



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.

September 20, 2019

...At A Different Venue

The club met upstairs in the Queen's Court, since both our usual rooms were otherwise occupied. The speaker's podium in the windowed corner was backlit, but the view of Hilo Bay was lovely. We had a menu and table service, instead of the usual buffet.



President **Anna Liu** called the meeting to order. **Corey Kawamoto** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Today's Greeter, **Helene Tajiri**, introduced

our guests from the University of Hawaii. Anna thanked today's Lava Flow team: photographer **Steve Handy**, and this reporter.



Sergeant At Arms Jacob Bratton has time for lunch after getting the room set up.

Anna's Chinese phrase for today is useful:

玩得开心 pronounced "wán dé kāi xīn." It means "Have fun!"



Anna dines with today's speakers. From left: Taylor Escalone, Carla Kuo, Anna Liu, and Helen Tien

Celebrations

Tim Beatty has a birthday on September 22. Zohra and **Alan Kusunoki** have been married for **47 years** on the 20th. **Jimmy Yagi**, **54 years** a member of the club on the 17th. **Ian Birnie**, 32 years a member, on the 20th. And finally, **Jerry Watanabe**, 30 years a member, on September 22.

Announcements

Give Aloha 2019. Foodland and Sack-N-Save will match part of any contribution you make to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation during their 2019 Give Aloha campaign. Donate to 77199 at the store, and Foodland will match your donation at about 20 %.

Wally Wong, our Community Service Director, has three projects:

- **Dictionary Distribution.** Third grade dictionaries are here and ready to be distributed. Contact Wally if you can to help.
- **Keiki Halloween Party** at Edith Kanakaole Stadium again this year. Wally has big buckets he is trying to fill with candy for the event. Bring your candy to any meeting before the 31st, and Wally will get it to the kids.
- **ARC of Hilo Parking Lot.** ARC of Hilo wants to spruce up their parking lot. There will be digging and planting new plants. Fun for all, and good exercise! Next month, details later.



Greeter Helene Tajiri with Wally Wong

Chicken Hekka is coming on October 17. **Corey** says the Social Committee is gearing up for this annual event. \$25 and you get a chance to play with fire at your table. Come and enjoy! Signup in the meeting or online. AJA Hall, as usual.



Chris Tamm, Bob Fox, Bobby Dugar, Keith Okamoto, and Mitch Dodo

Alzheimers Walk, September 21. **Beverly Heikes** solicited volunteers to accompany the Waiakea Interact Club at the the Alzheimer's Walk.

The Social Squad. **Bobby Dugar**, founder of the new "satellite club", said the meeting on September 17 was well attended: 35 people, and only 8 were Rotarians. A lot of potential members. The group's goal is "socializing with purpose" through "impactful support of local causes, organizations, and projects". And you get meeting credit. Check the club calendar for the next date.

We Met the DG, September 14. This year's Hawaii District Governor visited East Hawaii last Saturday. **Anna** showed pictures of the get-together at the Hilo Muni Golf Course. All the East Hawaii clubs participated, and a good time was had by all.

Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, October 26. Member **Kathleen McGilvray**, who's also Hawaii Island YWCA CEO, invited everyone to participate in this fundraiser against violence and sexual assault. Stylish and uncomfortable footwear is available for those who dare.



Cowboy Kanashiro, Jimmy Yagi, Ian Kitagawa, Toshi Aoki, Tim Beatty

Happy \$

Bobby Dugar had \$5 for the YWCA walk. **Nate Chang** gave \$5 to mention his experience at the Waiākea Interact trash cleanup a couple of weeks ago. The kids are great. **Dirk Yoshina** had \$25 for HRYF. **Beverly Heikes** had \$25 for Anna's TRF monthly challenge. Go, Beverly! Past President **Keith Okamoto** had \$20 for Walk A Mile, if **Kerry Glass** walks. Kerry has signed up.



Carla Kuo

Today's Program

Anna introduced **Carla Kuo**, from the University of Hawaii Foundation¹. Carla thanked the club for the perpetual scholarship that the HRCF established in 2012. \$11,000 has been given to local students to

date.

Carla then introduced **Helen Tien**², who gave an update on the College of Business and Economics (CoBE). Over 300 students are enrolled. The school has received AACSB accreditation. A survey of recent graduates showed 99% are employed, and 88% are employed in their field, and their average income is \$75,000. CoBE is proud of their small class size, their internship programs, and their study-abroad destinations, where students pay the same tuition as they would at home.

Helen then introduced scholarship recipient **Taylor Escalone**. Taylor is a 2016 graduate who now works at the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. She started at HICC as a CoBE intern, and now she is a fulltime employee with membership and marketing responsibilities. During the Q&A, both **Helene Tajiri** and **Keith Okamoto** praised the internship program, and suggested that other local businesses participate. Our own President **Anna** disclosed that she is a CoBE graduate. CoBE is clearly a community asset!

And That's All

Malcolm led us in the 4-Way Test.

Next week we will meet in this location again. Arrive early to get a good location.

¹ Carla Kuo is the Associate Director of Development for Hawaii Island joined the University of Hawaii Foundation in 2018 and serves as an advocate for UH Hilo and Hawaii Community College. Born and raised here in Hilo, Carla is an alumna of UH Hilo and after having worked and schooled on Oahu and the mainland, is happy to back home.

² Heng "Helen" Tieng is an instructor in marketing and management and coordinator of career development at the College of Business and Economics, and recipient of the 2019 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Tien joined UH Hilo in fall 2018 and quickly became a favorite with students for her style of teaching and dynamic personality.