

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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President **Anna Liu** called the meeting to order and then invited **Malcolm Chun** to lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Greetings

She thanked greeters **Randy Hart** and **Helene Tajiri**. **Laura Kniffin** introduced her guest, **KC Mahoney**, from the Kona Sunrise Club, and **Tina Jimenez** her guest, **Danielle**, who,

Tina said, has been at various Rotary functions since elementary school. Also welcomed were today's speakers and guests, **Pastor Keith** and **Candy Jackson**, along with **Kuhio** and **Rachel Thomas**. President **Anna** presented **KC Mahoney** with our Club banner.

Also thanked were **Helen Hemmes**, reporter for today, and **Treena Breyfogle**, photographer.

Focus on Rotary theme: **ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD**

Rotarians were invited to learn the Chinese phrase for Question 2 of the 4-Way test: *Will it build good will and better friendships?* **Ta hui jian li hao de yi zhi hé gèng hao de you yi má?**

President **Anna** then shared that there would be a gift of a special blanket to the Rotarian who did the best in reading "**Connect the world**" and Questions 1 and 2 in Chinese. Only one Rotarian, **Genie Phillips**, accepted the challenge, and she won a neat bag with a blanket. Congratulations!



Celebrations

Recognized were Rotarians celebrating birthdays (**Tina Jimenez** and **Katie Osborne** on August 13), wedding anniversaries (**Jeremiah** and **Toni Leonard**--3 years on Aug. 5 and **Tina** and **Tom Jimenez**--37 years on Aug. 6), and Club anniversaries (**Nate Chang**--some 18 or 19 total in Rotary but more recently (3 years?) a returning member to our Club on Aug. 2; and **Malcom Chun**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, and **Anita Tatum**--all 3 years on Aug. 5).

Announcements

President **Anna** announced she is still encouraging members to donate \$25 per month to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**.

Amos Meyers, "pinch hitting for his wife **Charlene**," shared correspondence from past **DG Laura Steelquest** that D5000 did come through in donating funds for **PolioPlus** and thanked members for their outstanding support--\$6353 total--158% of our Club's \$4,000 goal.



Steve Handy shared the delightful Fiji Beer story and said he could let Club members know the date for tasting the beer as a fundraising project for literacy in Fiji.

Beverly Heikes provided an update on our Club's Reading to Kindergartners, noting that we need more readers thanks to the addition of three more schools. This year 14 schools, 29 classes, and 520 students will benefit from the monthly reading and book donations. Please contact **Beverly** if you're available.



President **Anna** invited **Chuck Porter** to join **Malcolm Chun** for a "long overdue" presentation of his **Paul Harris Fellow # 6 pin**--a ruby. Mahalo, **Chuck!**



Ass't District Governor (DG) Randy Hart invited members to attend the official District Governor visit, a joint social meeting with all seven Clubs, to be held somewhere on Saturday, Sept. 14, possibly from 4 to 7 p.m. or from 5 to 8 p.m.

Also, the Rotary Club of Volcano has its BBQ on Labor Day (Sept. 2), and

Pat Guillen from our Club stepped up to give \$244, the cost of a below the knee prosthesis, in response to District 5000s goal to raise funds for eight prosthesis below the knee (cost of \$244 each) and four above the knee (cost of \$608 each) as part of the District's contribution to the International Service Project in Bali in October 2019. (One can still register!)

Wally Wong then gave updates on Community Service projects, calling on **Jacob Bratton** for details: The Salvation Army has delivered 315 backpacks full of folders, binders, papers, pens, and all other goodies so that needy kids can have a "sense of normalcy" with their classmates at school. There about 50 more to give out. Gathering items for Glam Bags is a work in progress (a Glam Bag is a shoulder purse holding pertinent items for

homeless women), and 325 dictionaries have been ordered for distribution to third graders within the next month or two.

JD Domizio from the Hilo Medical Foundation then provided an update on the August surveys regarding access to critical health care and noted the 17th Annual Wine, Cheese, Chocolate & More event will be held on Nov. 2.

Happy Dollars \$\$

Marcia Prose donated \$5 to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** to announce upcoming events at the Palace Theatre. Enjoy!

Chuck Porter gave \$100 (split between the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)** and **TRF**) to congratulate **Anna** on her now being the Club's president and then shared sobering and fun events in recent travels, including his 50th high school reunion in Ohio, sharing the story of a classmate who said, "**Chuck Porter**, what do you think?" He said he didn't remember the experience she shared and that "Friends have long memories."

Laura Kniffin thanked **Mitch Dodo** for purchasing four tickets for her Club's upcoming "Pig 'n Twig" (?) event at \$25 each, noting she has more tickets available.

Amos Meyers gave \$20 to **TRF** for **Polio Plus**. **Kathleen McGilvray** gave \$10 to **TRF** for the good



news that Hilo is now getting bicycles for rent at various great stops. She announced tickets for the YWCA's film festival on Aug. 10 were still available.

Randy Hart donated \$100 to report that Rotary International has been recognized as the #1 charity in the world now for two years running.

Alberta Dobbe shared that she has moved and the Club's website now has her new address. She's glad to be at the Club today, and she gave \$25 to help buy prosthesis for a person in Bali.



Beverly Heikes donated \$25 to help purchase a prosthesis as well, happy to report that her son just started his senior year in high school.

President **Anna** donated \$25 to **PolioPlus** meet her own challenge.

With time running out, **Nancy Cabral** simply announced she was donating \$100 to **PolioPlus**.

Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Tina Jimenez August 13
Katie Osborne August 13
Skye Czember August 20
Jerry Watanabe August 28
Galen Ichinose August 29

Club Anniversary:

Nate Chang August 2, 2016 (3)
Malcolm Chun August 5, 2016 (3)
Jeremiah Leonard August 5, 2016 (3)
Jen Tanouye August 5, 2016 (3)
Anita Tatum August 5, 2016 (3)
Danielle Bratton August 16, 2018 (1)
Jacob Bratton August 16, 2018 (1)
Chris Corley August 16, 2015 (4)
Skye Czember August 25, 2017 (2)
Marcia Prose August 29, 2014 (5)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (39)
Jeremiah & Toni Leonard August 5 (3)
Tina & Thomas Jimenez August 6 (37)
Atsuko & Mike Winston August 28 (41)

Announcements:

Fri. Aug 23 - Misti Tyrin Brewfest
Fri. Sept. 6 - Terri Lum
Children's Justice Center
Fri. Sept. 20 - Carla Kuo
University of Hawaii Foundation
Fri. Sept. 27 - Dr. Michelle Mitchell
Hawaii Doctor Shortage
Fri. Nov. 1 - Kerry Glass
The Rotary Foundation Basics

Club Administration 2019 – 2020

- President – Anna Liu
- Past President – Keith Okamoto
- President Elect – Nancy Cabral
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Secretary – Jen Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Jacob Bratton
- Rotary Foundations – Kerry Glass
- Membership – Maureen Poirier
- Public Relations – Marcia Prose
- International Service – Steve Handy Jr.
- Community Service – Wally Wong
- Vocational Service – Bobby Dugar
- Club Service – Shane Okimoto
- New Generations – Beverly Heikes
- Program Chair – Mike Meyer
- Attendance Chair – Judy Gibson
- Lava Flow Chair – Susan Munro
- Greeters – Cathy Gray

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – Tim Beatty
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo
- Sunao Wada Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

Around 12:40 p.m. **President Anna** introduced our speaker, **Keith Jackson**, noting that **Pastor Keith** is an assistant Pastor for Sure Foundation Church and that he is also the Executive Director for Teen Challenge of the Hawaiian Islands. He's married to **Candy Jackson** who serves as both administrator for Teen Challenge across the islands and director of the Teen Challenge Women's Home of Hope on Big Island.

Pastor Keith & Candy have been involved in some sort of outreach ministry for over 35 years. Previously in California they pastored in an inner-city church in the Los Angeles area. They also worked in Southern California Teen Challenge, and the rescue mission.

Per her introduction, "Before **Keith's** conversion he was an angry, violent man that did various kinds of drugs and crime. But in 1981 he remembered the relationship he had with God as a boy when he used to attend Sunday school and he knew God had a work for him to do. **Candy** was formally a heroin addict. She tried to get off drugs many ways. It wasn't until she went to Teen Challenge that she was able to find freedom."

Teen challenge of the Hawaiian Islands is a program that reaches individuals and families that have life controlling problems--mainly addictions.

The Speaker:

Pastor Keith's opening remarks encouraged good listening, as he noted that some statistics state that after 24 hours (on a Monday), only 50% of the church people can remember what the pastor said in his sermon; on a Tuesday, 70% have forgotten what he said; and on a Wednesday, even the pastor doesn't remember!

He said the "Adult and Teen Challenge" program has a powerful success rate in assisting persons with addictions and other challenges and called on his wife, **Candy**, who, he said, delivered a baby while wearing handcuffs in prison, to share more information. A faith-based program, Teen Challenge requires a person to sign up for one year of life to get into the program, with a very scheduled structure daily from 6 a.m. (devotions, classes, and work) to 10 p.m.

Teen Challenge of the Hawaiian Islands has both a Big Island Men's Center and a Big Island Women's Home of Hope in Keaau, an Oahu Christian Life School, a Kauai Outreach Office, and a Maui Teen Challenge. The program is funded by generous contributions rather than by insurance or the government.

She noted participants have to change their hearts before they can change, with the focus on "God could change my heart."

She then called on **Kuhio Thomas**, who shared his testimony that joining Teen Challenge was the "best choice I ever made" as he had to learn to how to restructure his life and was able to do so



thanks to God's shared grace. A 1994 graduate of Waiakea High School, he started drinking alcohol after his football games and then moved on to drugs. He moved away from Hilo to try to get away from his challenges, but returned, eventually becoming a homeless person by choice at Wailoa State Park. On Sept. 2, 2014, he hung himself, but got a second chance, with other homeless persons knocking him: "You can't even kill yourself."

He decided he needed help, and thanks to the contact his mother had with Teen Challenge, he was able to enroll and needed to participate for 1 year and 8 months. His sharing of details (just summarized above) about his life being totally out of control, his vision one night that God was fighting for him—and now his happiness at having cleansed himself, being married again, and working again—was truly inspirational.

In Closing

President Anna thanked the speakers and then called on **Corey Kawamoto** to lead the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do, and the meeting was adjourned.



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