

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



May 10, 2019

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Biff Kennedy

Photographer: Charlene Meyers

It's a beautiful day here. The college is open, the astronomers are at work, and no immediate threats are anticipated from damaging satellites. The area is filled with pleasant talking people from all over the world and from many occupations and hobbies, from real estate to cowboy rodeos, from cars to restaurants and even a Democrat or Republican, all in the Rotary club of Hilo.

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 by **President Keith Okamoto**, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Greeter Cathy Grey introduced our guests:

From the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay – **Deborah Beaver**.

Misti Tyrin's guest – **Charlotte Kekela**, **Lisa Rantz's** guest – **Margie Lee**, **Tina Jimenez's** guest – **Lory Hunter**, and **Nancy Cabral's** guests – **Laura** and **Larry Kniffin**.

Also, our speaker **Talmadge Magno**.

Thank you to our reporter, **Biff Kennedy** and photographer, **Charlene Meyers**.



Birthdays:

Chris Corley, May 10.

Announcements:

•Rice drive 5/11 @KTA Puainako, shifts 9-11 am. 1-3 pm

•**Hilo Brewfest** volunteers still needed: Beer captains (must be Rotarians) and clean up Saturday and Sunday.



•**Installation Dinner** – **Anna Liu**: June 12; 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Hilo Yacht Club; \$55 per person; no host bar, bar script will be available for purchase. Support the beginning of **Anna's** year and recognition of her incoming board.



•**Membership Mixer** – **Connie Ichinose**: June 8; 11 a.m.; Reed's Bay; potluck. Fun "toys" needed – paddleboards, kayaks, life vests, as well as tarps, tables, chairs. Bring family and potential members to enjoy this fun, relaxing last mixer of the Rotary year.

New Member Installation:

New members **Charlotte Kekela**, sponsored by **Misti Tyrin** (who at first glance, curiously looked a lot like **Lisa Rantz**) and **Laura Kniffin**, sponsored by **Nancy Cabral** (who was in attendance AND early!!!) were installed and welcomed into the club by **President Keith Okamoto**.



Happy Dollars:

Alberta Dobbe – recently celebrated 85 years young - \$85;

Helen Hemmes;



Kerry Glass – RIK \$20;



Kathleen McGilvary – YWCA celebrating 100 year anniversary - \$100 (they are putting together a video and asked Rotarians to tape a 10 sec. piece in honor of this celebration.);



Laura Kniffin – thank you for letting me into you club;

Nancy Cabral – granddaughter's Paul Harris, in honor of **Laura's** membership, and prayers for **Al's** upcoming spinal surgery - \$500.



Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Connie Ichinose May 5
Chris Corley May 10
Patty Terada May 13
Kathy Borer May 23
Anita Tatum May 24
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1, 2009 (10)
Susan Munro May 1, 2009 (10)
Ian Kitagawa May 12, 2006 (3)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (36)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (30)
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1 (35)
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (21)
Kathy & Joe Borer May 16 (27)
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (4)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (25)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (35)
Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29 (14)

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

Speaker:

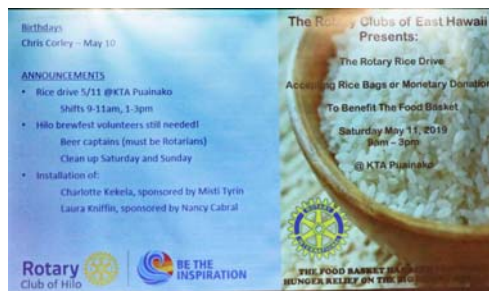
Talmadge Magno, Civil Defense Administrator



Graduate of Hilo High and UHH with a BA in Geography. Retired National Park Service Ranger, 30 years with National Park Service providing; emergency management and law enforcement throughout western US and Hawai'i. Last 8 years of career served as Chief Ranger of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

- The name Emergency Management has been transitioned nationwide, but Hawai'i County has opted to stay with the "old school" name "Civil Defense." Each county has their own emergency management system, a conduit to the national organization, FEMA.

- Warnings: The county works closely with the Pacific Tsunami Center, Hawaii Volcanoes Warning Systems. Their goal is to get 100% public participation in receiving 24-hour warning messages via text and social media. Currently 80K participating in this service. The worst-case scenario is a local earthquake that locally generates a tsunami. The state warning system won't be able to activate in time. Civil Defense advises that the rule of thumb is to get ¼ mile away from the ocean or 50 ft in elevation as soon as a large earthquake occurs.



- After the recent eruptions, the county conducted after action reviews and many lessons were learned. Hawai'i Volcanoes Observatory (HVO) has announced that Mauna Loa has been more active, to the point where HVO may raise the alert level. Mauna Loa and Kilauea are labeled as "highly likely" to erupt again.

- In 2017 the first Disaster Preparedness Presentation was held in Kona in the attempt to bring the west side up to the standards of the east side.

- June 1st begins hurricane season – this year promises more activity due to a mild El Nino.

- Recent eruption OT to county employees – 75% was paid by FEMA.

4 Way Test was led by **Mysti Tyrin**.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 by **President Keith Okamoto**.



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