

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Welcome the Board of 2019-2020

President **Anna Liu**

President Elect **Nancy Cabral**

Vice President **"Mitch" Dodo**

Immediate Past President **Keith Okamoto**

Secretary **Jen Tanouye**

Treasurer **Corey Kawamoto**

Sergeant-At-Arms **Jacob Bratton**

Director - Foundations **Kerry Glass**

Director - Membership **Maureen Poirier**

Director - Public Relations **Marcia Prose**

Director - International Service **Steve Handy**

Director - Community Service **Wally Wong**

Director - Vocational Service **Bobby Dugar**

Director - Youth Service **Beverly Heikes**

Director - Club Service **Shane Okimoto**

2019-2020 installation Ceremony got off to a great start.

Dinner at the Hilo Yacht Club was called to order at 6:20, **Newton Chu** (the DON) was the MC and he did a fantastic job. Our president elect, **Anna Liu**, was surrounded by family, friends, and numerous leis



, which showed the support she has behind her. The place was filled with new and familiar faces showing the longevity of the club. **The "Don"** kept things moving, sharing the history of our club, 99 years old and the progress for the future. *"Rotary Connects the World"*.

Keith Okamoto, aka, Aquaman, gave thanks to his board for all their support through the year. We give thanks to all that have served on the board and have moved on, and we thank those who are stepping up to fill the positions that are open. We wouldn't be where we are today without your generous support.

Pete Mueller swore in the new board, and **Anna Liu** as our 99 president.

Her family is a large part of the community, with their restaurant, Happy Valley Seafood, being the central point as she was growing up. She is the youngest president to be elected. **Anna** is excited and a bit nervous about her new position yet knows *"You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."* She is ready for the challenge.

She thanked **Corey Kawamoto** for sponsoring her and **Randy Hart** for his arm twisting to get her to join. Since **Russ Oda**, is no longer with us, Rest in Peace, **Mitch Dodo** was passed the mantel of the first fine, thank you **Mitch** for your **\$100.00** donation to the **Rotary Foundation**.



As the evening ended, **The Don** officially announced the new name of **President Liu** as, Wait for it.....

Wonder Woman.



The meeting was closed at 7:51.



BE THE INSPIRATION



It has truly been an honor and privilege serving as our club's president this past year. It was definitely a great learning experience and opportunity to grow personally and as a Rotarian. The experience has really reinforced my belief that our club is one of the best that Rotary has to offer. I would encourage everyone to consider increasing their participation in some way. You'll get to know your fellow club members, Rotary and community as a result. Please support **Anna** and her team as it promises to be another great year for our club!

Aloha and Mahalo, **Keith**

Anna Liu is a first-generation Chinese-American.



She immigrated with her parents to Hilo, Hawaii in 1998 from Guangzhou, China.

At age 13, **Anna** attended school here in Hilo. She spoke only Cantonese and Mandarin, so she had to teach herself

English. She graduated from Hilo High School and began working full-time for her parents restaurant, Happy Valley Seafood. She also traveled through Europe, South East Asia, Haiti, and the continental U.S. At that time **Anna** also attended Hawaii Community College where she achieved her Associate of Arts Degree in Marketing. She transferred to UH Hilo where she interned at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the County of Hawaii Department of Finance. She graduated Salutatorian from the College of Business and Economics with a degree in Business Administration specializing in finance and management. Upon graduation, **Anna** began working as an appraiser before becoming a banker at First Hawaiian Bank. She has been a Personal Banker for the past two years. Her favorite part of being a banker is helping people achieve their financial goals.

80 attendees filled the room at Hilo Yacht Club. It was a warm beautiful afternoon. Among attendance were the PEs from Volcano (**Paul Field**), Pahoa Sunset (**Deb Nichols**), and Hilo Bay (**Junichi Noumaru**).



While **Nancy** was not able to attend, her body double **Roberta** stood in for her. **Newton** was the master mic and he went over a brief history of Rotary. **Pete**

Muller installed in the incoming board.

Keith gave out recognitions to his awesome team of directors and outstanding members. Anna gave a short and sweet speech. **Keith** led the 4 way test and pau at 8pm!



Highlight of the night:

Pete, Newton, and Anna all gave recognition to Anna's parents throughout the night. Her parents were completely clueless and had no idea what was going on. The whole room burst into laughter as **Anna** pointed that out.



Birthdays:

Chuck Porter June 4
Judy Gibson June 6
Kathleen McGilvray June 7
Charlene Meyers June 10
Jeremiah Leonard June 11
Patrick Guillen June 12
Dirk Yoshina June 14
Danielle Bratton June 19
Jen Tanouye June 19
Biff Kennedy June 21
Dee Scott June 25
Ron Dolan June 30
Atsuko Winston June 30

Club Anniversary:

Gail Takaki June 1, 1993 (26)
Mitchell Dodo June 4, 1999 (20)
Johnalyn Nosaka June 5, 2015 (4)
Patty Terada June 6, 2016 (3)
Pete Muller June 20, 2016 (3)

Wedding Anniversary:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2 (8)
Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (39)
Dee & Greg Scott June 8 (23)
Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23 (68)

Announcements:

Fri. June 21 - Meeting
Paul Ferreira - Police Chief
Sat. June 29 - Brew Fest
Fri. July 5 - No Meeting
Fri. July 21 - Pastor Daniel Kikawa & Harvey
Tajiri, Marae Concept

Club Administration 2018 - 2019

- President - Keith Okamoto
- Past President - Steve Handy
- President Elect - Anna Liu
- Vice President - Mitch Dodo
- Secretary - Jen Tanouye
- Treasurer - Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms - Danielle & Jacob Bratton
- Rotary Foundations - Malcolm Chun
- Membership - Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations - Marcia Prose
- International Service - Sally O'Brien
- Community Service - Wally Wong
- Vocational Service - Bobby Stivers-Apiki
- Club Service - Kerry Glass
- 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

