

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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As our multi-tasking **ADG, Past-President, acting President and resident** song-meister rang the bell for the April 8th Rotary meeting, everyone was asking, "whereis everybody?"...



It seems that almost half of our members are off gallivanting somewhere, so we were only filling up about 3 tables for lunch. It was still a good loyal group though, who followed **Connie Ichinose** in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then sang out quite lustily to America the Beautiful (a little change from the Doxology, and everyone seemed to know the words)

In line with this year's theme, *Be A Gift to the World*, and our club's theme *Malama Honua*, (Caring for the Earth) many members were off sharing in our sister club, Hiroshima South's 60th Anniversary celebration bearing and exchanging gifts of friendship and goodwill, while **Kerry Glass, Susan Munro, and Richard and Jenny Johnson** were also making new Rotary friendships in the Amazon and Peru.

After being greeted by **Judy Gibson and Misti Tyrin**, visiting Rotarians, **Dr. Robert Johnson** and wife **Holly**, both members of the Pahoia Sunset club, were welcomed and also given a few moments to invite folks to their May 10th Cinco De Mayo fundraiser. It is being held at the Akebono Theater in Pahoia, from 6-9PM and the \$35/person ticket includes a wonderful taco bar selection, either a Mexican Beer or Margarita, and a great country western band for kickin' up your feet! Tickets are available at the Pahoia Auto Parts, from Pahoia Sunset Rotarians, or online at Eventbrite.

**Jim Cheney** and **Bob Hanley** were commended for their fine work on the Lava Flow from the March 19th meeting, and kudos also to **Ed Hara** and **Tammy Silva** for their

continued efforts to keep the newsletter "flowing"!

Since there wasn't a meeting on Good Friday, members were asked to send a "selfie" to **Marcia Prose** on that day, and yup, about 17-18 people actually remembered to do it...that gives them all an extra "attendance make-up".

On the week of the April 1st, again no meeting due to the Merrie Monarch Craft Show at the Hilo Hawaiian, a few Rotarians went on a road trip to the Volcano Winery. **Cel Ruwethin** drove the van so those tasting the wines had a designated driver. It was a great tour, wonderful tasting, and fun event with time to get to know each other better too!

**Alan** had a few more photos to share, one of our members in Japan learning to weave bamboo baskets, and a group shot of the Rotarians who walked for the 100 years of Rotary in Hawaii in the Merrie Monarch parade. The Rotarians followed behind this year's Pau Queen, our very own, and very regal **Nancy Cabral**, as her wonderfully trained steed wandered back and forth across the street so **Nancy** could "work the crowd" as every Queen should!

Later in the program **Nancy** had **happy dollars** to share for her awesome experience to be honored to be Queen, and generously donated **\$100** to the "Glam Project" for Hope Services, and a full **\$3000 Brewfest Sponsorship**, along with buying couple Lava Mugs for Polio Plus. **Nancy** also gave a heartfelt reminder along with flyers for April 27th Denim Day, being sponsored by Zonta Club of Hilo. Please wear your denim's proudly as a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual violence. Snap a pic of your denim and post it to social media with the hashtags: #zontahilo #denimday or #denimdayhilo For more info, go to: [zontahilo.org](http://zontahilo.org) or [denimdayusa.org](http://denimdayusa.org). Mahalo to **Nancy** for always being so passionate and generous to your club and our community.

A sign up sheet was passed around for the **East Hawaii Steak Fry** for all our Rotary Clubs to join in the fellowship at Wailoa Park on Thursday April 21st, 5-9PM at a cost of \$20/person.

The Rotary Club South Hilo will be having its annual fundraiser, **Hilo Huli** on Sunday May 1st on Coconut Island. You can buy your tickets from any South Hilo member.

And, the **District 5000 Conference** is scheduled for June 10-12 in Honolulu at the Hale Koa. There will be a special celebration this year for 100 years of Rotary in Hawaii, with recognition also for the **Rotary Club of Hilo** as the 2nd oldest club at 95 years, and the Rotary Club of Wahiawa as the 3rd oldest club.

**Brewfest** tickets for our members to sell will be available at the April 15 meeting, and on-line sales will start on the Brewfest website on May 1, so any unsold tickets must be returned by April 29th.

We are still stretching to meet our club's **Polio Plus** goal, and **Cindy Boots** announced a special 1 day deal that for each **\$20** given to **Polio Plus**, the person donating would receive the beautiful Lava Mug. By the end of the meeting, 10 mugs had been distributed. Thanks to **Jim Kennedy, Nina Decker, Reese Mates, Dr Shikuma, Keith Okumoto, Nancy Cabral, Alberta Dobbe** and **Connie Ichinose** and guest **Dr. Johnson** for adding your dollars to **Polio Plus**.

**Marcia Prose** had **\$5** for the upcoming events at the Palace including a truly silent movie, 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, including the live organ accompaniment on April 29th.

**Dr. Shikuma** included his **Polio Plus** dollars for his 33 years as member of our club! It was noted that we had an unusually large number of April birthdays, which makes lots of sense when you think of July and the long hot sleepless nights it presents!!! Happy Birthday to all our April babies!

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:

March 4 - Rev. William Knight - Peace  
March 5 - Heart & Stroke Walk  
Kerry Glass  
March 11 - Heather Rosario - Penn Fitness Ctr.  
Diet, Fitness & Health  
March 18 - Dr. Angela Fa'anunu - Townscape, Inc.  
Environmental Consulting

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

April is **Maternal and Child Health Month** on our Rotary calendar, so our guest speaker for the day, **Marcia Prose**, was very much on track with her presentation about The Friends of Children's Justice Center. Filling in a brief history of the center, **Marcia** noted that back in 1986 the first center was established in Honolulu. In 1988, after hearing about the center and how the facility helped with children who are victims of abuse, our club member **Joe Hanley** decided that this was a special project to be embraced by **The Rotary Club of Hilo**. The club and community were able to raise **\$92,000** through grants and donations which enabled the East Hawaii Center to become a reality. Another club member, **Elliot Merk** and his construction company, was instrumental in helping with the renovations to help adapt the center to the homelike facility it is today. Over the years, members **Chuck Porter**, **Stew Hussey**, have also assisted the center. **Alberta Dobbe** and **Marcia Prose** are both long time board members and recently **Reese Mates** agreed to become part of the board also. There is also a very loyal list of wonderful volunteers. The center works hand in hand with our local government and the YWCA on documented cases of abuse and domestic violence.

The center provides a homelike area for victim interviews, a clothes closet for those who arrive with only the clothes they're wearing, and also books and stuffed animals. It also has provided for lessons in music, hula, martial arts to allow the children to experience functions they might normally not be able to participate in, even supplying sports clothing, equipment or maybe a special prom dress for a teen, or drivers lessons. Last year the center touched the lives of more than 630 children.

Abuse can break a child's spirit, and the Friends Center helps to heal, intervene and hopefully break the cycle of abuse.



There will be a Fundrasing Gala held on Friday, April 29th at the Hilo Hawaiian. Tickets are available thru **Reese Mates** and **Marcia Prose**. Our club has already filled a table of 8, but you can make up another table for the event. Table for 8/\$650. Or individual seating is \$65/person. You can also purchase tickets online at: [fcjceasthawaii.org](http://fcjceasthawaii.org).

**Marcia** was presented with our Rotary mug as our speaker. The Center will again be one of our chosen recipients for funds raised at our Brewfest on June 18th.

**ADG Kusunoki** called upon **Jim Kennedy** to close the meeting by leading the **4 Way Test**



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