

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



May 3, 2019

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Photographer: Bob Hanley

Preliminaries

The Hilo Hawaiian was not putting its best foot forward for the club on Friday: deafening construction in the lower lobby, the lower bathrooms inaccessible, and Thai chile dipping sauce pretending to be salad dressing. BUT, it was a lovely day in Hilo, the Boy's Day pennants were out on Coconut Island, and we had a full house for today's meeting.

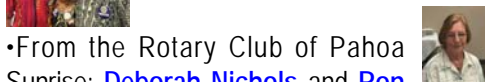
President Keith Okamoto called the meeting to order at noon, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



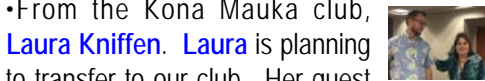
Today's greeters were **Helene Tajiri**, and **Steve Handy**. **Helene** introduced our guests:



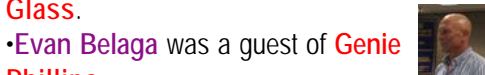
•From the Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunrise: **Deborah Nichols** and **Ron Cutler**, and **Ron's** guest **Susie Osborne**, Head of Kua O Ka La Public Charter School.



•From the Kona Mauka club, **Laura Kniffen**. **Laura** is planning to transfer to our club. Her guest was **Ben Willoughby**.



•**Don** and **Candace Besse**, today's speakers, were introduced by **Susan Munro** and **Kerry Glass**.



•**Evan Belaga** was a guest of **Genie Phillips**.



•**Jeremiah Leonard** brought **Kenton Bowers**.



•**Treena Breyfogle** brought **Roy Breyfogle**, her "ex." She says "he comes and goes..."



•Former RCH member **Tom Brown** was spotted, but not introduced.

•And we were joined by our long-distance member **Stan Fortuna**. This is his third meeting here this year. The Rotary clubs in Michigan must not be as much fun as ours.



Keith thanked the day's Lava Flow team: yours truly as reporter and **Bob Hanley** as photographer.

Celebrations

Lots of **birthdays** this week, and everyone but **Josh** was in attendance:

- Sally O'Brien** – April 14
- Bob Hanley** – April 16
- Joe Hanley** – April 26
- Josh Countess** – April 27
- Marcia Prose** – April 28
- Alberta Dobbe** – April 29
- Steve Handy** – May 2

Wedding anniversaries for:

- Toshi** and **Kahori Aoki**, 36 years - May 1
- Nancy** and **Al Cabral**, 30 years - May 1
- Gerard** and **Kathleen Carter**, 35 years - May 1
- Steve** and **Shari Handy**, 21 years - May 3

And **club anniversaries**:

- Honorary member **Gerard Carter** - 26 years
- Beverley Heikes** - 2 years
- Susan Munro** and **Kerry Glass** - 10 years
- Ian Kitagawa** - 3 years

Events and Announcements

Brewfest (June 29). There are still volunteer opportunities. See **Jen Tanouye**.

Rice Drive (May 11) for the Food Bank, 11am & 1-3pm @KTA Puainako. This a multi-club project. **Keith** circulated a sign-up sheet, or go to the club web site.

Pahoa Fundraiser (May 7) **Ron Cutler**, president of the Pahoa club, invited us to attend their fundraiser at the Eagles. Country music, adult beverages, and a taco bar: all for \$35.

Fissure 8 Anniversary. It was just a year ago that the eruption began. **Ron** and **Susie Osborne** spoke about that time. **Ron** showed

an interview where **Susie** discussed the Pahoa events with Hawaii News Now Sunrise. Lava overwhelmed the school campus as well as her own house — the video showed people packing up to move out. Much was destroyed, **Susie** said, but the community came together. The East Hawaii Rotary clubs were there, to help



get the school relocated to its new location in Hilo. **Jeremiah Leonard** and his crew were instrumental in building some temporary "tiny homes" for lava refugees. **Kimo Jim Becker** mentioned the documentary **Pele's Path**, to be broadcast on May 3. Someone (this reporter forgot who) suggested that today's Happy Dollars go to the school.



Happy Dollars

Susan Munro was happy to have done **Kelvin Watanabe's** tour of the downtown Hilo phone facility. Lots of wires! A donation to Kua O Ka La.



Kerry Glass was happy that he and **Susan** joined the club 10 years ago. Time flies. \$ to the school.



Marcia Prose has the May program for the Palace. The theme of the next batch of old movies will be "creatures from the earth." On May 17, see "Gojira", the original Godzilla. \$ to the school.



Steve Handy, had some money (also for the school) to celebrate his marriage to his lovely and understanding wife **Shari**.



Nancy Cabral conveyed thanks to **Bobby Dugar** & **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** for their work on last week's Vocational visits (\$ to the school, of course). And she had a separate donation for her granddaughter **McKinley**, one year old on May 4. **McKinley** is likely to be a Paul Harris Fellow before she can read — thank you, **Nancy**! And by the way, **Nancy** has tickets for the Camp Agape fundraiser, if you'd like to attend. An excellent cause!



Stan Fortuna is glad to be back in Hilo briefly. This trip was arranged so that he could present a scholarship in his mother's name at Kamehameha School. And not to be outdone by **Nancy**, he will match her substantial donation



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

to Kua O Ka La , and add **ONE** more dollar. Yay, **Stan!**

Kimo Jim Becker enjoyed the Vocational Visit at Dodo mortuary. Happy \$ to Kua O Ka La, of course. He's going back to the mainland for a few months, and he will be trying to put together a district grant for the school...



Danielle Bratton had good news for all of us: the Salvation Army is NOT moving the **Bratton** family to another assignment for another year at least.



Newton Chu had a donation for the school, but it wasn't a happy week for him — four folks he knew died in that one week. But he is glad to be a member of the club, and glad to be at the meeting today.



And a number of members had no particular news to convey but wanted to add to the school fund: **Genie Phillips, Pastor Eric Anderson, Jen Tanouye,** and **Jeremiah Leonard.**

...and in case you were wondering: Happy Dollars today netted more than **\$600** for Kua O Ka La.



Today's Program

Candace and **Don Besse** retired from Marin County CA in 1995 and hit the road in a RV. They traveled for 15 years while volunteering in state and national parks from Key Largo to Jackson hole, WY. They have been involved in pickleball for 8 years. **Don** is the local Pickleball Ambassador, and today's speaker. **Candace** joined **Don** at the front of the room as his "lovely assistant".



Pickleball is like tennis, but played on a smaller court, with paddle that is smaller than a tennis racket, and a ball that resembles a whiffleball. It's the fastest growing sport in the US. It was invented 50 years ago by bored vacationers, and spread across the country with RVs. There are 7000 places to play in the US, and 7 in Hilo. We watched a video showing how to play and how to score. **Don** and **Candace** passed around some paddles and balls for the audience to try. **Jim Cheney** seemed interested,

as did some other audience members. If you want more info, email **Don** at hilohipb@gmail.com.



The USA Pickleball Association has much more detail, including the locations in Hilo. And finally: Pickle was the dog of the people who invented the game. He liked to fetch the balls.

And that's all, folks.

Genie led us in the **4 Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.



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