

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



July 19, 2019

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Reporter: HRH

Photographer: Bob Hanley

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



Greetings

She thanked greeters **Kelvin Watanabe** and **Dirk Yoshina**. Welcomed were visiting Rotarians **Paul Field** from the Volcano Club (our speaker today) and **Aliza Alborno** from the



RC of Fremont in Seattle, WA. She introduced her guests, daughter **Stephanie Alborno** and grandson **Ruben Betts**, and then shared she joined Rotary in April, 2019, because she believes in Rotary's goal of building a better world. **President Anna** gave her one of our Club's banners.



Charlene Meyers introduced her guests, **Amos Meyers** (her husband) and **Joy Matsuura**.



Jen Tanouye introduced her granddaughter **Brooklyn Springer**, and



President Anna her guest, **Marlene Murray**.



Also thanked were **Helen Hemmes**, reporter for today, and **Bob Hanley**, photographer.

Rotarians were invited to learn the Chinese phrase for part of the 4-Way test: **Shi zhen de ma? Is it the truth?** **President Anna** then shared that there would be a gift of a special blanket to the Rotarian who did the best in knowing all the Chinese phrases for the **4-Way test**. Stay tuned and practice!

Announcements

Guest **Marlene Murray** encouraged (via announcing but not soliciting!) Rotarians to consider joining the Pacific Tsunami Museum to celebrate its third anniversary with entertainers Mark, Brickwood, and Willie K at the Grand Nanihoa Hotel on Friday, August 2. Costs includes a delicious prime rib buffet.

President Anna noted that sign-up sheet for the 2020 International Rotary Convention in Honolulu in June was being circulated to assist Rotarians in making plans to attend.

Past District Governor (DG) Del Green, chair of the committee, the speaker at the East Hawaii Joint Rotary meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 12 p.m., can share information, as can **Assistant DG Randy Hart**. A headcount of those planning to attend was taken via raised hands; the Club will not meet on August 2.

Recognized were Rotarians celebrating birthdays (**Jim Kennedy** on July 17), wedding anniversaries (**Randy & Lydia Hart** on July 17), and Club anniversaries (**Bobby Dugar**—one year on July 13).

Installation of New Member:

Amos Meyers

President Anna invited the **Charlene Meyers**, sponsor, to introduce the new member, her husband, **Amos**. She shared they have been happily married for forty-eight years, that he is a retired educator (taught and/or administered for 30 years), and that he has been supportive of her as a Rotarian and owner of a catering business. To her "good man," she said "Thank you, Sweetheart!" **Charlene** gave him his Rotary pin, **President**



Anna welcomed him with a meaningful speech, and Club members stood as he was presented to the Club as our newest member. Welcome, **Amos!**

Happy Dollars \$\$

Helen Hemmes shared that she had the pleasure of traveling in Europe with two of her grandchildren recently—one of her life's goals—and then gave **\$25** to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation (HRCF)** to support its literacy program, as she enjoys reading to kindergartners.

Beverly Heikes donated **\$20** to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** to share interesting components of her recent trip to Washington and Victoria, including her daughter's wedding.

Pat Guillen gave **\$10** to the **HRCF** to announce that signups are still welcome for the upcoming 44th **Jimmy Yagi** basketball camp.



Charlene Meyers gave **\$50** to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)** in honor of her husband's 30 years of service as an educator.

Bobby Dugar gave **\$5** to **TRF (Polio Plus)** to encourage Rotarians to support the slipper and uniform drive at KTAPuainako on July 27, with funds raised to help over 60 kids in schools who have housing troubles.



Randy Hart contributed **\$100** to **TRF**, grateful for 26 years of marriage (even though the slide said 29 years). Hm! Did we hear someone say that 29 years was probably accurate, with laughter following?



Kathy Borer finally won a tennis match, donating **\$61.64** to **TRF**.

Past President Keith Okamoto gave **\$20** to the **HRYF**, grateful for his first meeting at a regular table this year!



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 26 - Lisa Rantz - Hilo Medical Center Foundation
Tues. July 30 - Joint 4 club meeting @ Hilo Hawaiian Hotel - PDG Del Green
Fri. Aug 2 - No Meeting

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**



President Anna gave \$50 to the **HRCF**, her annual contribution.



Nancy Cabral donated \$100 TRF (Polio Plus), and Genie Phillips gave \$20 to TRF, grateful to be able to work with Nancy at Day Lum and with Bobby Dugar (especially for his youthful technology).

At 12:22 p.m. President Anna introduced our speaker, **Paul Field**.

He came to Hawaii in 1968 from Ohio to study Southeast Asian History at UH-Manoa. Since his major area of interest and language was Indonesia, he spent six months in Indonesia in 1972 studying the language and seeing the country, including Bali. He was a history professor at Windward Community College on Oahu until his retirement in 1999. He and his wife **Janie** moved to Volcano in 2001, and he became a member of the Rotary Club of Volcano and now serves as president. **Paul** and **Jane** spend a lot of time volunteering at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.



Paul began his talk by sharing two announcements, inviting all to attend the “Experience Volcano Festival” on July 27 & 28th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the festival featuring art, food, culture, life music, and more. He’ll share more information soon on the upcoming Rotary Club of Volcano big scholarship fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, August 31. We are then watched a short video, “Rotary connects the World, Bali 2019.” It begins with the captions of “There is One Island... Every One Wants to See” and then features the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Bali Blood Bank and projects of the Jodie O’Shea House orphanage, the Kolewa Foundation which provides educational services to deaf children of indigent families, and the Puspadi Bali Foundation, which helps persons who need prosthesis.

He referred to the flyer with information on the International Service Project in Bali, October 13-18, 2019, for the Rotary District 5000 Hawaii and Rotary District 3420 Bali, noting that the deadline for registration has been extended to Sept. 1. Costs include air transportation and hotels (rate approximations range from \$120 (4 star) to \$25 (3 star) for hotels near the projects). There is also a project fee of \$500 which includes welcoming/closing parties, ground transportation to and from sites, and

lunches at the various projects. A Rotarian can choose to spend 3 days with 1 foundation, a day at each, or any combination. Non-Rotarians are welcome to come to Bali too (no project fee if not participating). For information and registration, see <https://rotaryd5000.org/bali>.

He provided background information on the founders of the Puspadi Bali Foundation and noted that almost 6,000 people with disabilities have had their lives improved thanks to the Foundation. Over 75% of the employees at Puspadi Bali are themselves disabled. One of the District 5000 goals is to raise funds for eight prosthesis below the knee (cost of \$244 each) and four above the knee (cost of \$608 each). Why so many? The major cause of the loss of limbs is due to accidents from the major means of transportation, motorbikes and motor scooters. Rotarians who help with the project will help put the prosthesis together in the shop and be able to interact with persons who get to try them out to see if they fit properly.

Paul noted that Bali, an island the size of Maui, is a cultural mecca, with residents having an artistic focus. The International Service Project will make a difference for people in Bali. Attendees can schedule their own time, such as setting a day aside for their own activities.

His talk ended with his answering a question about donations. If the **Rotary Club of Hilo Foundation** chooses to support the project, the best way to help is to give the Foundation the funds. The exchange rate is “wild” so having attendees exchange the money in Bali and getting receipts for donations works best. One might also be able to wire funds.

In Closing

President Anna called on our speaker, **Paul Field**, President of the RC of Volcano, to lead the Club in **the 4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do (plus #5, Have Fun!), and the meeting was adjourned with the ringing of the bell.

