

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



July 26, 2019

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: the "Don"

Photographer: Eric Anderson

It was an absolutely gorgeous sunny 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 **Tina "Bay House" Jimenez** and **Mitchell "Dead Center" (ouch!) Dodo**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the 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 announced that she was going to ask visiting **Past District Governor Pete "Ocktoberfest" Muller** 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, **President Wonder** taught us how to ask *"is it fair to all concerned?"* in Chinese. *"Din suo yo yuan gon pin ma?"* Dui!



Our Greeters introduced **Gina Muscob** and **Danielle Preston** visiting from California. Welcome visitors!



Prez Wonder then introduced the Lava Flow writer **"The Don"** and his trusty photographer super **Pastor Eric "Holy Cross" Anderson**.



Announcements

President Wonder announced that **Super Pastor Eric "Holy Cross" Anderson** celebrated a birthday, and I overheard people say he looks too young to be a pastor!

Don't forget next Friday there is no meeting because next Tuesday is a joint 3 club meeting because **Past District Governor Del Green** will be speaking to all of our clubs.

Jim "Honokaa" Becker announced that we should all get together to attend the Rotary Convention function in Honolulu when the International President comes to town.



Happy Dollars \$\$

President Wonder announced her **\$25** Monthly challenge, where she hopes each Rotarian meets or exceeds her **\$25** monthly donation to either the **Rotary Foundation** or the **Polio Fund**. So she started by exceeding her own pledge! WOW Way to go **President Wonder!**

Bobby "da Captain" Duggar was happy that they were working on a donation drive to ask people to donate rubbah slippahs to the Salvation army for kids to wear to school. Please help him!



Chris "traveling" Tamm was happy that **Gordon Takaki's** letter supporting the Thirty Meter Telescope and the educational benefits it provides was published in the newspaper.



Pat "AD" Guillen was **\$44** happy for turning 44 this year.



Jim "Honokaa" Becker was **\$59** happy because he turned 59 for the 59th time and won money while being kicked out of a casino for allowing his pet to pee on the carpet. Ouch, too much information!



Connie "membership" Ichinose was happy to match **President Wonder's** challenge.

JD "not Souther" Domizio was happy that he was able to teach CPR to a lot of students.



Genie "hula" Phillips was not so happy on how much time she had to wait to speak to a human being at Social Security Office. Hint **Genie**, there are no human beings over there! Take a number and then speak into a screen.



Charlene "ADG" Meyers was happy to be a Road Scholar up at the Volcano National Park and use her rotary bag to engage in speaking to Rotarians who are visiting the Park. Way to go!



Kathleen "YWCA" McGilvrey was happy to match the President's challenge and announce future YWCA events such as the Luna Movie fest and the upcoming lunch on a cruise ship event. Call her!



Nancy "Pres-elect" Cabral was very happy to meet the challenge and support the polio fund, and meet her goal of **\$1,000** per fund per year! Wow, but she was heartbroken by the events occurring on Maunakea and the unreasonableness of the population in land commission requests. Sigh....



President Wonder thanked everyone and pointed out that there is an app where you can add the Rotary logo to your social media postings, it's called **APP.POAPHOTOS.COM**.

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:

Tues. July 30 - Joint 4 club meeting @
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel - PDG Del Green
Fri. Aug 2 - No Meeting
Fri. Aug 9 - Candy Jackson
Teen Challenge - Hilo
Fri. Aug 23 - Misti Tyrin Brewfest

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

Thanks Prez!

Our speaker was **Lisa Rantz**, the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. She thanked the Club for the donations from our Brewfest fundraiser and gave us an overview of what is happening at the hospital.



The Hilo Medical Center Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1995. The Foundation provides an avenue for people to donate money, stocks, equipment, personal property, time, services, and other assets for the support of the Hilo Medical Center and projects that benefit the greater community.

The Foundation was also instrumental in the fundraising campaign to help bring doctors to Hawaii through the Rural Family Practice Residency Program now called Hawaii Health System Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP). This is a program that trains physicians in their last three years of medical school here on the island which in turn will help bring more doctors to Hawaii to address the physician shortage crisis. Studies show that most young physicians end up practicing in or near the communities where

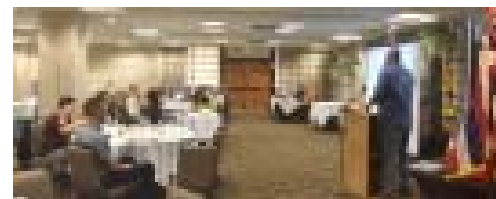


they did their residency. To further the cause, the Foundation has renovated the River Cottage, which will be used to house medical students, residents, and new physicians, providing them with a safe, clean place to stay while they study and practice medicine in Hilo. This is an ongoing project, if you would like to receive more information, please call the Foundation office.

In 2008 the Hilo Medical Center Foundation was instrumental in the fundraising campaign to help the Hilo Medical Center establish the island's first residency program after state funding was withheld. This program is vital for our community in recruiting more physicians to practice on the island. Since 2008 the community has supported and still supports the need for this important program.

As many of our residents are aware, our island is experiencing a severe physician shortage. Medical school graduates are typically required to undergo three years of on-the-job residency training at hospitals. The Rural Residency program, Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency, was founded based on research that shows at least 80 percent of doctors stay and work where they complete their residency. It's important that medical students train in our community so they can become comfortable here and understand the challenges that our island faces. This is the best solution to attract, train and retain doctors and other medical professionals on an ongoing basis.

Thanks to the help of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and other organizations, the clinic opened its doors on April 30, 2009. On July 18, 2018, the Hawaii Island Family Health Center with the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency held a grand opening of their new location in the Hilo Medical Center's main lobby located at 1190 Waiianuenue Avenue. The Foundation continues to accept funds for this very important program as well as manage the restricted funds that have been generously donated.



JD "not Souther" Domizio spoke about his work with encouraging local high school students to pursue careers in medicine, and announced the upcoming Free Hands Only CPR and AED Training on Saturday, August 17, 2019, Hilo Medical Center, Learning Center Conference Room on the second floor, 9:30 am to 11:00 am, Call the Hilo Medical Center Foundation for more information or to sign-up at 932-3636 or email pbray@hhsc.org.

President Wonder Woman then asked **Jim "59" Becker** to lead us in the **4-way test** of the things we think, say and do, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.

