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NOTE: Ed's on vacation, and in his absence, the Lava Flow will be an all-volunteer effort. The usual format will return on October 23.

Welcome to Rotary Club of Hilo's Annual Chicken Hekka



Corey Kawamoto, party organizer

It was a fun filled evening with great company, delicious food, and loads of sake! **Corey Kawamoto** and his crew put on an awesome event. As soon as you arrived you were greeted by the handsome men – **Corey, Kelvin**

Watanabe, Keith Okamoto, Cowboy Kanashiro, Malcolm Chun, Steve Handy, Jerry Watanabe, Toshi Aoki -- who offered wine, beer, soda, and water. Okay, actually you had



PP Keith Okamoto and Jeremiah Leonard

to pour and grab your own. Sommelier **Ray McPherson** made some excellent choices.



Kelvin Watanabe greets arriving guests

The lovely **Judy Gibson** and **Marcia Prose** were smiling and ready to accept checks and cash at registration.



Dirk Yoshina and Jen Tanouye discuss music

As more members and guests arrived the social hour was filled with sounds of laughter. DJ **Dirk Yoshina's** Japanese Restaurant music really set

the scene.

Kerry Glass and **Susan Munro** were nearby and handed out books to *Rotary in Kindergarten* readers who attended.

Official Stuff

The meeting was called to order precisely at 6 pm by President **Anna Liu**, who drove in from Waikoloa just to join us. **Steve H.** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included **Craig Carpenter**, invited by **Sally O'Brien**. **Joy Matsuura** (our newest member) brought her dad, **David Matsuura**. **Ken Heikes** joined his lovely wife **Beverly**, and **Gail Takaki** was joined by her hubby **Gordon** and their international guests **Aiko** and **Mei**. Total attendance was 41.



Joy Matsuura, her father David, and Gail Takaki

Our newest Member

Pres. **Anna** called up **Joy Matsuura** and her sponsor, **Charlene Meyers**. In a couple of minutes Joy became the newest members of RCH. Huge applause and warm greetings by members followed.



Sponsor Charlene Meyers, Joy Matsuura, and President Anna

The Meal

Then the cooking of the “Chicken Hekka” began. Each group chose its own chefs, turned on the burners, and followed the easy peasy cooking directions, written years ago by our own **Russ Oda**. And *voilà* -- the best Chicken Hekka was on our plates, accompanied by onolicious potato mac salad, a huge serving of rice, and heaping piles of



Chefs Cowboy Kawamoto and Toshi Aoki



tossed salad with lilikoi dressing. And of course, hot sake! The dessert brownies were to die for.

There was some temporary-kine paralysis due to overeating, but boy it was good! A big Mahalo for the generosity of **Corey** and his crew, Club Service Chair **Shane Okamoto**, and the talent of **AJ & Sons Catering** who carefully and generously prepared the ingredients.

Kudos to those who stayed and helped clean up the hall. For those of you who weren't able to make it to this event, you surely missed out. We will see you next year.



Gordon Takaki chats with Marcia Prose



Ian Kitagawa enjoys the event