

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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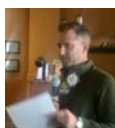
It was a balmy rainy day in beautiful Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over 99 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Greeted with a smiles and warm handshakes by Greeters **Bob "Brewfest" Hanley** and **Bobby "Doogie" Dugar** we Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy our new choose your own plate lunch feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our enthusiastic new 99th President **Anna "Wonder Woman" Liu** greeted the club with that big smile of hers and asked former visiting former Rotarian and soon to be Rotarian **Reese Mates** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then **President Wonder** reminded everyone that the Rotary theme for the year under her leadership was "**Rotary Connects the World**" and just like that, we were connected. To help us all connect with another culture in this first meeting of the new year, **President Wonder Woman** taught us how to say Happy New Year in Chinese, "**Gung Hay Fat Choy!**" (Cantonese version) And then she taught us how to count from 7 to 10 in mandarin Chinese, "**Qi Ba Jiu Shi**" oh that is so easy! **Xie xie President Wonder!**

Our Greeters **Doogie** and **Brewfest** introduced our many guests **Julie Kon**, guest of **Randy "DGE" Hart**, **Benjamin Mark**, **Reese Mates**, **Shane Shibata**, **Patrick Smith**, **Danni Gardner**, and opera



singer **D'Andrea Pelletier**. Wow, what a crowd and what a voice! Welcome visitors!



Prez Wonder then introduced the Lava Flow writer "**The Don**" and his trusty photographer **Bob "Brewfest" Hanley**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Wonder announced that the Rotary International Convention was coming up in June in Honolulu! Early bird sign up continues so please make your plans soon!

President Wonder just celebrated her birthday yesterday January 9, so we all sang Happy Birthday to her. She gave a hint of some upcoming birthdays and anniversaries, and noted that **Pastor Eric "Holy Cross" Anderson** celebrated 3 years with Rotary. .

President Wonder announced her \$25 dollar Monthly challenge, where she hopes each Rotarian meets or exceeds her \$25 monthly donation to either the **Rotary Foundation** or the **Polio Fund**.

She then invited **Kerry "not Munro" Glass** to give us a report on the progress of our Club's donations to the Foundation for this Rotary year. With a stated goal of \$11,000, we were about 70% there. WOW team, way to go! Way to go **President Wonder!**



Bobby "Doogie" Dugar was happy that he is a part of the social squad that meets irregularly at bars I mean restaurants, all over town and make random acts of Rotary kindness from time to time. This past December the group raised \$500 to donate to the **Friends of the Childrens Justice Center**. How Rotarian is that,



Please help this Squad and attend an event!

HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$

Marcia "not brief" Prose was happy that she is able to volunteer for the Palace Theater and say brief things about everything, and passed out the new newsletter.



Chuck "not Gay" Porter was happy to be home in Hawaii and gave money in memory of a great business colleague that help him and numerous other Tire Dealer



employees over the course of his lifetime. **Chuck** then gave us the Christmas story of the year when he recounted his attempt to hammer a supplier who failed to deliver his product in time for **Chuck's** construction project in Utah. It turns out that when **Chuck** met him to demand action he learned that the guy had fallen on hard times and was afraid to tell **Chuck** the true reasons for his failings. **Chuck** then introduced him to the **4-way test** and on Christmas Eve the guy delivered on his promise personally, braving inclement weather himself to make it right. Way to go **Chuck!** **Chuck** then updated us on some former members, **Eliot Merk**, **Buddy Gordon** and **Judy Malagday**.

Kathy "Navy Mom" Borer was happy that her 19 year old son was able to enlist in the Navy.



Dee "Great" Scott was happy that she was the world's luckiest Soccer Mom due to the success of her daughter in college soccer.



JD "Hilo Hospital Foundation" Domizio was happy that the San Francisco 49ers were still in the NFL playoffs.



Birthdays:

Anna Liu January 9
Gail Takaki January 17
"The Don" Chu January 19
"Mitch" Dodo January 19

Club Anniversary:

Masao Amako January 1, 2004 (16)
Raymond McPherson January 1, 2004 (16)
Eric Anderson January 6, 2017 (3)
Bob Hanley January 14, 2011 (9)
Genie Phillips January 20, 2017 (3)
Nancy Cabral January 29, 1988 (32)

Wedding Anniversary:

Mitch & Noriko Roth January 13 (29)

Announcements:

Fri. Jan 17 - No Meeting
Fri. Jan 24 - Meeting
Queen Liliuokalani Trust
Fri. Jan 31 - Meeting
Island CPR
Fri. Feb 7 - Meeting
Hawaii Humane Society
Fri. Feb 14 - No Meeting
Fri. Feb 21 - Meeting
Marine Stewardship & Waste
Management in Fiji

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 – Beverley 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

Charlene "past ADG" Meyer was sad that she and her husband Amos were going to retire to Tucson Arizona. So sad! We will miss you guys!



Ian "NAPA auto Parts" Kitagawa was happy that his mom survived back surgery and he could now remove his knife from her back....just kidding!



Misti "not Beethoven" Tyrin was happy that she was not too late to witness the induction of her proposed new member.



Nancy "Daylum" Cabral was happy that Misti learned how to show up in the nick of time and was happy that the big Panneewa Rodeo was back.



NEW MEMBERS INSTALLATION

We were all impressed that the first order of business in 2020 was to induct 4 new members into the club.

Well, the first new member is actually returning member Reese Mates. Many of you will remember her for her work with the relief tents called "Shelter Box"



Nice to have you back Reese "Gimmee Shelter" Mates!

Next to be inducted was Patrick Smith, Patrick was sponsored by Judith "Sheriff" Gibson. Patrick retired to Hilo from Fort Smith Arkansas, District 6110,



where he owned a commercial building maintenance company. Welcome back to Rotary Patrick "not Fort" Smith!

Danni Gardner was sponsored by Bobby "doogie" Dugar. Danni hails to us from Wisconsin via New Mexico and works at Day Lum Realty. Never heard of the place.



Danni enjoys crocheting scarves for the homeless and wants to help foster kids by donating luggage carriers to them. Wow, nice efforts and thoughts Danni "not Chauncey" Gardner.

Finally Benjamin Mark comes to us from a well traveled path including Disney World and Deforest Wisconsin Rotary Club. Ben provides marketing services to the community via his company Peco Arts. Ben was sponsored by Reese Mates. Welcome back to Rotary Ben "Peco" Mark.



PAUL HARRIS PRESENTATIONS

President Wonder Woman then asked Kerry "not Munro" Glass to award Bobby "Doogie" Dugar his first Paul Harris badge due to the donation of points from Nancy "Day Lum" Cabral and Alberta "Girl Scout" Dobie.



A Paul Harris plus 3 was awarded to Randy "DGE" Hart. Wow, way to go Rotary Club of Hilo members!



TEAM BUILDING

Super Membership Chair Connie "not Galen" Ichinose then led our new members and visitors on a team building exercise where they joined hands, arms and feet and tried to evolve into a circle. Wow, think of it as Twister without the colored circles. A whole lot of fun and fellowship, Thanks Connie and newbies!



4 WAY TEST

President Wonder Woman then asked Ian "Napa auto parts" Kitagawa to lead us in the 4-way test of the things we think, say and do, which he did, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.

