

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



March 6, 2020

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Preliminaries

President Anna couldn't be here today, so she asked **Past President Kerry Glass** to step in. **Kerry** rang the bell and called the meeting to order at noon. **Eric Anderson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



Kerry thanked greeters **Jen Tanouye** and **Patty Bray**. **Jen** introduced our guests and visitors: **Jane Gibson**, from the Pahoia Sunset club; **Lani Olds**, **Maureen Poirier's** guest; **Beckie Marshall**, **Jim Cheney's** guest; **Mike Fullmer**, guest of his mom, **Genie Phillips**; **Shane Shitabata**, prospective member; and **Frank Sayre**, **Laura Mallery-Sayre**, and **Gerald Kosaki**, today's speakers.



Kerry thanked today's Lava Flow volunteers, your humble reporter and **Steve Handy** (photographer).

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Past President Jim Cheney celebrated his birthday on February 28

Bob Fujimoto had a birthday on March 6.

Charlene & Amos Meyers got married on March 7, 1971 – that's 49 years!

Cathy Gray celebrated her third club anniversary on March 3;

Cindy Boots has been in club for 23 years, as of March 7.

Events and Announcements

March 12 (Thursday), **Annual Chili & Dessert Challenge**. This event will be held at the AJA Hall. 5:30 – 8:00pm, \$20 per person. Come to socialize with and

sample chili and desserts, prepared by your fellow club members. See **Judy Gibson** or **Corey Kawamoto** to sign up.

March 13 (Friday), No Rotary meeting

March 18 (Wednesday), Social Squad. 5:30 at Temple Bar. It's always a fun time. **Bobby Dugar** says funds collected on the 18th will support a Pahoia high school leadership group.



March 19 (Thursday), club Board meeting. 5:30 at the Day-Lum office

March 20 (Friday). Rotary meeting AND Hilo Brewfest kick-off. A regular Friday meeting, but there might be beer!

March 28 (Saturday), Hilo Heart Walk. **Bobby Dugar** is organizing the club walkers. Sign up with him to walk, or just to give money.

March 31, Pahoia Sunset club's "Spring Fling" fundraiser. **Jane Gibson** has tickets. 6 PM at the Eagles' in Kea'au. Tickets \$40. Delicious cioppino, and live music, dancing. For tickets email rcofpahoia@gmail.com.

Beverly Heikes announced that **RYLA** was a great success last weekend, thanks in part to the many Rotarians who helped. Kudos to **Jen Tanouye**, **Patty Bray**, **Judy Gibson**, **Past President Steve Handy**, and **ADG and Past President Randy Hart**. Good job, everyone!



On behalf of the **East Hawaii Rotary Peace Committee**, **Rev. Eric Anderson** presented pins to three of our members who were Peace Corps volunteers: **Tina Jimenez**, **Alan Kusunoki**, and **Sally**

O'Brien. **Tina** served in Costa Rica, **Alan** in Afghanistan, and **Sally** in the Philippines. Impressive, all of you!

Kerry is Foundations Director, so he used some time at the podium to review the basics of Giving at the club: **TRF**, **HRCF**, **HRYF**... And he announced there will be a 2-for-1 **TRF** Points Match in March through May. If you give at least \$100 to **TRF** in this period, the club will double the recognition points that your gift earns. [These extra points are from the club's **TRF** account, courtesy of the donation from the **Kitagawa** family earlier this year.] **Amos** thought this was such a good idea, he raised his hand to say that he and **Charlene** will match that offer, from their private stock of recognition points. So it's a 3-for-1 match! Thanks, **Charlene** and **Amos**.

New Members Inducted

Kerry was happy to be able to add two new members to the club's roster, so he called them and their sponsors to the front of the room for the ceremony: new member **Beckie Marshall** and her sponsor **Jim Cheney**; and new member



Lani Olds with her sponsor **Maureen Poirier**. **Beckie** is the island's Program Director for the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii (VASH), and **Lani** is a Family Service Advisor at Homelani Memorial Gardens. **Lani's** is a Corporate membership, and the other Homelani

Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6
Bobby Dugar March 9
Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cathy Gray March 3, 2017 (3)
Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (23)
Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (31)
Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (32)
Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (8)
Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (25)
Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (26)
Galen Ichinose March 31, 2017 (3)
Thomas Jimenez March 31, 2017 (3)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (51)
Charlene & Amos Meyers March 7 (49)
Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (15)
Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun March 18 (15)
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (31)
Beverly & Ken Heikes March 23 (24)
Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (52)

Announcements:

Thurs. March 12 - Chili/Dessert Social
Fri. March 13 - No Meeting
Fri. March 20 - Hilo Brew Fest Kickoff
Fri. April 3 - PGV Update on restarting
w/ Michael Kalekini
Fri. April 24 - Healing Surf Foundation
w/ Kalani Kahaliomi
Fri. May 8 - Shelter Box w/ Resse Mates

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

“designees” will join us at future meetings. They are **Deborah Minicola** and **Loke Russell**. Welcome, **Beckie**, **Lani**, **Deborah**, and **Loke**!

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

Bob Fox had a very generous gift last week, but he forgot to bring his check book. He was happy this week that he remembered.

Genie Phillips was once again accompanied to the meeting by her son **Mike Fullmer**, and they both were happy about that. **Genie** says she's also happy for our two newest members: **Beckie** and **Lani**.

Rev. Eric Anderson was \$100 happy, to help the club meet its TRF goals this year. Also, he said happy that when **Kerry** called him to lead us in the Pledge, he didn't automatically lead us in the Lord's Prayer instead. ??

Jane Gibson was happy to remind us of the Pahoia Club fundraiser (see above).

Past President Mitch Dodo was happy have two new members, especially that now “the club finally has another death-care professional.”

Past President Joe Hanley is happy for five grandchildren. Nice to see **Joe**, here – it's been a while.

Chris Tamm and **Barbara** have returned from their latest Africa trip. “Saw all 5 big five in a single day.” [lion, elephant, rhino, Cape buffalo, leopard]

Frank Sayre, one of our speakers today, offered a few **Happy \$** for the chance to be at today's meeting

And my apologies to **Patty Bray**, **Julie Kron**, **Amos** and **Charlene Meyers**, and **Deanna Scott**. You all stood up for Happy Dollars, but my note-taking failed to capture your reasons.

The grand total contributed this week to TRF and HRCF from all this news and happiness was **\$697**.

Today's Program,

“The Daniel Sayre Foundation”



Laura Mallery-Sayre and **Frank Sayre** responded to the tragic death of their son in a hiking accident by starting the **Daniel R Sayre Memorial Foundation**. They explained that the Hawaii Fire Department is always underfunded, and as a result, the best life-saving equipment is not always available when needed. Their foundation has raised millions of dollars to help fill the gap. Retired Hawaii Fire Department Battalion Chief **Gerald Kosaki**, also spoke, thanking the Foundation for its vital support. And That's All, Folks

Mitch Dodo led us in reciting **Four-Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.

Don't forget:

Chili Social on Thursday, March 12.
No meeting on Friday March 13.



Lani Olds



Beckie Marshall

