue Zones Kick-Off Event  
Oct. 9 - Carol - Exchange Student Into  
Oct. 16 - Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative  
Oct. 23 - Glenn Harris - Ethics and the 4 Way Test  
Nov. 12 - Hekka Social  
Nov. 20 - Kerry Glass - Rotary Foundation

President ..... Wally Wong  
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Community Service ..... Reese Mates  
Youth Service ..... Tammy Silva  
Vocational Service ..... Biff Kennedy



**Ian Birnie** was happy to be back with us.

**Chris Tamm** was happy for birthday and wedding anniversary and upcoming



trip.



**Nancy Cabral** was happy for **Tina** who was so sweet to gift **Nancy** coffee (special with extra cocoa)



**Mike Robinson** was happy to have learned the mystery of baby showers, especially the secret of the five diapers. (You had to be there)



**Connie Ichinose** was happy to be going on her belated honeymoon next week. She will enjoy a stress-free time visiting every single theme park on the West Coast.

**Rand Mundo** was happy to be back after being ill for several weeks and for enjoying a motorcycle rally where he ate all kinds of oysters.



**Wally** was especially happy to see all the visitors, and he hopes to meet **Ian Birnie's** daughter in person someday since she's involved with the Hokule'a voyage.

## The Palace Theater in Hilo

**Marcia** gave us a historical snapshot of this local treasure. MC Baker, a very dashing Hawaiian gentleman built the beaux art building in 1925. It was one of the first stadium seating venues, and the reason behind it was because the site was so shallow, he had to stack the seating. The acoustics are outstanding because there was no sound equipment in use at the time.

In 1929, we got a three manual, seven ring, Robert Morgan pipe organ installed, and Johnny DeMello was the organist who accompanied the silent movies. However in 1940 they moved the organ and Johnny to what was then the Hilo Theater. The tsunami of 1946 partially damaged the organ, but the 1960 tsunami destroyed the organ sending it from where it was located to the back of the house totally smashing it. Whatever parts were left went to a collector in Honolulu.

In 1932, Consolidated Theaters bought the Palace showing movies without an organ accompanying them. In 1984 they closed it, and used the fireproof vault to store films for the Big Island because they were so flammable.

In 1999 the county asked the Downtown Improvement Association to please bring the palace back to life. There was a capital campaign that funded a lot of projects including earthquake prevention retrofits. The Palace was fixed up in time for reopening in 1999 when Roger Ebert came to the Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) to reopen the theater.

But what has happened to the organ???

Hilo society wanted to put it back in the palace, so when the Waikiki Theater was demolished in 2002, all the major parts were donated to the Palace. We got a console, got a lot of pipes, and workers started to put it back in place. The organ today has 1,159 pipes total in two separate organ chambers. The shortest one is 10 inches and the longest one is 16 feet.

In 2001, the Friends of the Palace Theater started up and funded several major projects. We had to do ADA construction, an ADA bathroom, tent the place, rebuild the stage, put on a new roof, and purchase a new digital projector. We have spent close to a million dollars on the restoration, and there's more to do.

**Morgen Bahurinsky**, the Executive Director of the Palace, took us on a virtual tour, but without the pictures I can't do it justice. **Morgen** has graciously offered to take anyone on a personal tour during the week if you stop by from

10am to 1pm.

## **Birthday Cake**

This is the Palace's 90th birthday year. On our final weekend we are going to have a 3 day celebration.

30 Oct at 7pm

"Don Q, son of Zorro" starring Douglas Fairbanks

31 Oct 8:30pm

The Rocky Horror Picture Show Costume Contest

1 Nov at 3:00pm

## **Kalapana Kanikapila**

Free concert in honor of our 90th Birthday

Featuring the friends and family of the late Uncle Robert Keli'iho'omalu of Kalapana

And, we are working to air condition the theater. It was air conditioned back in the 1950s, and we still have the air handlers that were part of the original system. We are working with someone to see if we can link those back into the new system. There are a lot of considerations to air conditioning: the cost and the noise that the system may produce are only two of these issues. Our first step will be to get solar panels to cut the operating cost of the system. Hopefully by summer we will have worked out all the details so that by the time next summer comes around next we will have air conditioning.

Four lucky rotary members won pairs of tickets to the Mary Poppins musical show. Among them was **Phoebe Lambeth**, **Helene Tajiri**, and **Corey Kawamoto**.

**Newton Chu** explained the history of **the four way test** and led us in the recitation.



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Photos by **Bob Hanley**



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Hilo, HI 96720  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn how to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Bring a friend—it's a well-being initiative for the entire community.

Enjoy a Keiki Zone, local entertainment, games and activities, 'ono food, and plenty of family fun!

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