

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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Working the Rotary crowd as our "solo" greeter, **KEITH OKAMOTO** did an awesome job checking folks in and greeting them with a wide and welcoming smile at the February 10th meeting.



There seemed to be some extra "happiness" energy in the room, and when **President RANDY HART** rang the bell, everyone snapped to attention.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **PASTOR ERIC ANDERSON**, and then **KEITH** introduced guests. There were no visiting Rotarians, but quite a few members were hosting guests. **CONNIE ICHINOSE** introduced **Jim Ederer**, recently retired from his business Hilo Air and Refrigeration, so he seemed familiar to many in the room. **CHARLENE MEYERS** announced her very good friend who would soon no longer be a guest, but the club's newest member, **JANET MONTROSE**. **KATHLEEN MCGILVRAY** was all smiles introducing **Michael Yee**, our new Planning Director, who just recently moved by to Hilo with his Hilo-born wife and 2 year old son. **SUSAN MUNRO** hosted friend **Cathy Gray**, who will soon be inducted as another new club member. **HELENE TAJIRI** introduced her guest, **Chris McNichols** who also recently moved to Hilo with his wife **Janiece** (**HELENE** brought **Janiece** to visit previously). **Chris** is an Aerospace Engineer, and his wife **Janiece** works at the Hilo Medical Center. Welcome to Hilo!!

A shout out to **HELEN HEMMES**, **KERRY GLASS**, **TAMMY SILVA** and **ED HARA** for their coordination on the February 3rd Lava Flow. The club is always looking for more reporters and photographers, if interested in volunteering, please contact **TAMMY SILVA** at c21tammysilva@aol.com. Each time you help, it's a meeting make-up too!

Announcements:

Rotaract is having a fundraiser carwash at the Hilo NAPA right next to Hawaii Printing on 2/25 from 9-2PM Funds raised will go to their Relay for Life at the UH-Hilo March 10-11.

The Rotary Foundation information minute with **KERRY GLASS**. all contributions \$50 and over from now thru the end of June 2017 will be matched by funds from The Rotary Foundation. As an added plus, your contribution will also benefit from the **RICHARD** and **JENNY JOHNSON** "2 for 1" matching funds. So make those checks out to **The Rotary**

Foundation and reap those extra funds fast. **Also note, we are almost at 100% **EREY** (**Every Rotarian Every Year**) the minimum contribution is \$25 per year, and we just have a few members who haven't yet made their **TRF** contribution this year. BUT, if you write out your check for \$50 instead, you'll be able to GET the benefits of all those matching funds!!!

New Member Induction:

President RANDY called on **JANET MONTROSE** and sponsor **CHARLENE MEYERS** to step forward



and say a few words as **Janet** became our 84th member. **CHARLENE** is very proud to bring **JANET** into our club, and shared much of **JANET'S** past experiences such as Sushi Chef, Manager at a Men's Apparel Shop, also manager at a Martinelli Tasting Room, and businesswoman "Krafter-Supreme". **Janet** holds a Full Moon Boutique Kraft Fair at her home in November and Spring, offering space to up to 20-30 artists. **JANET** is excited to become a Rotarian and will be especially proud to tell her nephew that she had joined Rotary, as he is a Past-President of the **Rotary Club of Petaluma**. Welcome **JANET**!

New members **JEN TANOUYE** and **MALCOLM CHUN** were recognized for having completed all the **Rotary Blue Badge Requirements** (these are tasks they need to accomplish such as greeting/leading the Pledge and 4 Way Tests, attending a board meeting, work on community projects, all things to help them become quickly involved in club activities within the first 3-4 months) and by completing the form, **Blue Badge** tracker **TINA JIMENEZ** was able to peel away the



RED NEW MEMBER label from their badges. Yay, great job **JEN** and **MALCOLM**! Both are going to be involved on the Board of Directors in the new year. Both **JEN** and **MALCOLM** took advantage of the great **TRF** promotion, and gave a \$50 happy donation to be rid of the burden of the **RED** stickers!!

President HART had a special recognition and Mahalo to the members who have been the supporting advertisers of the club's monthly Rotary page: **BOBBY FUJIMOTO** - HPM, **NANCY CABRAL**-Day Lum, **MITCHELL DODO**-Dodo Mortuary, **NAOMI MENOR**-Naomi's Travel, **JOE HANELY**-Orchid Isle Ford, and **CHUCK PORTER**-Lex Brodies.

Upcoming events:

DARK on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**....it's a **SELFIE DAY**, so please put on your Rotary pin, smile, take a selfie and send it **MARCIA PROSE**email: mmprose@hawaiiantel.net. **MARCIA'S** doing an outstanding job on the club PR, and last year garnered a club award for her efforts. She's already on her way to another great year of recognition for all her hard work. Mahalo **MARCIA**!



Great photo shot of **JIMMY YAGI** on the front of the sports page Feb 10th too!

Monday evening, February 20th. **Rotary Evening at Aomatsu**. 5:30-8PM BYOB great evening event to support **TOSHI AOKI'S** new business. The event is sold out at this point. A reminder email will be sent out to all those signed up prior to the evening so we have no empty seats.

Mardi Gras Mixer...March 9th at Kenechi's. Be sure to bring a friend who may be a potential new member...Rotarians/Spouses \$25.00/per person...potential members are free. BYOB, great menu and great fun. 5-8:30PM dress up in Mardi Gras attire is optional.

RYLA- Rotary Youth Leadership Academy- February 24-26 at Kilauea Military Camp. This year there are 72 students enrolled, and **GAIL TAKAKI** shared her thanks our members who have volunteered to help through the weekend, and especially the new members who are participating for the first time.

Relay for Life (Rotaract Club) March 10-11 6PM-6AM

March 17th, Evening event to honor members who contributed to Polio Plus. Hospice of Hilo, more details to follow. **ALAN KUSUNOKI** is contact for event.

Big Island Marathon-March 19th 6AM-9AM Contact **KERRY GLASS** if you want to volunteer.

Chili and Desert Cook-off: March 23rd, AJA Hall on Haihai Street: Details to follow.

Birthdays:

HELEN HEMMES 2/8 Happy Birthday **Helen**!

Wedding Anniversaries:

BIFF and **ANNA KENNEDY**, 2/4 51 years, **ALBERTA DOBBE**, 2/6 63 years

Birthdays:

Helen Hemmes February 8
Jimmy Yagi February 18
Lorraine Shin February 20
Naomi Menor February 23
Jim Cheney February 28

Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki February 1, 2002 (15)
Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (23)
Michael Meyer February 6, 2015 (2)
Bobby Stivers-Apiki February 9, 2007 (10)
Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (25)
Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (25)
Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (33)
Keith Okamoto February 26, 2016 (1)
Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (30)

Wedding Anniversary:

Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4 (51)
Lorraine & Vern Inouye February 21 (31)

Announcements:

Feb. 17- Selfie Photo Day
Feb. 20 - Evening at Aomatsu
Feb. 24 -Richard Ha
Lau Ola
March 3 -RUSS ODA Day
March 9 - Mardi Gras Mixer
March 17 -Club Assembly
March 23 - Chili Cook-Off

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2016 - 2017:

- President – **Randy Hart**
- Past President – **Wally Wong**
- President Elect – **Steve Handy**
- Vice President – **Mitch Dodo**
- Secretary – **Treana Breyfogle**
- Treasurer – **Corey Kawamoto**
- Sergeant at Arms – **Dirk Yoshina**
- Rotary Foundations – **Kerry Glass**
- Membership – **Connie Ichinose**
- Public Relations – **Marcia Prose**
- International Service – **Stew Hussey**
- Community Service – **Reese Mates**
- Vocational Service – **Cindy Boots**
- Club Service – **Kui Costa**
- New Generations – **Gail Takaki**

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – **Lisa Rantz**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

Club Anniversaries:

TOSHI AOKI, 2/1 15 yrs,
CHUCK PORTER, 2/4 23 yrs,
MIKE MEYER, 2/6 2yrs,
BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI, 2/9 10 yrs.

WooHoo Bellringing Results:

South Hilo \$826.24 vs Winner!!
Rotary Club of Hilo \$1,294.47

Happy Dollars!!!

It seems that it turned into mostly a "Foundation Frenzy" with lots of members taking good advantage of the special matching dollars **KERRY** offered.



NANCY CABRAL contributed to her granddaughters' Paul Harris fund, and was happy about all the new members, and hopes for 100 members by 2020, the club's 100th anniversary..when she'll be presiding as President.



HELEN HEMMES had a contribution to cover her birthday years and membership years combined!

KATHLEEN MCGILVRAY was very happy to have experienced the recent Women's March, and also to have her longtime friend **Michael** as her guest at the meeting and now living in Hilo.



STEW HUSSEY chose his contribution to go to **The Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, and he was very pleased to share that the money approved for International Projects this year (\$4,000 from our Foundation) has now multiplied to \$17,000 thru matching grants made available through **Rotary International**. The money will be used in Taipei, and Taiwan to buy shredders which will shred waste and be recycled as fertilizer for agricultural purposes. No more burning! By joining up with several other Rotary Clubs, the total project will total over \$50,000 and be able to purchase about 15 shredders. Great project, wonderful results **STEW!**



CHARLENE MEYERS chose to gift her **Foundation** money to her friend and new member **JANET** to get her started on her **Paul Harris** fellow, and also added some for **Polio Plus**.



GAIL TAKAKI had happy dollars to thank the **RIK** readers who are coordinating with their kindergarten classes to read a Dr. Suess book the end of February for a Nationwide Rotary project to celebrate reading and Dr. Suess!

Guest Speaker:

MIKE MEYER, Speaker Chair, was happy to be on hand to introduce our speaker for the day, **Jason Dela Cruz**, PHP Health Educator for the Department of Health, (Public Health Preparedness).



Jason spoke to the club about Denge, Zika and Chikunguya which are all carried by mosquitoes. He talked about preventative and protective measures we can take to help avoid being bitten. He advised not to work which species was biting, "just smash 'em"! Steps you can take to protect your family are: Apply EPA -registered insect repellent with 20-30% Deet, wear protective light colored clothing, long sleeves/pants and socks, and avoid activities during sunrise and sunset in areas with mosquitoes such as shady, damp locations. You can clean up your yard, especially spots that hold standing water, and repair screens and windows.



Jason also talked about Hepatitis-A and explained some of the symptoms. Denge, Zika and Hep-A all have similar flu-like symptoms which are body aches, nausea, fevers, and cautioned that if the symptoms last for more than 10-14 days you should see your doctor to be checked out. Because Hawaii has year-round favorable temperatures, mosquitoes don't die off, so we must be consistent in taking precautions and continue to make preventative changes around our homes and lifestyles.

Newest member, **Janet Montrose** was called on to lead the **4-Way Test!**

Upcoming Speakers:

2/24 **Richard Ha**-Lau Ola
3/3- **RUSS ODA** Day!
3/17- **Club Assembly**



Photographer: **Mitchell Dodo**