

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was a typical beautiful sunny day in Hilo, Hawaii, and in Washington, DC it was Inauguration day for the 45th President of the United States in case you lived under a rock. As we have done for over 95 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Greeted with a smile, and warm handshakes by Greeters **Helene "not Harvey" Tajiri** and **Tina "not Jose" Jimenez**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our "veteran" fearless 96th President **Randy "not Gary" Hart** asked our newest member **Eric "not Pamela" Anderson** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



So **Da Prez** reminded everyone that our Club's theme for the year is "If you want to travel fast, travel alone, if you want to travel farther, travel together."

Also, under the leadership of Rotary International President **John Germ** our Rotary International theme is "Rotary Serving Humanity."

Da Prez then brought up **Tina "not Jose" Jimenez** to introduce our guests. **Joel Fields**, current President of the South East Rotary Club of Portland Oregon was on island and pleased us with his company. Aloha **Joel!** Visiting from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Karolyn Lundkvist**. Visiting from the Rotary Club of South Hilo was **Keith Marrack**, and **Jane Gibson** joined us from the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset.



Chris "not Barbara" Tamm brought his lovely wife **Barbara**, and **Cindy "not Cowboy" Boots** brought **Barbara Small**.



Barbara "not Jerry" Garcia brought **Debbie Belsher**,



Jeremiah "not Jones" Leonard brought **Loch Suderquist** and **Merrik**



Patteri, and **Gay "not Chuck" Porter** brought **Bronson Teeples**.



Da Prez thanked **Jim "not Dick" Cheney** and **Stew "not fussy" Hussey** for last week's lava flow. And also Mahalo to our fearless lava flow coordinator **Tammy "Sterling" Silva** and **Ed "not Portia" Hara** for the publishing. Also, we need more lava flow writers, so contact **Tammy** and sign up today!



Vocational Month! Because it is still January,

Bobby "not pacman" Stivers and **Cindy "not Cowboy" Boots** announced the winner of the drawing for a vocational talk. And it was **Jennifer "not Stefan" Tanouye** who gave us a quick rundown of her 50 year old family business, **K&J Tires**, where you can get just about any tire you want.



Help! Da Prez is looking for a new cleanup site for a Saturday project. If you know of a place, let **Da Prez** know. We also look forward for some **READ TO ME** in Kindergarten, see **Tammy** if you want to volunteer. Guest **Jane Gibson** from the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset announced that the Pahoia Club is in need of assistance since the recent fire of their meeting site and the Akebono Theater in Pahoia.



Announcements!

Past Prez **Kerry "not Munro" Glass** gave a quick summary of our Rotary Foundation status and awarded a **Paul Harris Fellowship PLUS 4(!)** to member **Chris "not Barbara" Tamm**. Yay!



He then gave away some See's candies to the first few donors which included **Cory "not Restaurant" Kawamoto**, **Mitch "not Randy" Roth**, **Bobby "not Pacman" Stivers-Apiki** and some others that I might have missed!



Sign up to volunteer at our Rotary aid station for the Big Island International Marathon on Sunday March 19 at Onomea Bay. It includes a t-shirt and a wonderful brunch at **Susan "not Glass" Munro's** place afterwards.



Past President **Alan "not Zohra" Kusunoki** then introduced our newest member, **Genie Philips**. **Genie** is a realtor by trade and looks forward to joining the most energetic, interesting and



humorous club in Hilo. **Genie** immediately donated some cold hard cash to the club's coffers. Yeah Baby! That's what a new member does! Welcome aboard **Genie!**

CLUB SOCIAL JANUARY 12

Da Prez showed us some great photos of the awesome social held last week at the Palace theater. The members razzled and dazzeled the night away while enjoying a movie, pipe organ music and of course, Rotary Fellowship.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

Ketura "Hatada" Waiki, **Bobby "pacman" Stivers-Apiki**, **Gail "not Gordon" Takaki**, **Newton "the Don" Chu**, **Mitch "Morty" Dodo** and **Barbara "not Jerry" Garcia** all celebrated birthdays this past week. You all look younger than that!

Mitch and **Noriko Roth** celebrated their 26th Wedding anniversary on January 13th. **Mitch** has the See's candies for her!

Glenn "not Paul" Harris celebrated 4 years with the club, **Bob "not Joe" Hanley** has 6 years with the club, **Judy "da Sheriff" Gibson** made 11 years, and **Stew "not fussy" Hussey** celebrated 24 years! WOW, love being a part of this club.



Birthdays:

Ketura Waiki January 10
Bobby Stivers-Apiki January 17
Gail Takaki January 17
Newton Chu January 19
Mitchell Dodo January 19
Barb Garcia January 20

Club Anniversary:

Masao Amako January 1, 2004 (13)
Raymond McPherson January 1, 2004 (13)
Glenn Harris January 11, 2013 (4)
Judy Gibson January 13, 2006 (11)
Bob Hanley January 14, 2011 (6)
Stew Hussey January 15, 1993 (24)
Nancy Cabral January 29, 1988 (29)
Jenny Johnson January 30, 2009 (8)
Richard Johnson January 30, 2009 (8)

Wedding Anniversary:

Mitch & Noriko Roth January 13 (26)

Announcements:

Jan. 27 -Greg Fleming
Pohakuloa Training Area
Feb. 3 - Celebrate Jimmy Yagi's membership
Feb. 10 -Jason Dela Cruz
Dept. of Health

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:

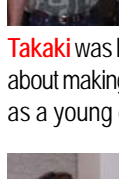
- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – **Lisa Rantz**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

HAPPY DOLLARS!

Newton "the Don" Chu was happy to be 62 and old enough to be in Rotary and gave money to the **Rotary Foundation** in the name of new member **Genie Phillips**.



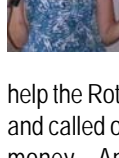
Past Prez **Richard "not Jenny" Johnson** was happy to be back from counting looney birds in Midway Islands.



Gail "not Gordon" Takaki was happy/sad for the memories about making out in the Akebono Theater as a young girl.



Barbara "not Jerry" Garcia was happy that her BFF **Debbie Belsher** was here to help her out.



Alan "not Zohra" Kusunoki was happy to help the Rotary Club of Paho Sunset and called on our members to donate money. And boy did they donate! Money was flying so fast, there was **Cindy "not Cowboy" Boots**, **Charlene "past ADG" Meyer**, **Nancy "Cowgirl" Cabral**, **Gay "not Chuck" Porter**, **Susan "not Glass" Munro**, **Jenn "not Stefan" Tanouye**, guest **Karolyn Lundkvist**, and others! Sorry if I missed your donation!



Da Prez Randy "not Barbara" Tamm then called up member **Chris "not Barbara" Tamm** to speak to us about visiting Iceland. **Chris** was fortunate to visit Iceland this past November to see the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis. He said that Iceland is a volcanic island ten times the size of our island, and populated by about 330,000 shivering people. He gave us a quick science lecture. The Aurora Borealis are the result of electrons colliding with the upper reaches of Earth's atmosphere. (Protons cause faint and diffuse aurora, usually not easily visible to the human eye.) The electrons are energized through acceleration processes in the downwind tail (night side) of the magnetosphere and at lower altitudes along auroral field lines. The accelerated electrons follow the magnetic field of Earth down to the Polar



Regions where they collide with oxygen and nitrogen atoms and molecules in Earth's upper atmosphere. In these collisions, the electrons transfer their energy to the atmosphere thus exciting the atoms and molecules to higher energy states. When they relax back down to lower energy states, they release their energy in the form of light. This is similar to how a neon light works. The aurora typically forms 80 to 500 km above Earth's surface.

Earth's magnetic field guides the electrons such that the aurora forms two ovals approximately centered at the magnetic poles. During major geomagnetic storms these ovals expand away from the poles such that aurora can be seen over Iceland. Aurora comes in several different shapes. Often the auroral forms are made of many tall rays that look much like a curtain made of folds of cloth. During the evening, these rays can form arcs that stretch from horizon to horizon. Late in the evening, near midnight, the arcs often begin to twist and sway, just as if a wind were blowing on the curtains of light. At some point, the arcs may expand to fill the whole sky, moving rapidly and becoming very bright. **Chris** showed some great photos of these lights in green and shades of red.

Wow, awesome presentation **Chris**, we can't wait till you tell us about your trip to Borneo! **Da Prez Hart** then announced that our next speaker on January 27 will be **Greg Fleming**, Deputy Commander of PTA, and then February 3 is **Coach Jimmy Yagi Day**.

He then asked **Genie "Newbie" Phillips** to lead us in the **4-way test**, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack!!

