

Lava Flow September 11, 2015

Vice president Mitch Dodo took over for president Wally Wong, who is somewhere in the Indian Ocean as First Mate on a sailing ship. He introduced the Rotary Club of Hilo as “Malama Honua” - “Coming from the earth”.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alan Kusunoki. Guests were Pete Muller and Mary Begiar, of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and Keith Marrack, of Rotary Club of South Hilo, Boaz Yung, guest of Mitch Dodo, and David Gerber, guest of Donnie Demuth. Newton Chu and Jim Cheney were recognized as the author and photographer of the most recent Lava Flow, and Tammy Silva was applauded for coordinating and scheduling Lava Flow writers and photographers. Because Wally Wong was out of the area, Mitch Dodo took over as chair and was thus unable to be Lava Flow photographer – Cindy Boots took over for him, photographing with her phone ??? Biff Kennedy was Lava Flow reporter this time.

NOTE: Some strange things still happen. Saeko Hayashi, an astronomer, lost a cat about four years ago. Two weeks ago, the cat was brought back to her, thanks to a computer chip she had implanted four years ago. Computers are GREAT!

CALENDAR

September 13 Keiki ID

17 Chicken Hekka – cancelled

18 No Rotary meeting

19 Beach Cleanup behind Hilo Beach cafe

23 Welcoming party for a visiting student – drop in at Reece Mates’ residence

26 Walk to end Alzheimers - see Richard Johnson

26 East Hawaiian District Qualification Training at Hospice of Hilo – see Alan Kusunoki

October 2 October Fest – see Pete Mueller

Cindy Boots still has volcano coffee mugs for sale - Rotary gets half of the sale price.

Oct. 10 – Keith Marrack can use some help at the marathon aid station in Hawi

Oct 17 Interact workshop – see Alan Kusunoki

Oct 24 – YWCA has Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for men who don’t mind looking ridiculous in high heels – see Kathleen McGilvray

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Fox September 5
Craig Shikuma “ 9
Celestine Ruwethin “ 10
Cindy Boots “ 14 (Fiftieth birthday)
Tim Beatty “ 22

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rand and Joann Mundo 9/6 12 years
Misti and James Tyrin 9/18 8
Alan and Zohra Kusunoki 9/20 43 years (got married when he was 10)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Hanley 9/4 28 years
James Yagi 9/17 50
Ian Birne 9/20 30
Newton “The Don” Chu 9/22 20
Jerry Watanabe 9/22 26
Tim Beaty 9/27 13
Corey Kawamoto 9/27 13

TALK

Reese Mates gave a great talk on Shelter Box, an international organization that provides boxes to people in need after a disaster hits. A typical shelter box weighs about 120 lbs and includes an all-weather nine person tent, blankets, cooking materials, toys, vital supplies, some medicine and many other things that make life bearable. Her talk was illustrated by a number of short movies showing where such boxes are used. The Shelter Box program is largely supported by the International Rotary organization. Their web site is www.shelterbox.org.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Happy dollars were given by Steve Handy, Mike Robinson, Cui Costa, Kerry Glass, and Cindy Boots. After the talk on the Shelter Boxes, more happy dollars were given for the boxes by Cindy Boots, Reese Mates, Nancy Cabral, Biff Kennedy, Connie Ichinose, and Nina Decker.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH THE FOUR WAY TEST.