

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



February 24, 2017

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Cindy

Friday, February 24th, 2017, and the Moku'ola room was energized with lots of fellowship. Folks were greeted with hugs and handshakes by **MARY BICKNELL** and **GLENN HARRIS**.



President **RANDY HART** welcomed a very full house of Rotarians and guests and quickly asked the most senior Rotarain present, **RUSS ODA**, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

GLENN HARRIS introduced Rotary Club of South Hilo's **David Hurd**, and **David** then introduced his guest, Rotary Exchange Student **Matthis Bergat**, who is from Leone, France. **Matthis** was very happy to be attending our meeting again, thanked all those members who'd supported him by buying cookies for his fundraising efforts



to pay for his Rotary Exchange trip across America coming up soon. He's been able to raise enough funds and was very grateful for all the Rotarians who contributed. He also had a few more bags of cookies yet to sell, which he accomplished at the end of the meeting. **BOB HANLEY** brought 2 guests: **Matt Dykes**, representing newly opened restaurant Jackie Rays, and also **Scott Walker** with Hawai Nui (Mehana Brewery). **KUI COSTA's** guests were: **Dennis Simonis** and **Kerta Jo**, her supervisor at the County of Hawaii Appraisal Offices. **CONNIE ICHINOSE** introduced guest **Chris McNichols** for his 2nd visit. And wrapping up the guest introductions, President **RANDY** introduced guest speaker **Richard Ha**, **Jaclyn Moore** and **Jenea Respicio**. Also attending the meeting were, Rotaract members **Kimiko Taguchi** and **Alika Guerrero** who announced they'd be having another carwash on



March 10-11 6PM-6AM. Anyone who would like to participate in the Relay for Life or just make a contribution, please contact **Kimiko**...her email is: taguchik@hawaii.edu.

Saturday, February 24th at the NAPA store from 9AM-2PM to raise funds for the Relay For Life being held at the UH-Hilo Campus on

Kerry Glass reported that recent collections for **The Rotary Foundation** had amounted to more than 8,600 points being allocated to members. The special matching points program will continue through the end of this Rotary year, so more members can take advantage. Our goal of **Every Rotarian Every Year** has almost been accomplished with just a few members who have not made the minimum \$25 contribution, so please do so if you can in the near future.

CINDY BOOTS and **KERRY GLASS** were recognized for their handiwork on the February 10th Lava Flow, and as always, a big MAHALO to **TAMMY SILVA** and **ED HARA** for coordinating the newsletter and staff.

The Rotary Evening at **Aomatsu-Tankatsu** was a fantastic event, and a huge THANK YOU extended to **TOSHI AOKI** for presenting an absolutely wonderful and flavorful array of food.

Rotarians in the news!

A very nice article in the Tribune-Herald, and congratulations to **PAT GUILLEN** for the Pac-West UHH Diversity Award! Nice Job **Pat!**

Rotarians on the Move!

RICHARD and **JENNY JOHNSON** recently purchased a home in Coronado, Ca, and sent back a photo of them already checking out the Rotary Club of Coronado. Congratulations **Richard** and **Jenny!**

Rotarians in Schools!

CHARLENE MEYERS spent quite a bit of time reading to kindergarteners, and **President Randy** passed around Thank You letters from some of the 3rd grade classes and teachers who were very appreciative of the dictionaries they'd all received from the club. The teachers especially noted that they appreciated the dictionary program and that **Rotary** was making a difference many children's lives.

Rotarians bringing in new members! **President Randy** inducted our newest member **CONNIE WAIUAU**, sponsored by **MARY BICKNELL**, one of our most recent new members!! **Conny** had heard about Rotary thru a friend whose daughter had been a Rotary Exchange Student in Brazil, so went to our website and found



Mary's photo as a new member. She stopped in by **Mary's** store, Big Island Book Buyers, and the rest is, as they say, history! Welcome **Conny**, and Mahalo **Mary!**

Conny became our 85th member, and **President Randy** gave much credit to Membership Chair **CONNIE ICHINOSE** for her continued efforts in bringing in new members.

Rolling right into **Connie's** announcement about the upcoming **Mardi Gras Mixer** on Thursday evening



March 9th. These mixers are great for bringing potential new members to gather with our club members and spouses to get the opportunity to see and meet

another side of Rotary. Yes, we're a service club dedicated to improving lives locally and internationally, but we also enjoy the friendships gained thru Rotary too. The cost per person is \$25 for Rotarians and spouses, potential members are free of charge. There'll be great food and good fun. If you'd like to make your own mask, you can join in a mask making gathering at **TREENA BREYFOLGE'S** home on Sunday afternoon on March 5th. contact **Treena** for more details:

treenabreyfogle@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

District Assembly March 18th, 8AM-2:30PM Kamehameha HS Campus..let **STEVE HANDY** (President Elect) know if you will attend. seshandy@hawaii.rr.com. "it's a great way to learn more about Rotary, and it will give you the tools to become a successful Rotarian"



March 19th-**Big Island Marathon**. Our club will be "manning" the turn-around point and has enough volunteers, but the Rotaract Club is looking for some volunteers to help them at their aid station, so please contact **Kimiko Taguchi** taguchik@hawaii.edu if you're willing to help their club.

March 23rd-**Chili and Desert Social** \$20/person. If you'd like to bring your "special" chili or desert, please let **COREY KAWAMOTO** know ckawamoto@cuhawaii.com

It's not necessary to bring either, you can just come and enjoy the event. It will be held at the AJA Hall on Haihai Street 6PM-8:30PM



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:

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 Dado**

April 1st-**American Heart Walk**
Chair is **KERRY GLASS** sign up with him or email him at Kerry@munro-glass.com
You can sign up to walk, or NOT, or just sign up to make a donation to the team. More details to follow.
April 8th-**Laupahoehoe Music Festival** Interact club is asking for volunteers to help that day..sign up on-line or contact wallace.wong@hawaiiantel.com

Happy Rotarians!

Members on hand to celebrate their club anniversaries were:

HELEN HEMMES, 29 years,
DIRK YOSHINA 25 years, and
BOB FOX 33 years.

Dirk and **Bob** each had a nice **\$100** check to **TRF**.

Helen had already made her happy donation at the last meeting.

SUSAN MUNRO recently ran into **RON DOLAN**

had very warm memories of his past participation in the club, so her **\$25** went to **TRF** in **Ron's** name.

David Hurd was happy to be visiting our club and for all the support for **Matthis'** during his year as youth exchange here.

NANCY CABRAL had **\$250** worth of happiness to have completed another awesome Rodeo Weekend, and also thankful for many of our members who have been sponsors for the event..

GENIE PHILLIPS had a **\$100** check for **TRF** to be thankful that her hubby, who'd ended up in the emergency room last weekend, was now home and recuperating well.

NEWTON CHU was proud to see his friend **Richard Ha** who had worked side by side with **Newton** on the **PUEO Program**, helping to blend culture and science within our community.

President HART then turned the meeting over to **Richard Ha**, CEO of **Lau Ola LLC** which is a

medical marijuana dispensary located on the Hamakua coast. **Richard** introduced **Jaclyn Moore MD**, Pharmacist, **DYLAN SHROPSHIRE**, Chief

Cultivation Officer, and **Jenea Respicio**, Administration Director. **Lau Ola** has been selected to become licensed for medical marijuana production and dispensing. They will be building a State of the Art production facility and testing plant that will meet all health and safety standards required by the State of Hawaii. No pesticides will be used on the crop in order to produce safe, dependable and predictable

products. Once the crop is mature enough for processing, the facility intends to offer as many alternative products that are permitted by the State Health Department, possibly topicals, oils and lozenges, as alternative to forms that are smoked.. The pharmacy will also offer comprehensive medical counseling to qualified patients. The plans are to have dispensing outlets in both East and West Hawaii.

There will be also be a team traveling to Israel to follow clinical trials on the product. The goal is to produce a safe and consistent product for patients in need. As of February 1st, 2017 **Lau Ola LLC** was given the approval to begin cultivating their first crop. For more information go to: health.hawaii.gov/medicalmarijuana or you can go to the website: **Lau Ola LLC**.

Friday, March 3rd, will be **Russ Oda Day**. **Tom Brown** will again be on hand to "toast and roast" **Russ** for his years of membership and accomplishments and contributions to our community.

Mary Bicknell eagerly volunteered to lead the **4 Way Test** to close the meeting.

