

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Wow, and wow again! As business vocational visits go, this had to be at the top of the list! What an awesome evening of great food, great friends and good fun! The Rotary Evening at **Aomatsu-Tonkatsu** was a thoroughly enjoyable event!

By around 6PM, **President Randy** called a little bit of order (lots of socializing, popping corks, tabs or whatever, the BYOB beverages made the group very talkative).

Toshi Aoki was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued membership, and for opening his new restaurant up to our membership for a private evening.



Toshi introduced his partner **Mr. Aomatsu**, and then went on to explain that his partner had previously owned and operated a restaurant in Japan, and he brought much experience and many special recipes to their new business here in Hilo.



Before starting everyone off with their food, **Toshi** made sure to explain the sorts of lightly breaded foods we'd all be enjoying. There were some delectable appetizers (see photos) and all the hot dishes were brought to our tables, piping hot, by **Toshi** and his excellent staff.



The shrimp, ono and fork-tender pork were just wonderful, and even purple sweet potato too! All were served over finely shredded cabbage, and then topped off with some very special "secret" sauces. Every morsel was delicious, right down to the deserts.

As members were leaving, many were already making plans to return bringing friends and family. It was awesome to see such wonderful support for one of our fellow Rotarians.

Aomatsu-Tonkatsu is open Monday thru Saturday: Bento and Lunch 10AM-2PM, and Dinner: 5PM-8:30PM. Be sure to stop in and enjoy the terrific food, or take it back to your office or home!



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 (29)
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. 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 – **Treena Breyfogle**
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- 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**



On a sad note for the evening, **Rand Mundo** announced he'd sold his business and he and wife **JoAnn** will be leaving the island this week to do some travelling around the mainland. He's taken a leave of absence from the club as he'll be returning now and then to his home here in Keaau. But, a happy note too, **Rand** had **\$100** for **The Rotary Foundation** for his years of enjoying the fellowship in our club. Best wishes in your travels, **Rand** and **JoAnn**!



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**