

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



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GREETERS &

OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

Being there bright and early for our 1st meeting of the new Rotary year to welcome us were **Past Pres. Randy Hart** and **Cathy Gray** with smiles, handshakes, hugs and kisses (well maybe not so many kisses from **Randy**).



Banging the gong exactly at 12 noon, our **Pres. Anna** began her term of presidency in our 99th year. After which all those in attendance gave her a big "RAH", generating a nice appreciative smile.



Still trying to shake off her 1st meeting nervousness (all of us Past Presidents can attest to going thru that) **Pres. Anna** called on **Pat Guillen** to lead us in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rotary's theme for this year is "**Rotary Connects the World**" so **Pres. Anna** has started a little 4 week contest for us to learn some Chinese about Rotary. For example, this 1st week's lesson is Lian jie shi jie (unfortunately without the accent marks) meaning connect the world. Each week will be a different Chinese translation of some sort of Rotary saying and if someone, at the end of the 4 weeks, can recite a reasonable summary of the 4 sayings in Chinese, they will receive a prize, courtesy of First Hawaiian Bank. So here is the first saying and you guys have to learn how to pronounce everything on your own (cannot do this in print in the Lava Flow).

Appropriate kudos were given to this week's Lava Flow reporter and photographer, **Jim Cheney** and **Charlene Meyers**, respectively.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Greeter **Randy** was called upon to introduce our guests who were:

Michael Phillips and **Susan Teague**, guests of **Genie Phillips**



Amos Meyers and **Joy Matsuura**, guests of **Charlene Meyers**



Pastor John Trusdel, **Pastor Daniel Ki'kawa** and **Harvey Tajiri**, guests of **Wally Wong**

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Rantz – July 3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Portia Hara – July 1

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Charlene Meyers – July 3

Alberta Dobbe – July 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a 4-Club Joint East Hawaii meeting on July 30, a Tuesday, here at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel with the **Past District Governor Del Green** being the guest speaker. Because of this then, there will be NO Friday meeting that week on August 2. Mark your calendars appropriately.

Contribution goals for our Club to the **Rotary Foundation** and to **Polio Plus** is **\$11,000** and **\$4,000**, both of which are very meet-able.

Randy mentioned that **Paul Field** will be here next week.

Marcia Prose and the Hawaii Tribune-Herald is offering discounted advertising rates for our monthly Rotary page in the newspaper. This page has been well received and is a way to get your company name in front of the public at a greatly reduced cost (over 46% off the paper's regular rate and a special combined deal with other Rotary members advertising). A great deal!



According to **Randy**, the Army Battalion will be doing special training on July 29 and they are opening Pohakuloa up for anyone interested in viewing the happenings. Contact him to make arrangements to be able to attend if you are interested.



Pres. Anna thanked all of us who worked at the Brewfest to make it the success it turned out to be. And, at the same time, reminded everyone that Hawaii will be hosting the 2020 Rotary International Convention, June 6-10, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Center, and to take advantage of the early discounts:

06/05/19 Last day for special promotional discounts;
12/15/19 Last day for early-registration discount;
03/31/20 Last day for preregistration discount;
04/30/20 Last day to request cancellation to attend.

\$\$ HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$



Nate Chang was extremely happy to still be in Rotary and all its activities - **\$1,000** (Wow!) to **RF**



Genie really sorry (but doing ok so far) about the passing of her husband **Jim** 2 weeks ago. Between knowing him and being married to him worked out to some combination of 70 so she contributed **\$140** to **RF**

Genie's son **Michael** then contributed **\$50.00** to our general fund in his father's memory.

Marcia gave her **\$5.00** in talking about this month's activities, including the showing of the movie "The Creature From the Black Lagoon".

At which point **Helene Tajiri** gave **\$20** to **RF** saying when she was young and saw this movie for the 1st time, it gave her nightmares for a long time.



Charlene started off in reducing our **Polio Plus Campaign** goal by giving **\$100** and talking about her wonderful trip.



Dave Wong popped up and contributed **\$20** for being associated with the Park Festival this weekend (Hamlet) and for future showings of Shakespeare stories.



With this **Pres. Anna** also dropped in another **\$20** for these events.



Good ole **Nancy Cabral** gave **\$100** to **RF** to help finish up her granddaughter's **PH** status. And just happy that our Club is "A Great Club" which supports each other personally and in business and to offer support to our illustrious current Club President.

Kathleen McGilvray was a total of **\$50** happy from her great trip to Chicago where she did and saw a lot of enjoyable things. And from there she went east to



Dave Wong, guest of **Pat Guillen**

Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz July 03
 Jim Kennedy July 17
 Kimo-Jim Becker July 20
 Gene Tao July 20
 Eric Anderson July 23
 Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
 Ian Kitagawa July 27
 Genie Phillips July 28
 Mitch Roth July 28
 Thomas Jimenez July 29
 Treena Breyfogle July 30
 Susan Munro July 30

Club Anniversary:

Charlene Meyers July 3, 2003 (16)
 Bruce Blankenfeld July 10, 2015 (4)
 Alberta Dobbe July 11, 2008 (11)
 Connie Ichinose July 12, 2013 (6)
 Bobby Dugar July 13, 2018 (1)
 Mitch Roth July 19, 2013 (6)
 Kathy Borer July 21, 2017 (2)
 Dee Scott July 21, 2013 (2)
 Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (9)
 Jim Kennedy July 24, 1998 (21)
 Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (6)
 Katie Osborne July 27, 2018 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1, 1978 (41)
 Randy & Lydia Hart July 17, 1990 (29)
 Tom & Delia Brown July 29, 1981 (38)

Announcements:

Fri. July 19 - Paul Field - Rotary's Bali International Project
 Fri. July 26 - Lisa Rantz - Hilo Medical Center Foundation
 Tues. July 30 - Joint 4 club meeting @ Hilo Hawaiian Hotel - PDG Del Green

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

Massachusetts and other areas and just had fun.

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Daniel Kikawa was introduced to us from a short bio provided by **Pres. Anna** of his accomplishments and Hawaiian heritage studies.



What **Pastor Dan** wanted to have us learn is his Pu'uhonuna O Pahoia Marae (The Peaceful Sanctuary of Pahoia) project to offer housing and support for the

homeless and volcano victims in Pahoia and vicinity.

Essentially he and his organization is trying to set up a "City of Refuge" to provide refuge, sanctuary, forgiveness, cleansing, peace/harmony/unity, safety, acceptance, pono (making things right) and aloha for all those who have no place to live or go to.

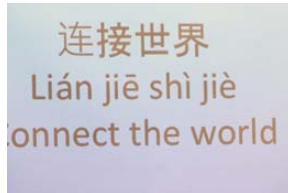


The why basically comes in 3 reasons:

1. Alleviate the homeless situation
2. Emergency and disaster housing
3. Community center

Housing in Hawaii, and on the Big Island, is very expensive, a very large reason over 57% of all of us here on the B.I. cannot survive and pay our bills and feed ourselves. Drugs is a common problem in Pahoia cause people think they have no hope.

With this he showed some short films and a lot of photos about his meeting house, which he has deemed a sacred place for helping people. Housing in Samoa and New Zealand were shown as examples of how people can put something together and feel a sense of



safety and belonging.

In Pahoia right now he has about 13 acres and showed basic shapes and diagrams of buildings. One of his goals is to use shipping containers as housing. This is not as drastic as it sounds as these can be adapted and decorated to look and feel "homey". Plus they are not real expensive, starting at about \$5,000 up cost each. His photos showed how they can be made to look like small houses and there are different sizes and models of these containers to make one feel that this is actually a place of residence.

Fold out containers can be made to look like small houses and can be acceptable to a lot of amenities to make them feel like a home. Costco has a special offer on these at about \$3,300 plus shipping and tax.

The mayor and police department have provided endorsements for this project and lots of companies and prominent people have made pledges and pro bono services to make it go. Basic activities are starting up and good human values are generated and reinforced.



Harvey Tajiri went up and commented that he got involved to lend support for this project when he found out about the possibility of using containers for housing. He thought volcano victims would greatly benefit and as a community we can help.

Some questions and answers were allowed which came down to all of this is getting a community put together with a set of rules. Catchment is ok but not good enough to have a certified kitchen. The County's permit process is sooooo slow and cumbersome that its difficult for regular housing to develop and blocks the erection of a lot of building.

END OF MEETING

Genie was called upon to lead us thru the recitation of the **4-way test** of the things we think, say and do (and have fun in our Club).

