

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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On Friday, April 15th Rotarians were greeted by **President Wally Wong** with some wonderful Japanese music along with a hearty "*Konichiwa!*" (good day everyone!) After a very small crowd last week, nearly all the tables in room were filled, and there was a great feeling of fellowship abounding.

**Richard Johnson** was called on to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Prez Wally** led the audience in the Doxology.



### Greeters

**Bobbi Stivers-Apiki** and newest member **Keith Okamoto** shared duties of guest introductions. Everyone was excited to welcome **Shauna Touhy** for her lunch visit, and **Rand Mundo** was proud to introduce his sons **Kekoa** and **Lance**.

**Newton Chu's** guest **Ian Kitagawa** was back for a 2nd visit, and **Jimmy Yagi** brought along **UH-Chancellor Dr. Don Staney** (also an honorary member) and our speaker **Pat Guillen**. **Jeff Guy**

was a guest of **Connie Ichinose**. The only visiting Rotarian was **PDG Pete Muller**. As a unique welcome, **Bobbi Stivers-Apiki** had guests all stand, and then the membership stood and gave a "standing round of applause"...literally everyone was asked to stand up and applaud while turning around where they stood! Fun way to get the crowd involved and chuckling.

As everyone entered they noticed and scanned a table full of delightful books for young children. These are the result of the club's **Adopt a School Project**, and are to be delivered on Wednesday, April 20th to the Naalehu Elementary School Library by **President Wong** and anyone else who would enjoy making the trip out there. Please contact **Wally** if you would like to ride along with him and help with the presentation.

On screen we saw a group photo of our Rotarians, friends, family who made the recent trip to Japan which ended with celebration our sister club **Hiroshima South's 60th anniversary**. Our sister clubs members were awesome hosts and our members have come back with wonderful memories. At the anniversary celebration,

**President Wong** opened his speech with a Hawaiian Chant, which it sounds like "wowed" the entire group, and then, presented the Hiroshima South's President



with a beautiful Koa Paddle. In turn, our club was presented with a beautiful and large Shamoji (rice paddle) that is a symbol of Unity. **Wally** will be having the names of all our Rotary Club of Hilo presidents names inscribed on the paddle since the inception of the bond of "sister clubs" starting with **Russ Oda** who instrumental in establishing the Hiroshima South relationship 60 years ago.

There was a great photo of a table full of purses and small bags put together for the club's "**Glam Project**" for Hope Services. These bags held lots of products for personal hygiene, and care to enable the women being helped at Hope Services develop a positive self image about themselves as they are trying to integrate back into jobs and the community.

### \*\*\*Special Note\*\*\*\*

**NO MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND.**

The East Hawaii Rotarian Steak Fry scheduled for Thursday evening, April 21st will count as our weekly meeting. If you haven't already signed up, please contact **Steve Handy** at [seshandy@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:seshandy@hawaii.rr.com) if you would still like to attend so we can have an accurate head count for the food.

April 30th is Rotarians at work day, so plans are tentative for a "wheel clean-up" on the big industrial wheel on the roadside in Pepekeo. Contact **Wally** for more details about start time and necessary work tools, and signing up.

May 7th, there will be a "kick-off sign waving" for Brewfest. It will be held across from the Shell station on Kileaua Ave from 10-2PM. Volunteers to wave signs or sell tickets are needed yet, so please contact **Marcia Prose** at [mmprose@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:mmprose@hawaiiintel.net) if you can help. Even just 1-2 hours would be great. If you have your BrewCrew T-shirt from last year, please wear it that day while volunteering.

Also on May 7th, the Hospice of Hilo is holding a Walk and Lantern Lighting at Wailoa Park. It's a really awesome event, and our **WHS Interact students** will be helping with the lantern launching. If you are willing to act as a Rotarian advisor please get there by around 5:30PM, contact **Cindy Boots** at [alohabts@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:alohabts@hawaiiintel.net) for more details.

Tentative plans for some sort of Kava tasting/pot luck pau hana gathering are in the early stages for possibly mid-May with more details to follow soon.



**Nancy Cabral** was presented her **Paul Harris Plus 5**, along with a Paul Harris pin for her granddaughter **McKinley May Cabral** (soon to become 1 year old), by **The Rotary Foundation** Director **Kerry Glass**. Nancy had special thanks to "Rotarians all over the world who make great things happen!"

Whew, and lots of folks were dang happy on Friday too! **Jenny Johnson** had a birthday to celebrate with a check for \$68 happy dollars, and just glad to be healthy. **Bob Hanley** also had \$20 birthday dollars, followed by **Richard Johnson's** \$20 for just having 10 weeks of great travels shared with family and ending with an awesome adventure thru Peru and the Amazon with **Kerry** and **Susan**. **Newton Chu's** guest, **Ian Kitagawa** added \$5 for being invited to his 2nd meeting. **Steve Handy** contributed \$20 to



the Glam Project, and had terrific news from District, that the total contributions raised for the Fiji Aid Project is \$57,000. **Mike Meyers** had a hefty \$50 contribution for his now total

weight loss of 50 lbs, fantastic news, and with the weight loss and new exercise program, **Mike** has reached a very important goal of 5.0 for his sugar level which means his recently diagnosed diabetes is now under control. Congratulations on your new lifestyle changes and health!! **Rand Mundo** was

\$10 happy to be together with both his sons for the first time in 8 years. **Kerry Glass** too, was \$20 happy to have had a great adventure thru Peru and the Amazon and now home to Hilo, and their own beds again.

Still happy from his "public bath experience" in Japan with **Rand Mundo** having encountered some really hairy folks and a few other wild details, **Chuck Porter** had \$20 to relate how fun the trip was, and yup, sort of like Vegas, what happens on Japan trips, should stay there! Even **Naomi's** secrets. **Treena**

**Breyfogle** had \$50 to add that the women's baths weren't near as crazy as **Chuck's** stories. **Newton Chu** had \$50 to congratulate **President Wally Wong** on his terrific job on his speech and excellent example he set for our club, and reminded us all that the sister relationship started with a scientific mission to check on the affects of the bomb on Japanese



**Birthdays:**

- Jonalyn Nosaka April 5
- Alan Kusunoki April 7
- Toshi Aoki April 8
- Tom Brown April 10
- Wally Wong April 11
- Sally O'Brien April 14
- Jenny Johnson April 15
- Bob Hanley April 16
- Marcia Prose April 28
- Alberta Dobbe April 29

**Club Anniversary:**

- Sam Wallis April 02, 1976 (40)
- Craig Shikuma April 03, 1992 (24)
- Biff Kennedy April 12, 2013 (3)
- Gay Porter April 12, 1991 (25)
- Gerard Carter April 16, 1993 (23)
- Reese Mates April 29, 2008 (8)

**Wedding Anniversary:**

None for April

**Announcements:**

- April 20 -Richard Johnson - Club Assembly
- May 6 -Nellieshy Mamuad - Youth Empowerment
- May 13 - Dr. Warren Skidman - TMT
- May 20 - Stephanie Nagata -  
Mauna Kea Management
- May 27 - Ilana Stout  
Hawai'i Heritage Seed Project
- June 10 - Christine Roach  
Helping Transitional Youth
- June 24 - Magin Patrick & Cliff Kama  
Project Hawai'i Summer Camp

- President ..... Wally Wong
- President Elect..... Randy Hart
- 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 ..... ???
- International Service ..... Stew Hussey
- Community Service ..... Reese Mates
- Youth Service ..... Tammy Silva
- Vocational Service ..... Biff Kennedy

people who had moved to Hawaii, and then developed into this lasting friendship. His contribution went to the **Wada Foundation** which goes toward student exchange scholarships between Hilo and Hiroshima. There will be a group of Japanese friends coming this year in August with the exchange. **Wally** also contributed a \$50 to the **Wada Foundation**, and remarked that all our Rotarians and their guests represented the club very well. One final \$10 fine to **Wally** for referring to Orchid Isle Ford as Honolulu Ford...never a dull moment at this meeting for sure!

With all the shared happiness stories, there was just enough time left for **Jimmy Yagi** to introduce our



guest speaker, **Pat Guillen**. **Pat** is the UH-Hilo Athletic Director since August 2015, and came to Hilo with more than 25 years experience



coaching in athletic programs, and most recently 10 years as AD at Cal-State Dominguez Hills. Although he'd visited Hilo 6-7 times in the past with athletic teams, he'd never had a chance to really get to spend time in Hilo town, and get to feel the community. When he came to interview and spent a week checking things out, he'd found a special spot in his heart right here. He was raised by a single parent mom who was also a minister and welder. He also had a "hanai family" he spent lots of growing up time with, so lifestyles in Hilo feel quite familiar, and he's developed a "hanai" family with **Jimmy Yagi** and his family already. **AD Guillens'** vision for the UH Athletics Program is to develop young athletic adults into good, decent citizens with a strong dose to community service. Life is not just about winning, it's how you win or lose and needs to balance with community partnerships.

He's established College Central on the campus to match up employers looking for young interns with students looking for hands-on employments and mentoring. Bottom Line...these life experiences are great for the students, and it's awesome to see the changes in the students from early college years, start to finish. The UH teams have been very competitive this past year, and there are already several new recruits in the pipeline for the fall season starting in August/September. The community support has been



terrific also, with great crowds cheering on the teams at the Civic Center, and even a new cheerleading program to keep the cheers "revved up". **Pat** was presented with one of the Rotary

Club of Hilo mugs for his desk, and the **4 Way test** was recited by the membership.

**Other Community Happenings:**

Saturday, April 23 Laupahoehoe Music Festival 9AM-PM at the Laupahoehoe Point Beach Park \$15 at the gate.

Sunday, May 1st : Hilo Huli on Coconut Island 11AM-2PM

Tuesday, May 10th: Pahoia Rotary Club's Cinco de Mayo at the Akebono Theater 6-9PM

**Upcoming Speakers:**

4/29 Club Assembly with Brewfest details,

5/6 Nellieshy Mamud...Youth Empowerment

5/13 Dr. Warren Skidmore....TMT update

5/20 Stephanie Nagata...Mauna Kea Management

5/27 Ilana Stout...Hawaii Heritage Seed Project



**Portia** and I had dinner with **Yoko Hayano** at Shinagawa



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