

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



June 23, 2016

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Birthdays:

- Chuck Porter June 4
- Nina Decker June 6
- Judy Gibson June 6
- Kathleen McGilvray June 7
- Dirk Yoshina June 14
- Biff Kennedy June 21
- Lorraine Inouye June 22
- Glenn Harris June 26
- Ron Dolan June 30
- Russ Oda June 30

Club Anniversary:

- Mitch Dodo June 4, 1999 (17)
- Johnalyn Nosaka June 5, 2015 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

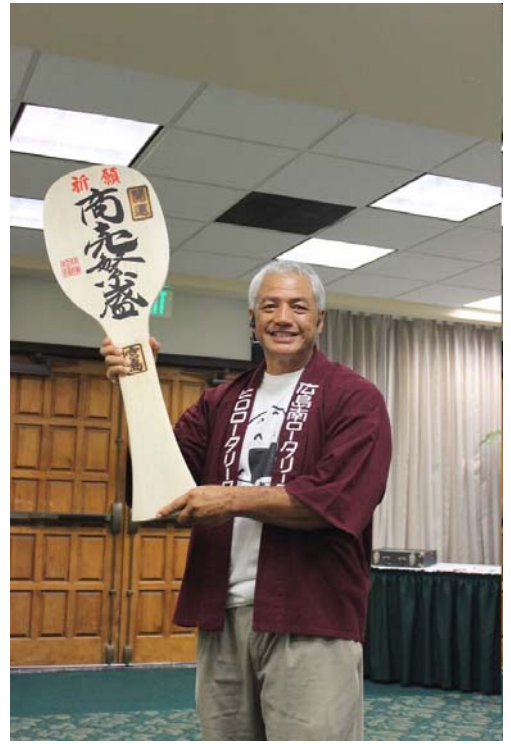
- Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2
- James & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (36)
- Cel & Shoshanna Ruwethin June 14 (11)
- Cindy & John Boots June 21 (31)
- Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23 (65)
- Mike & Phyllis Robinson June 30 (37)

Announcements:

- June 28 - Rotary Club of Hilo Installation
Hilo Yacht Club with Randy Hart
"Rotary Serving Humanity"
- July 1 - Lilioukalani Park Cleanup
8:00 am to 12 noon
- July 8 - And Pieces - 264 Keawe Street
Tour of historic building
Kava Bar for Lunch
- July 15 - First official meeting
for President Randy Hart
- July 20 - Membership Mixer
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 5:00 pm
Wai'oleLounge & Cafe, Lobby level

- President Wally Wong
- President Elect..... Randy Hart
- Immediate Past President..... Richard Johnson
- Vice President Mitchell Dodo
- Secretary Susan Munro
- Treasurer Mike Robinson
- Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
- Membership Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations Marcia Prose
- Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
- Club Service ???
- International Service Stew Hussey
- Community Service Reese Mates
- Youth Service Tammy Silva
- Vocational Service Biff Kennedy





Kanpai to our sister Club Hiroshima South Rotary Club's 45th Anniversary

There was a decidedly “festive” feel to the room as Rotarians arrived for a Thursday, June 23rd evening meeting. Folks were dressed in colorful Japanese HAPPI coats for the occasion of a “live” broadcast joint meeting with our sister club **Hiroshima South**, and bottles of chilled Sake were front and center on every table along with small cups for toasting!

SAR Kathleen McGilvray used her best announcer voice to introduce **President Wally Wong** for his last official meeting of his 2015-2016 year. **Wally** shared the theme.” *Be A Gift to the World*”, as his leadership energized the members throughout this past year.

He welcomed some special guests, potential new member **Jennifer Tanouye** of K & J Tire, and also Eagle Scout **Joyden Madriaga** and his mother **Joy**.

Joyden was asked to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and then, “**Mr. Wongmeister**” coaxed the fellowship thru 2 verses of the Hawaiian Doxology.

The thought for the day was a comment on the strength of a woman, and with that idea in mind, **Wally** expressed a challenge to increase women members in the club to a 50/50 mix in the near future. He’s also set a goal to have 100 members in our club by our 100th Anniversary in 2020.

Past-President, and District Governor **Pete Muller** was presented with a special Honorary Member badge to the Rotary Club of Hilo. **Pete** was not only a past member and president of our club, but his has been instrumental in starting the Hilo Bay Club in 1988 and served as Hawaii’s District Governor in 1995. **Pete** and his wife **Roberta** recently went on the trip to Japan with our club members, and **Pete** was also a member of the club when the sister relationship with **Hiroshima South** was established.

Trena Brefogle introduced her ex-husband **Roy** who was in town for a visit and was also a helpful volunteer at the Brewfast this past weekend. It was great to see **Bob Fujimoto** at the meeting, and also **Russ Oda’s** lovely wife **Aki. Lorraine Shins’** hubby joined in the merriment too. There were a few brewfest slides and then we had to “practice” our Kanpai toasts so we’d be adept at it when the time came on the broadcast.

At 5:30 PM we were greeted by **President Gakuhito Ito** with the members of **Hiroshima South** in the background. It was 11:30 AM there in Japan. Both Presidents exchanged greetings and spoke about the 45 years of this sister club relationship and how important has been and will continue to be for both clubs in the future years.

On June 25, 1971, **Russ Oda** helped to establish this relationship, and there he was Thursday evening, with his always ready smile still extending and promoting this friendship. Our members **Bob Fujimoto** and **Jimmy Yagi** were also in the club when the sister relationship started, and they were both on hand to celebrate too! Then **President Wong** held up the very large wooden rice paddle which was gifted to our club this past April, and with that cups were held high in the air and a hearty “**KANPAI**” was shouted across the miles and airwaves. It was a very special moment for all in the room.

After signing off, there were a few more bits of business to be taken care of. **President Wally** had awards for members who he wanted to recognize..

The Spirit Award, which is given to a new member who has been very active thru the year and embraced Rotary, went to always energetic and helpful, **Nina Decker**.

The Quiet Rotarian is someone who works diligently behind the scenes to keep the club on track and running smoothly. **Wally** had 2 of these people who he was very grateful for their continued support. **Mike Meyers** for his help with speakers and also electronic expertise, and **Kathleen McGilvray** for her constant and cheerful help with whatever needed to be done.

The Avenue of Service award went to **Marcia Prose**.

The Malama Honua Award went to **Chuck Porter** for his assistance with all those old tires accumulated at the Matson Clean up. **Chuck** generously agreed to take them off our hands and see to their disposal....Mahalo Plenty **Chuck!**

The last award, **Service Above Self**, was presented to **Eagle Scout Joyden Madriaga** for his community work thru Eagle Scouts. He recently graduated from Kamehameha School, and his special project was to build 2 6’x6’ slab benches at the Panaewa Zoo. He’ll leave soon for 2 years of mission work for his church in Kansas, and then he plans to attend college at Southern Virginia University. He was also presented with a laminated copy of our 4 Way test. Congratulations to everyone for all their awesome efforts and jobs well done!

Wally also had special engraved wine glasses and bottles of wine for his board members and gave thanks for all their support in helping to make his year a success.

Mitchell Dodo, who was attempting to slip in a little late, was give special recognition for his VP leadership of the club while **Wally** was off sailing the seas on the Hokulea. **Mitch** was so happy he gave **\$100**.

As the sake continued to flow freely, so did the **happiness dollars** ! **Russ Oda, Naomi Menor** and **Susan Munro** all had contributions, and of course, Kanpai toasts, to **Wally** for his great year of leadership, and his ability to keep the members energized with a wide variety of projects.

Russ was then toasted for starting the sister club, and **Naomi** was hailed for all the great coordinating she’s done on the logistics for club visits, both to and from Japan!

Nancy Cabral had **\$70** to praise Prosecuting Attorney **Mitch Roth** for finally getting guilty indictments on both the Peter Boy Kama case and KC Smith case. There will be an election fundraiser at the Hilo Yacht Club this Wednesday, June 29th for Mitch’s re-election. Anyone interested in attending please contact **Nancy** or **Mitch**.

Patty Terada chipped in a few bucks and was thrilled to have experienced her first Brewfest, and how well organized it ran. She’s proud to be part of an awesome club.

Joyden’s mom had happy dollars to thank the club or inviting them to such a great dinner and recognizing her son for his accomplishment.

And **Rand Mundo** had one last toast to **Wally**, who was an awesome karaoke partner in Japan!

Wrapping up with a very hearty **4 Way test**, and the meeting was pau.

There seemed to be a table of folks left who were doing their best to make sure that the sake got consumed rather than wasted, and hey, that’s what a great team does, is work together till the job’s done!

Events to come:

- June 28th, Hilo Yacht Club 5PM-9PM

Installation Dinner for Randy Hart

- NO CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JULY 1,

but there is a clean up Liliokulani Park 8-12AM if you want to help.

- NO CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JULY 8....

Vocational Visit at And Pieces / Kava Bar

lunch Contact **Cindy Boots** to sign up and order your plate lunch.

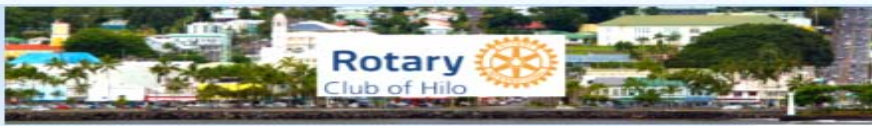
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- Friday July 15th, **President Hart** will hold first official club meeting at Hilo Hawaiian, 12noon, downstairs meeting room

- Wednesday July 20th:

Evening 5-8PM Membership Mixer, Hilo Hawaiian Wai’ole Lounge (upstairs bar) Pupu buffet \$15.00/memberguests get in free....No Host Bar Happy Hour drink prices 5-6PM

Start thinking about who you might bring to this as a potential new member.



Vocational Services Presents:

ANTIQUES & KAVA BUSINESS MEETING

When: FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016 12 NOON (Not Required Mtg.)

Where: AND PIECES—Antiques & Vintage & HILO BAY FRONT KAVA BAR

264 KEAWE STREET DOWNTOWN HILO PH: 345-1698 Street & Parking in the Back



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Adjacent to **And Pieces** is **Hilo Bay Front Kava Bar**. If you're curious about kava here's your chance to tray a cup at this minimalist bar. Friendly staff—Dave & Rose serve brewed locally grown kava root in coconut shells. "Excellent Kava!" —T. Thomas.

Lunch provided by **Liko Lehua Café**.

SIGN-UP REQUIRED FOR LUNCH. See "MENU & I'M ATTENDING" Business Meeting Sheet today! *Thank you, Cindy Boots, Chair.*



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