

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



April 12, 2019

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter:: the "Don"

Photographer: Charlene Meyers

It was a typical cloudy day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii with scattered showers and passing smiles. As we have done for over 98 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Greeted with a smile, and warm hugs and handshakes by Greeters **Jim "Big Daddy" Becker** and **Connie "All Smiles" Ichinose**.



Then we Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Our fearless **98th President Keith "Aquaman" Okamoto** was his usual excited self so when he rang the bell he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our unbelievably fearless **98th President Keith "Aquaman" Okamoto** greeted the club with that big watery smile of his and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then



President Aquaman reminded everyone that the Rotary theme for the year under his leadership of Rotary was **"Be The Inspiration"** and what do you know, we were inspired.

Prez Aquaman then introduced the Lava Flow writer **"The Don"** and his trusty photographer **Charlene "no Mike" Meyers**.



Our Greeter **Jim "Big Daddy" Becker** announced that we had



Doug "not Deb"

Adams for the Rotary Club of South Hilo.

We also had **Bruce** and **Carol Hamilton** visiting from the Rotary Club of Volcano.



Diana "von" Schoberg brought **Craig Ekoa Nichols**.

Announcements

There were a bunch of April birthdays, but those Rotarians were not in the house and must have been out partying:

Johnalyn Nosaka – April 5,

Jacob Bratton – April 6,

Alan Kusunoki – April 7,

Toshi Aoki – April 8,

Tom Brown – April 10,

Wally Wong – April 11,

Happy Birthday y'all!

Da Prez announced that **Gay "not Chuck" Porter** celebrated 28 years of being a Rotarian. Wowsa! Thanks for being a great member for so many years!

Marcia "Palace" Prose announced that our Club's next big event is our annual **Brewfest** in June and we are kicking off ticket sales at Mehana Brewery tonight, so come on down and sell tickets!



Jim "Big Daddy" Becker announced the upcoming **Honokaa Western Week**, and invited everyone to come.



Also, there is a special visitation to Pohakuloa Training Area next week **Thursday** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, so come on up but first check in with **Randy "General" Hart** to be able to get on base.



Prez Aquaman then showed some pictures from our awesome **Chili Cookoff mixer** held this past month.



Also, we sponsored a **Waiakea Intermediate School Robotics "Team Hot Rocks"** as they competed on the mainland and did really well!

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

Nate "Sargeant" Chang was happy that he joined the board of the **American Heart Association** and sold a lot of tickets to **Hilo Huli**. He also thanked **Dodo Mortuary** and **Aiona Car Sales** for being such great Rotary companies.



Randy "General" Hart was happy that **Bill** and **Carol Hamilton** were visiting from the Rotary Club of Volcano, and plugged their Club's annual **Labor Day Lobster Cookout!**



J.D. "Hilo Medical Center" Domizio was happy that he was getting married on **May 4** and was asking for your prayers and support for a sunny day and any marital advice you could give him. **Congratulations J.D!**



Bob "Day Lum" Dugar was happy to get started on selling tickets for the **Brewfest**.



Guest **Doug "not Deb" Adams** was happy to visit our club and that **South Hilo Rotary Club's event, Hilo Huli** is just around the corner on **May 5**.



Bob "Sly as a" Fox was happy to be at the meeting and happy to be on both **Facebook** and **Tinder**. Like him on **Facebook** and swipe on him on **Tinder!**



SPEAKER

Our speaker today was native of Hilo and graduate of **Hilo High School**. **Darryl Oliveira's** legendary career in public safety began as a **Hawai'i Fire Department paramedic** in 1980. He rose through the ranks until he was named **Fire Chief** in 2002. **Oliveira** served as fire chief for nine years. After a brief retirement, he returned to public service as head of **Hawaii County Civil Defense** in 2013.

Oliveira served as head of **Civil Defense** from 2013 – 2016 – a busy period that included **Hurricane Iselle** that ravaged **Puna**, a lava flow that entered **Pahoa Town**, and an outbreak of **dengue fever**. He also oversaw preparations for and response to numerous **tsunami threats** throughout his public safety career.



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 19 - No Meeting (Good Friday)
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

These days, **Oliveira** is Safety & Internal Control Manager at HPM Building Supply. In addition he serves on the board of the Pacific Tsunami Museum ("PTM") In addition to his service with PTM, he serves on the Community Action Network of Community First and on the board of Hawai'i Care Choices. What a guy!

Today **Chief Darryl** gave us an overview of the world's only Tsunami Museum. PTM was co-founded by **Dr. Walter Dudley** and **Jeanne Branch Johnston**. In 1988, **Dr. Dudley** published the first edition of the book *Tsunami!* wherein he made a request of the community for survivor stories.

On May 22, 1997, First Hawaiian Bank donated its Kamehameha Branch building in downtown Hilo as a permanent site for the PTM. Bank Chairman and Chief Executive Officer **Walter A. Dods, Jr.** made the donation announcement on the front steps of the historic bank building. It was on the 37th anniversary of the day when warning sirens sounded for the May 23, 1960 tsunami that devastated Hilo. The building, built by First Hawaiian Bank in 1930, was designed by the late **C.W. Dickey**, Hawai'i's most prominent architect of the early 20th century.

The Museum continually expands its exhibits and content to capture both the human stories and scientific explanations of the tsunami events portrayed, in keeping with our mission to educate the public and save lives in the event of a tsunami.

There is no tsunami season and a tsunami can strike at any time of day or night, in good weather or bad. When a tsunami reaches shore, a series of waves can flood inland over a period of several hours. Since tsunami waves travel through the entire water column, they are more like rivers or walls of flooding water than like waves.



Hawai'i is vulnerable to tsunamis generated from afar as well as to tsunamis generated right here. A tsunami from far away (distant tsunami) will take hours to reach our shores, but a tsunami generated here in Hawai'i (locally generated tsunami) can reach our shores in minutes!

Studying our history of past tsunamis helps us to know which areas are safe from tsunami waves and which areas are dangerous and should be evacuated. Look in the front of the telephone book or on our online tsunami map viewer to determine whether your home and place of work are within tsunami evacuation zones. It is a very good idea to know this information before any tsunami warning is issued. Tsunamis can be deadly, but if you understand them and learn what to do when the next tsunami strikes, you will have a better chance of keeping yourself and your family safe.

April is "Tsunami Awareness Month". On Saturday, April 28, 2018, the museum will sponsor "Children's Day" featuring tsunami activities for children of all ages. There will be stories and songs. It will be educational and fun! Learn, be aware, and be safe. Free admission.



What a terrific program! Thanks for sharing this with our members **Chief Darryl!** **Prez Aquaman** then asked **Past President Kerry "not Munro" Glass** to lead us in the **4-way test** of the things we think, say and do, and then we were out of there.

And that's a fact Jack.



BE THE INSPIRATION