

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was another freaking awesome day in Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over 95 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in a quaint Hilo Hotel. Greeted with a smile, warm handshake by Greeters **Treena** "not Tina" **Breyfogle** and, **Tina** "not Treena" **Jimenez**, the Hilo Rotarians happily accepted their badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our fearless leader, **President Wally** "President W" **Wong** came out as his usual excited self, ringing the historic bell and reminding us that we were part of a larger international family of 1.2 million Rotarians who join together and give to the Rotary Foundation, an organization began by **Paul** "not Glenn" **Harris** in 1905. So **Da Prez W** reminded everyone that our theme for the year under the leadership of Rotary International President **K.R. Ravindran** is to "*Be a Gift to the World.*" Moreover, our club is known locally to be "*Malama Honua*" stewards of our island.

President W then called on our newest member **Patricia** "unplugged" **Terada** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Then **Da Prez W** invited us to join in and sing with him the Doxology in Hawaiian. Boy did we sound terrific, and after that harmonious rendition by the club, he reminded us that **Time** is our most precious gift, when we give someone our time, we are giving them a portion of our life that we will never get back. *Be a gift to the world.*

Da Prez W then brought up **Treena** "not Tina" **Breyfogle** to introduce our guests. Visiting from Rotary Club of South Hilo was **Arabel Cambler**. **Glen** "not Paul" **Harris** brought his granddaughter **Savanah Thomas** to join us. **Dirk** "not Elvis" **Yoshina** brought **Iris Swallow**. **Jessica** "not Wally" **Tolar** brought **Jonathan Wong**. **Mitch** "not Alexandra" **Roth** brought **Paul Bueltmann**. **Da Prez W** then thanked our greeters and last week's reporter **Biff** "not Bobby" **Kennedy** and **Bob** "not Joe" **Hanley** for their coverage last week.

Announcements!

We are so lucky to have **Kathleen** "not McGiver" **McGilvray** in our club. She put on a terrific program for the YWCA, the Remarkable Person luncheon on Thursday, and boy was it remarkable.



We also have a new member! **Da Prez** inducted our newest member, **Patricia** "unplugged" **Terada**, who owns Alarm and Access Control Technologies in Keaau. She provides wireless remote security systems and is looking forward to being a great member of our club. Thanks to **Mitch** "not Alexandra" **Roth** for the intro. **Da Prez** then challenged her to sponsor a new member within 3 months.



WOW, the pressure is on but we know she can do it! Also, it is **Fellowship Month**, so **Da Prez** invited all of us to share fellowship and drinks with him on Friday night at Reubens in Downtown Hilo.

Don't forget, the **Rotary District Conference** is June 10-12 in Honolulu and if you want to go and support our special recognition as the second club in Hawaii, please attend!

Hilo Brewfest is June 18.

On June 24 there is a Sake and Sushi event somewhere, see **Russ** "not Body" **Oda** for details.



Incoming Prez **Randy** "not Gary" **Hart** invites you all to his Installation at Imiloa on June 28.

July 1 we cleanup Liliuokalani Park at 8:00 am. On July 11 please see **Kerry** "not Munro" **Glass** to volunteer. WHEW!

There are a lot of *June birthdays*, but they all start on Monday....stay tuned.

Stan & **Nancy Fortuna** celebrated a wedding anniversary on June 2. Others to come!

President W moved on to *Happy Dollars*. **Mitch** "not Alexandra" **Roth** was so happy that the club supported Hawaii Camp Agape.



Glenn "not Paul" **Harris** was so glad that his granddaughter could join him and housesit for him.

Celestine "our Salvation" **Ruwethin** was happy that it was National Donut day and he was selling boxes of Krispy Kreme Donuts to benefit the Salvation Army! Yum Yum!



Nancy "not Shy" **Cabral** was happy to sponsor our newest member **Patricia** "unplugged" **Terada**, and also happy for Camp Agape, and her son's awesome Rodeo achievements.



Visitor **Iris Swallow** was just so happy to join us for another meeting. Hey **Iris**, maybe join our club!



Birthdays:

- Chuck Porter June 4
- Nina Decker June 6
- Judy Gibson June 6
- Kathleen McGilvary 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 10 - Christine Roach
Helping Transitional Youth
- June 18 - Brew Fest
- June 24 - Magin Patrick & Cliff Kama
Project Hawai'i Summer Camp
- June 28 - Rotary Club of Hilo Installation
Hilo Yacht Club

- 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



Kathy "not McGiver" McGilvray was happy about the success of the Remarkable Persons lunch.



Newton "not Don" Chu was happy for his Native Hawaiian non-profit group PUEO standing up for the silent majority and entering the case for the Telescope on Mauna Kea, on the grounds of sharing culture and science.

Da Prez then introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Ashley Lukens** from the anti-Pesticide and anti-GMO advocacy group, "Hawaii Center for Food Safety." **Dr. Lukens** gave a captivating talk "Pesticides in Paradise" on how Pesticides and GMO are tied together by major corporations and pose a risk to Hawaii residents. She cited statistics to show that the seed industry was creating an environmental problem here in Hawaii. She hoped that we would look at her materials and join her in supporting legislation that her group sponsors. For more information about her work and the work of the Center, please check out their website www.centerforfoodsafety.org. Thanks for the info **Dr. Lukens!**



And before you know it, **President W** thanked **Ashley** for her talk and posed for a picture.

He then called upon new member **Patricia "unplugged" Terada** to lead us in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say and do. And then we were out of there and that's a fact Jack.

See you all next week when we will hear from guest speaker **Christine Roach** on helping transitional youth.

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