

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



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## Preliminaries

President **Anna Liu** rang the bell and called the meeting to order at noon. **Amos Meyers** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



**Anna** thanked greeters **Patty Terada** and **Helene Tajiri**.



## Our guests and visitors:

**Deborah Nichols**, from the Pahoia club; Guest speaker **Diana Kelley**;



**Duke Escobar**, president of the UHH Rotaract club;



**Shane Shitabata**, prospective member;

**Mike Fullmer**, son of member **Genie Phillips**;



**Michelle Taylor**, guest of **Maureen Poirier**. **Maureen** says **Michelle** is thinking of joining the club.

**Anna** thanked today's Lava Flow volunteers, whose names you will see on the Lava Flow banner at the top of this page.

And the day's Chinese phase is a useful one, if you go to the right restaurants [like Happy Valley Seafood]:

Delicious/taste good

**Hào chi**

## Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

**Jim Cheney** has a birthday today, February 28.

**Bob Fox** celebrated his 36th year with our club on February 24. **Bob** was so happy that he donated \$5 for every year he's been a member.



**Keith Okamoto** also has a club anniversary this month, and followed suit, donating \$5 for every year he's been a member: 4 years for him.



**Ed Hara** celebrated 33 years with the club on February 27. **Ed** wasn't present,

## Upcoming events

**March 12, Annual Chili & Dessert Challenge.** This event will be held at the AJA Hall, as usual. 5:30 – 8:00pm, For \$20 per person, this is an unbeatable opportunity to sample -- and vote for -- the chili and desserts contributed by some of your fellow members. Winners receive real prizes, not just the applause of the audience, so if you want to be in the contest, mention on your signup what you will bring. Or get in touch with **Corey Kawamoto**, head of the club's unmatched Social Committee.

## Other new business/announcements

**March 31, Pahoia club's "Spring Fling"** fundraiser. **Deborah** says this event will feature a cioppino dinner and dancing. 6 PM at the Eagles' in Kea'au. Tickets \$40. Live music -- classic jazz and swing -- by Jazz Mele. Our own



**ADG Randy Hart** says that the cioppino (that's a seafood stew) is excellent. For tickets call **Deborah** at 408-348-2790, or email [rcopfahoia@gmail.com](mailto:rcopfahoia@gmail.com).

**May 2, District Training.** **Randy** reminds us that this annual training is required for **Nancy's** board of directors, and will be of special interest to new club members. At Kamehameha School in Kea'au.



**June 6 District 5000 Conference.** This will be a shorter-than-usual this year, because of the International Convention that begins the next day. **Randy** says signup on the district web site.

**June 6-10, Rotary International Convention** in Honolulu. **Randy** says that Hilo will be helping out at a Host Hospitality night with an Oahu club. Stay tuned for details, and a chance to volunteer!

**February 28-March 1, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).**

**Jen Tanouye** and **Beverly Heikes** will both be participating. **Jen** was wearing the t-shirt. Our club is proud to support this annual leadership workshop for high-school youth.



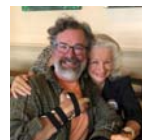
## \$\$Happy Dollars\$\$

**March 14, Hilo Woman's Club Wine and Cheese Tasting.** **Jen** invited us to attend this annual fundraiser. 4PM \$40.

News from our president-elect. **Nancy Cabral** says she's going to **PETS** (president-elect training) on the mainland, so she will miss next week. [She went last year too! That's dedication.]



**Genie Phillips' son Mike Fullmer** will be here for two weeks, so he can be pampered by his mom while he heals from his arm injury. She's not happy about arm, but happy that he's here. **Mike** is also happy to be here,



### Birthdays:

Shane Okimoto February 6  
Helen Hemmes February 8  
James Yagi February 18  
Lorraine Shin February 20  
Naomi Menor February 23  
Jim Cheney February 28

### Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki February 1, 2002 (18)  
Anna Liu February 3, 2017 (3)  
Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (26)  
Michael Meyer February 6, 2015 (5)  
Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (32)  
Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (28)  
Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (36)  
Keith Okamoto February 26, 2016 (4)  
Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (33)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4 (52)

### Announcements:

Fri. March 6 - Daniel Sayre Memorial Foundation w/ Frank Sayre  
Fri. March 20 - Hilo Brew Fest Kickoff  
Fri. April 3 - PGV Update on restarting w/ Michael Kalekini  
Fri. April 24 - Healing Surf Foundation w/ Kalani Kahaliomi  
Fri. May 8 - Shelter Box w/ Resse Mates

### Club Administration 2019 – 2020

- President – Anna Liu
- Past President – Keith Okamoto
- President Elect – Nancy Cabral
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Secretary – Jen Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Jacob Bratton
- Rotary Foundations – Kerry Glass
- Membership – Maureen Poirier
- Public Relations – Marcia Prose
- International Service – Steve Handy Jr.
- Community Service – Wally Wong
- Vocational Service – Bobby Dugar
- Club Service – Shane Okimoto
- New Generations – Beverley Heikes
- Program Chair – Mike Meyer
- Attendance Chair – Judy Gibson
- Lava Flow Chair – Susan Munro
- Greeters – Cathy Gray

### Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – Tim Beatty
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo
- Sunao Wada Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

and had some Happy Dollars to contribute.



**Kathleen McGilvray** spent a few \$ to talk about what a great event **RYLA** is. She also endorsed the HWC wine tasting.

**Charlene Meyers** used her Happy Dollars time to recognize **Mike Meyer**, for his performance in the Hilo Community Players production



of "Our Town". Take a bow, **Mike!** [Your reporter found a photo of **Mike**, in character, for your viewing pleasure.]



**Marcia Prose** wants everyone to know that the Palace Theater will have a Spring musical this year, and it starts March 20.

**Beverly Heikes** had REALLY big news: her son has been accepted by 5 colleges so far, and he's been offered a \$200,000 Presidents' scholarship from Boston College, if he decides to go there. Hmm, what will he decide? **Beverly** was clearly very proud.



**Randy's** Happy Dollars were to say: come to Volcano this weekend – for **RYLA**, and much more.

**Nancy** gave us an update on her father, 92. Last week she told us he was evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship to a hospital in Japan, because he had the novel coronavirus. This week's update: still fighting. \$ to **Polio Plus**.

**Maureen Poirier** is happy to report that her daughter is jumping (that's long jump, and other events) in a meet soon.

**Chuck Porter** was happy to come to Rotary and relax. He's been in New Mexico recently, and he had a long story about a trail and a mule, and a guy who was blocking the trail. And then there was the woman who called him a misogynist. We didn't hear the whole story, but we assume she was just having a bad day.



Today's Program, the "Youth Challenge Academy"

Our speaker was **Diana Kelley**, who's been the director of the Hilo Youth Challenge Academy since August 1. Born in Milwaukee, WI, she earned her master's degree at age 26. Before taking on this job, she worked at other places on our island, including Hawaii Volcanos National Park, Hawaii Island United Way, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences, and STARBASE Hawaii.



Her deputy spoke here a few months ago, and gave us the basics on the Youth Challenge program: a residential education and training program to at-risk high-school-age youth. The cadets learn military-style discipline in addition to their classwork.

**Diana** is focusing on increasing the number of cadets who get a HISET (high school equivalency certificate) and adding new programs for the cadets. For example, you don't need a high school diploma to be a pilot, so she's looking to place some cadets in a pilot training course.

She also needs more employees, and she needs mentors. Mentors are hugely important, and you only need to make a phone call a week to the cadets. Call her, if you are interested 369-0941, or email [diana.e.kelley@hawaii.gov](mailto:diana.e.kelley@hawaii.gov)

During the Q&A, both **Nancy** and **Charlene** had praise for the program.

And That's All, Folks

**Charlene Meyers** led us in reciting **Four-Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.

