

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



November 1, 2019

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President Anna Liu called meeting to order right on time, maybe a minute early. Queen's Court staff did a great job of taking orders and getting out the food.



Thank you to **Dirk Yoshina** filling in as Sgt. at Arms for the day. Not only that but **Dirk** also went the extra mile bringing his own speaker for the sound system. This worked out much better than weeks' past, allowing for everyone to hear better and eliminating the feedback and echo. Huge props to **Dirk** for his expertise, innovation, and hard work.

Kerry Glass began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. I guess **President Anna** thought he needed to warm up his voice for his presentation later in the meeting.



Our Chinese phrase for the day is intended to be a very useful phrase for anyone who travels to China. Try this phrase out the next time you visit Happy Valley Restaurant. "How much?" "Duo shao qian?"



Our greeters for the day **Beverly Heikes** and **Malcolm Chung** introduced our visitors for day who are all prospective Rotarians.



Deana Scott brought her workout friend **Joanna Pike**. **Steve Handy** brought **Reese Mater** and **Brian Lawrence**.

Judy Gibson started off our announcements by refusing the microphone and to have her picture taken. She shared about the Salvation Army bell

ringing that will take place on December 14 at Macy's. On the sign up sheet there are two-hour slots available. This is always a fun event that not only can earn make up meeting credit, but also gets our competitive juices flowing through a challenge which local Rotary Club can raise the most money.

Randy Hart promoted the Veteran's Day parade. Rotary Club of South Hilo is putting together a group of Rotarians for the parade. They are recruiting Rotarians to walk in the parade while wearing their Rotary shirts. For more information, contact **Doug Adams** or **Benson Medina**.



Marcia Prose shared that the Friends of the Children's Justice Center had their Mai Tai event. Our very own **Mitch Roth** won best bartender.



Kerry Glass circulated the piggy bank promoting the **Polio Plus** campaign.



Beverly Heikes passed around the sign up to attend Interact meetings at Waiakea High on Tuesdays. Volunteers are still needed for the rest of the year.



Bobby Dugar announced that the next Social Squad meeting will be held on Thursday (not Wednesday), November 21 at Temple Bar next to Jackie Ray's from 5:30-7:30pm. Donations from the meeting will go to the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner.



President Anna wanted to share a joke that she made up. What do you call a confused/lost oriental? A disoriental. Oh my.

Happy Dollars

Marcia Prose was happy that we are in the new month of November and that the Palace Theater has many events scheduled. She passed out the flyer that included info on Black and White night, a Nosferatu screening, and many other activities.



President Anna Liu gave to **Polio Plus** to keep up with her challenge of **Every Rotarian Every Month**.

Bobby Dugar was just happy to be there. **Brian Lawrence** shared that he got his building permit, which as all of us in Hawaii know is a huge boon. Someone said the amount of his happy dollars should be higher than it was.

Beverly Heikes was happy that her son, **Kenny**, got out five college applications.



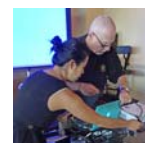
Jen Tanouye attended the Rotary Halloween Party with about 10 Rotarians and had a great time.



Nancy Cabral gave her happy dollars to **Polio Plus** because she wants to see Polio eradicated so Rotary can take on a new project. She started in Rotary about the same time that the **Polio Plus** campaign began over 30 years ago, apparently when she was just 12.



President Anna introduced our guest speaker for the day with a fun fact: he learned how to drive a tractor before a car while growing up in Texas. If you don't already know from this fun fact, **Kerry Glass** spoke about **TRF**, **The Rotary**



Birthdays:

Randy Hart November 12
Nate Chang November 13
Keith Okamoto November 19
Kerry Glass November 22
Malcolm Chun November 29

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (6)
Gene Tao November 1, 1985 (34)
Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (60)
Stan Fortuna November 30, 2001 (18)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7, 1992 (27)
Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13, 1963 (56)
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22, 1985 (34)

Announcements:

Fri. Nov. 8 - NO meeting
Fri. Nov. 15 - NO meeting
Sat. Nov. 16 - District Training
Fri. Nov. 22 - Meeting
Fri. Nov. 28 - No meeting
Fri. Dec 6 - Beckie Marshall
What is VASH (Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii)
Fri. Dec 13 - Treena Breyfogle
Adventures!

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

Foundation. Kerry began by showing a short movie highlighting the people around the world that Rotary helps.



After this he answered the burning question on

many folks' minds: What is TRF? TRF was established in 1917 to be an endowment to extend Rotary's goals and beliefs. The very first donation came from Kansas City and amounted to \$26.50. It has grown a little since then. The awesome thing about TRF is that we as Rotarians decide on how the money is spent. TRF is comprised of different projects including Polio Plus, the Annual Fund, global grants, and others grants.

Polio Plus giving will go exclusively to the efforts to eradicate Polio. This has been Rotary's big project for fighting disease, one of its six focuses along with promoting peace, growing local economies, saving mothers and children, providing clean water, and promoting education. So far over \$1.8 billion has been given to this project and our world is down to only three Polio-endemic countries remaining; a huge leap forward from the 135 countries we began with.

While Polio Plus is an important and worthy cause, Kerry also encouraged all Rotarians not to forget about giving toward the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund benefits us because a portion of the money given to the Annual Fund comes back to our district and our club to fund our projects. 50% of our club's average giving over the past three-year period comes back to our district. A portion of that money is then passed on to individual clubs through District Designated Funds.

Money given to either Polio Plus or the Annual Fund earns points toward Paul Harris Fellowship recognition. An initial Paul Harris Fellowship, commemorated with a pin, can be earned for \$1000 given or 1000 points accumulated. After this additional Paul Harris Fellowships may continue to be earned up to the Paul Harris Fellowship plus 8. There are additional levels available as well. These include Paul Harris Society (recognition for a

certain level of annual giving), White Hat Society (another recognition for an even higher level annual giving), and Major Donor (acquired once an individual's cumulative giving reaches a certain amount).

Not all of us will qualify for some of these high levels of giving, but Kerry explained that we all can and should be involved in giving. He wants to get us back to being an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Club. To qualify for this each member needs to donate at least \$25 to the Annual Fund. Polio Plus donations do not count for EREY. He also wants to see us maintain our status as a Foundation Giving Club, where each member donates at least \$25 to any fund.

Rotary Club of Hilo is tracking well for this Rotary year. We had set goals of \$11,000 for the annual fund and \$4000 Polio Plus. We have achieved 51% and 42% of each of these goals, respectively.

Kerry and Susan printed out and distributed individual reports of each member's giving for the year. Kerry took some time to explain what the different lines on the form mean. He also said that this same information can be accessed by members from the My Rotary website. Instructions for how to log in were included on bottom of the personal report.

Giving is easy. Make checks to "TRF" or "The Rotary Foundation." If giving for Polio Plus, make checks out the same way, just include a note that it is for "Polio Plus." Checks can be mailed to The Rotary Foundation in Chicago. Donations can also be done online via credit card and even scheduled to be done monthly or quarterly.



President Anna pointed out that Charity Navigator, which rates charitable organizations, gave **The Rotary Foundation** the highest possible rating and included Rotary in their top 10 charitable organizations.

Mitch Dodo asked about donating points to other members and if donated points were viewed in the same way as earned points. **Kerry** assured him that there would be the same recognition for those receiving the points as if they earned the points themselves.

Randy Hart asked about club points. **Kerry** said that the club can earn points, and used the example of the piggy bank being passed around for **Polio Plus**. Since these donations are not credited to any individual, they are contributed on behalf of **Rotary Club of Hilo** and the club earns these points from **TRF**. These are the points that are eventually used as incentive for matching points drives throughout the year.

Helen Hemmes shared that if a person is aged 70.5+, then they can contribute from his/her IRA without being taxed. Way to make sure we maximize our donations!

Kerry ended by reminding everyone that further details are available on the website.

Malcolm Chung closed out our meeting by leading everyone in the **Four-Way Test**



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Kerry Glass & Susan Munro 34 years – Nov. 22

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