

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



April 5, 2019

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Here it is, the 1st Friday of the start of the 4th quarter of **Pres. H-20 Man's** Presidential term of office, and **Pres. H-20 Man** exhibited excitement that he only had 7 more meetings to cover before the end of his year of office (though there are 13 Fridays in a quarter so there must be some days off somewhere down the line that we are not aware of as of yet, besides the business visitation day during Merrie Monarch week). But on to the business at hand of today's meeting.

With the ringing of the bell, right on time since there was a bunch to cover today, everyone in attendance stood for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, which **Pres. H-20 Man** did a selfie in starting it for us. Guess he couldn't think of anyone else willing to do this on the spur of the moment.



Greeters

Greeting everyone today showing up were **Bobby Dugar** and **Beverly Heikes** (though **Beverly** did show up slightly tardy at about 11:45 or so and missed saying hello to all of us who managed to come earlier)



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

The only guests today were the 2 gentlemen from Hawaiian Telcom which were to be inducted as members later, guests of Past President **Wally Wong**:



Dwight Matsumoto and **Kelvin Watanabe**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Besides showing many of the past celebrities of the last few weeks, which have been noted in previous Lava Flows, the only current anniversaries noted this week are Club Anniversaries for:

March 31 – **Galen Ichinose** & **Tom Jimenez** (both 2 years)

April 1 – **Lorraine Shin**, 24 years (though not all with this Club)

April 2 – **Sam Wallis**, 43 years

April 3 – **Dr. Craig Shikuma**, 27 years

Announcements

Marcia Prose announced the beginning of the sale of Brewfest tickets would take place next week Friday from 5-7pm at Mehana Brewery - \$60.00 per ticket and CASH ONLY at this event. Online ticket sales will begin the next day, Saturday.



Past President **Randy Hart** promoted the Volcano YArt sale occurring tomorrow, Saturday the 6th for the benefit of various programs for the Volcano Rotary Club. He also mentioned events happening in May for other Clubs – the May 7th Cinco de Mayo party by the Rotary Club of Pahoa, at 6-9pm that evening – the May 8th start-up of the Rotary Club of South Hilo's charter Satellite Club with about 10 to 12 members. This Club is an extension of that existing Club and will meet twice a month after work at the Wiki Fresh restaurant. More details will be forthcoming on this event.



Past President **Kerry Glass** proudly stated that our Club raised **\$555.00** for the American Heart Association Walk last week in which 6 participants (and a spouse) showed face and actually walked. The Heart Association will still gladly accept additional contributions anyone is willing to make.



New Members

Pres. H-20 Man called up Past President **Wally** to introduce **Kelvin Watanabe** and **Dwight Matsumoto**, from Hawaiian Telcom, to us so they could be inducted as members of our Club and be welcomed accordingly



Thusly our Club membership total has been increased and we should treat these 2 new members with all the honor and respect that we do currently for all our membership.

\$ Happy Dollars \$

Cathy Gray was **\$150.00** happy to have received lots of benefactor donations of all types for our Brewfest event coming up.



Past President **Randy** was **\$50.00** happy for a well run Spring District Assembly last week. Over 17 of us were in attendance there.



Genie Phillips was **\$10.00** happy for something **Maureen Poirier** did for her (she said this so fast that this reporter did not catch what was actually done but it must have been good)



Marcia was happy cause its April and 1) the Palace Theater has some special events lined up this month, and 2) in this month, the Children's Justice Center will be having their fundraising dinner and we should make plans to attend.



Charlene Meyers was **\$20.00** happy for having had a great visit to Newport, Oregon and actually auctioned off one of our heat changing mugs to the Rotary Club there for **\$130.00**. WOW!



Jen Tanouye gave **\$50.00** to start our 2 new members on their way for their **Paul Harris Fellowships** (**\$25.00** each, of course).



Beverly was **\$20.00** happy for various family members to have come visiting her.



Mike Meyer was **\$20** happy for just being.

Connie Ichinose was **\$20.00** happy for also being back from vacation and seeing her grandkids on the Mainland.



Program Activities

Today was **Club Assembly** day so all the various Chairmen in charge of the Lines of Service in which they are involved in were asked to report on what happened (or will be happening) in their special areas.

Community Service – Past President **Wally** talked about the upcoming "Rotarians at Work Day" project he is trying to schedule in May to help fix up (probably by painting) a local non-profit facility. Actual date, time and location information will be forthcoming.



Vocational Service – **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** has 3 locations set up for the Business Visitations on April 26th – **Hawaiian Telcom** (downtown) sponsored by Past President **Wally** and our 2 new members, **Dwight** and **Kelvin** – **Dodo Mortuary**, sponsored by Past President **Mitchell Dodo**, who promised a "lively" and informative session – and something new, a walk-along downtown from about the Farmer's Market area all the way to Day-Lum Properties, to talk with business owners along the



Birthdays:

Nosaka, Johnalyn April 5
Bratton, Jacob April 6
Kusunoki, Alan April 7
Aoki, Toshi April 8
Brown, Tom April 10
Wong, Wally April 11
O'Brien, Sally April 14
Hanley, Bob April 16
Hanley, Joe April 26
Countess, Joshua April 27
Prose, Marcia April 28
Dobbe, Alberta April 29

Club Anniversary:

Wallis, Sam April 2, 1976 (43)
Shikuma, Craig April 3, 1992 (27)
Porter, Gay April 12, 1991 (28)
Carter, Gerard April 16, 1993 (26)
Heikes, Beverly April 28, 2017 (2)

Announcements:

April 12 - Darryl Oliveira
Pacific Tsunami Museum
April 19 - No Meeting
April 26 - On the Road - Business Visitations
See - Bobby Stivers-Apiki for info:
Hawaiian Telcom with Kelvin Watanabe
Dodo Mortuary with Mitchell Dodo
Support Rotary - visit a store on Kamehameha
Avenue
May 3 - Don Bisse - USA Pickleball
May 10 - Hawaii County Civil Defense

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

way about the benefits of Rotary, in the hope of attaining interest in Rotary and possibly recruiting new members. Should be an interesting outing.

Also **Bobby** commented that newer members should get involved in Rotary and distributed the Rotary Means Business Code of Conduct, which reads:

"As a ROTARIAN, I will ... 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life. 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect. 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world. 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

Youth Service - Beverly asked for more people to volunteer as Kid Readers to those who are already doing this (and she asked those to stand up and be recognized) because she has 14 schools lined up. With the additional classes and books, more people are needed for sure.



Then she commented on the various youth activities our Club is actively involved in - **Nextech Day Camp**, the **RYLA Camp** and all its activities, **Waiakea Interact Club** and all its programs, Scholarships for selected qualified students

Public Relations - Marcia talked about our monthly page in the paper (on the 4th Thursday) telling all about what our Club is and has been doing. She also wants us to promote



Rotary in our interactions with others, using the theme "I'm in Rotary because I" This would help others learn more about Rotary and possibly gather new members.

Rotary Foundation - Malcolm Chun provided a report and statistics on how we are doing as a Club in our various contributions to the **Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus**. Basically we are doing well and above our giving goal for the year and he is proud of us.



International Committee - Past President (though not of this Club) **Jim Becker** (substituting for **Sally O'Brien**) commented on various Global Grants and Projects our Club has been involved with and work with during the year:



The Hilo Rotary Club and Club Foundations has agreed to support & fund 5 Global Grants Projects with Club monies and by using District Designated Funds for D-5000. The funds are matched dollar-for-dollar with The Rotary Foundation.

We agreed to contribute an equal amount of **\$1,083.00** to 4 Global Grants plus DDF & TRF matching equals over **\$15,162.00** towards the Global Grants. We recently added **\$500.00** for a Rotary Eye Center in New Delhi, India for cataract surgery screening. All of these got matched **\$.50** by TRF for all Club contributions.

The GG we committed to each received **\$3,790.55** - Equipment and training for St. Vincent DePaul's School in Cochabamaba, Bolivia

Kidney Dialysis machines for Thailand: provides 6 machines and much needed Med. supplies to rural hospitals in North Thailand.

Sustainable Water Project for West Nepal, provides both clean water & sanitary equipment.

Vocational training Global Telemedicine which provides training teams from Nepal to the USA to learn latest medical technical training

Most dollars donated by our Club gets matched up to 3-to-1 or more by the various Rotary sectors. A **\$4,000** donation get wind up generating almost **\$20,000** in total contributions.

Membership - Anna Liu, incoming President-Elect, has been working to increase Rotary awareness, to have everyone talk about Rotary and to, obviously, increase our membership. We are at about 85 members (or more now with the 2 additional members today) and need to keep attracting valid prospects to join our Club to keep it functioning as it should.



And after all of this, to close the meeting **Malcolm** was called upon to lead us in the recitation of the **4-Way Test** of the Things We Think, Say and Do. And with that, **Pres. H-20 Man** gonged the end of the "meeting" today.



See you all next week.

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Heart & Stroke Walk...



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