

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



December 13, 2019

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Reporter: Susan Munro

Photographer: Steve Handy

Preliminaries

President Anna Liu called the meeting to order at noon, in the Queen's Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. **Newton Chu** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome back, **Newton**, we've missed you!

Greeter

Genie Phillips introduced today's guests and visiting Rotarians: **Mike Fullmer**, **Genie's** son; **Julie Kron**, guest of **Randy Hart**, and friend of **Connie Ichinose**; **Benjamin Mark**, a prospective member; and **Danni Gardner**, another prospective member.

Anna thanked today's reporter and photographer, and introduced today's new Chinese words. **Newton** helped out with the pronunciation:

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cathy Gray celebrated a birthday on December 13

Mike Meyer celebrated his on the 15th

Ed Hara on December 24

Gay Porter on December 31.

Anna offered "Happy Birthday" in Chinese, and **Dirk Yoshina** led the assembled members in the usual birthday song. Sorry **Ed**, and **Gay**, you missed it!

Four wedding anniversaries to celebrate:

Leigh & Keith Okamoto, 27 years on December 19

Malia & Wally Wong, 26 years on December 22

Jerry & Cathy Gray, 43 years on December 25

Nina & Bob Fox, 13 years on December 27

Club anniversaries:

Shane Okimoto, 3 years on December 9

Steve Handy, 16 years on December 19

Judy Gibson, 14 years on December 31

Events and Announcements

Anna's \$25 Challenge.

Anna reminded us that she's challenged us to each give \$25 to TRF each month. Are you up for it? It's a good cause. Give at a meeting, or online.

2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu. It is not too late to sign up to attend:

- 12/15/2019: Last day for early-registration discount

- 3/31/2020: Last day for preregistration discount

- 4/30/2020: Last day to request to cancel registration or tickets

- 6/10/2020: Last day for online registration

There will be vendor opportunities at the convention.

Anna provided details:

Vendors Opportunity for Rotary Convention

1. House of Friendship Room 316: 10x10 booth space for \$2,250. Room is locked and secured at the end of the day.

2. Rooftop Garden: there will be 14 craft-festival type 6 ft. tables with two (2) participation/cost options: 2-days at \$550 or 5-days at \$950. These tables are located under cover to the right as you come off the escalator from the 3rd floor. There will also be seven (7), 6-foot tables under tents available for a 5-day option at \$1,900. For vendors on the Rooftop Garden they have the option of leaving their product in boxes and left in place or boxed and turned over to the Convention general contractor (GES) to be placed in

a secure trailer. This option will require an additional fee for storage but amount not available yet.

The hours of the House of Friendship will be 8:30am to 4pm each day of the Convention with Move-In on Friday, June 5th.

Social Squad.

Bobby Dugar announced that the next event will be on the 18th, at Templebar. Proceeds from the event will go towards the FCJCEH holiday party for children who have been separated from their siblings by the courts.

Hilo Woman's Club Holiday Party. **Maureen Poirier**, who is an officer of the Hilo Woman's Club as well as Membership Director here at the RCH, announced the Woman's Club will be having a holiday party for over 100 children on December 22.

Happy Dollars

Nate Chang was happy to talk a little about one his favorite non-profits, Ho'ola Farms, which assists veterans who are interested in agriculture. They have land south of Pepeekeo that have has been lent by Kamahameha Schools. He also acknowledged **Alberta Dobbe**, for her work on VASH.

Mike Meyer gave a few Happy Dollars for the opportunity to say "Go to the Kama'aina Christmas Crafts Fair" (sponsored by RCH) at the Butler Building. He saw **Marcia Prose** there earlier this week.

Genie was happy to have her son **Mike** in town to put up the Christmas tree. **Mike** was happy to be here with his mom where the winter weather is both warm and rainy.

Jen Tanouye had two free tickets a Hilo Woman's club holiday fundraiser.

Birthdays:

Cathy Gray December 13
Michael Meyer December 15
Eddie Hara December 24
Gay Porter December 31

Club Anniversary:

Kimo-Jim Becker December 1, 1995 (24)
Jim Cheney December 1, 1988 (31)
Tina Jimenez December 5, 2014 (5)
Shane Okimoto December 9, 2016 (3)
Joshua Countess December 15, 2017 (2)
Harry Kim December 16, 2016 (3)
Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (16)
Judy Gibson December 31, 2005 (13)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Garry Prose Dec. 1 (50)
Keith & Leigh Okamoto Dec. 19 (27)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (46)
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (26)
Cathy & Jerry Gray Dec. 25 (43)
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (13)

Announcements:

Wed. Dec 18 - Social Squad

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

Chris Tamm announced that he and **Barbara** are going to Malasia, and wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

Amos Meyers was at today's meeting without **Charlene**, and was thankful for the club's support of the craft fair. Of course, **Charlene** was at the her booth at the fair.

Maureen Poirier was happy to be spending the holidays with all of her children in California this year.

Newton noted that he hasn't been to many meetings recently -- he has been busy with work and parental caretaking duties.

Bobby Fujimoto, his father-in-law, and Badge # 1 here at the club, has recently spent some time in the hospital. **Bobby** says, "Don't ever book me into this hotel again!"

Helen Hemmes enjoyed **RIK** reading at Kaumana Elementary School, and said that she and fellow reader **Kerry Glass** were mentioned in the school newsletter.

Nancy Cabral was happy about her collection of Christmas-themed t-shirts from Creative Arts Hawaii. She directed her donation to Polio Plus.

Tammi Silva was another member happy to be back, after many meetings away. She brought checks, and news about her employer, Legacy Hilo. They are not closing; they have new owners. She invited us to their Christmas Jubilee on Friday, December 20.

Today's Speaker

Anna introduced a man who needs no introduction: **Randy Hart**, Past President of this club, this year's East Hawaii Assistant District Governor, and our District-Governor-to-be in 2022-2023.

Randy showed a short video about the service trip to Bali this summer. Hawaii Rotarians accompanied **DG Eric Kaler** to take **\$161,000** -- and some hands-on assistance -- to four projects there. The video, BTW, was made by Bali Rotoract students.

Blood Bank. The biggest project financially was an upgrade the to the blood transfusion unit of Sanglah General Hospital in Denpasar. **DG Eric** was on the island during the 2002 terrorist bombing and saw the blood bank save lives. Originally

opened with Rotary assistance, this blood bank needed an equipment upgrade to allow more of the donated blood to be used.

PUSPADI Bali. This is the only NGO on Bali providing high-quality prosthetics. Individual donations from our club funded several entire prosthetic devices. Rotarians on the trip got to assist with creating the prosthetics.

KOLEWA. This foundation provides cleft-palate surgeries and works with deaf children.

Jodie O'Shea House. Rotarians helped with painting and redecorating, and provided books and toys at this orphanage.

Randy was inspired by this trip. He will be working with **Steve Handy** to organize a similar project for Fiji for in Rotary Year 2022-23.

Adjournment

Prospective member **Benjamin Mark** led us in reciting the **Four Way Test**, and the **Anna** rang the bell to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2020.

Merry Christmas and **Happy New year** to all!





Dee Scott, Julie Kion (Randy's Guest), Connie Ichinose & Randy



Cathy Gray, Danni Gardner (guest of Randy) and Amos Meyers



Jim Cheney, Mike Meyers, Genie Philips (Greeter) and her son Mike Fullmer.



Anna and Sally O'Brien



100th Year Celebration Events (2020-2021)

- District Conference Honolulu | Jun 6, 2020
- Rotary International Convention Honolulu | Jun 7-10, 2020
- Rotary Club of Hilo Installation | Jun 13, 2020
- BrewFest | Jun 27, 2020
- Election Day | Nov 3, 2020
- 100th Year Celebrations Week | Dec 1-6, 2020
- 100th Year Dinner | Dec 5, 2020
- Craft Fair | Dec 10-12, 2020
- Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo | Feb 13-15, 2021
- Hiroshima South 65th Year Celebration | Mar/Apr 2021
- District Conference Hilo | May 14-16, 2021
- BrewFest | June 2021
- Rotary Club of Hilo Installation | June 2021