

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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Rotarians entering the room immediately knew it was a special event because of the all-star lineup of greeters: a past president of RCH (**Mitch Dodo**), the current East Hawaii Assistant District Governor (**Randy Hart**), and the new D5000 District



Governor. It was, in fact, a multiclub meeting with our new District Governor, **Win Schoneman**. The gong rang at noon, and **Benson Medina**, president of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, called the meeting to order. **Keith Okamoto**, president of the



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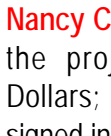
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## Announcements

**September 2**, the South Hilo club is working on a project to relocate Big Island Adult Care: all are invited to clean up at their new location on September 2. Contact **Benson Medina** for more information.

**September 15**, club training at Life Choices (aka Hospice of Hilo). Contact **Randy Hart** for more information. Or check the club calendar on [www.hilorotary.org](http://www.hilorotary.org).

## \$ Happy Dollars Abounded \$

**Doug Adams**, South Hilo, was happy just to be here.



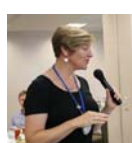
**Chris Corley** was happy because she will be joining RCH today.

**Helen Hemmes** was happy to be helping with the new member inductions.



**Win** was happy because "Nobody has as much Aloha as Hilo".

**Keith** said he's happy because today he can eat lunch, instead of standing up front and running the meeting.



**Kathleen McGilvray** was happy to advertise the YWCA LunaFest fundraiser on the 24th: \$25 to a promote awareness of women's issues gets you movies, pupus and a beverage

**Benson** had some dollars in remembrance of **Aretha Franklin**, who died today.



**Nancy Cabral's** happy dollars were for the school relocation project (see above), and because she was almost early today.



**Jim Kennedy** was amazed to notice that he arrived later than **Nancy** today, and he had the happy dollars to prove it.



**Malcolm Chun** was happy to finally graduate from college.

**Benson** couldn't resist remarking that once upon a time **Malcolm's** folks asked, "Malcolm, what are you going to be when you graduate?" ...and now we know the answer: 62!

## Membership Matters

**DG Win Schoneman** presided over the induction of three new members of the Rotary Club of Hilo:

• **Jacob** and **Danielle Bratton**. Lieutenants **Danielle** and **Jacob** were assigned to the Hilo Salvation Army post, replacing **Cel Ruwethin**. **Cel** was a member of this club, and now they are. They were introduced by their sponsor, **Helen Hemmes**. **Danielle** is a past member of the El Cajon Rotary Club, was in Interact during her high school days. **Jacob's** passion is working with youth.



## Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1  
Misti Tyrin August 1  
Tina Jimenez August 13  
Skye Czember August 20  
Jerry Watanabe August 28  
Galen Ichinose August 29  
Debra Teichman August 30

## Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 3, 2010 (8)  
Malcolm Chun August 5, 2016 (2)  
Jeremiah Leonard August 5, 2016 (2)  
Jen Tanouye August 5, 2016 (2)  
Anita Tatum August 5, 2016 (2)  
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (8)  
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (8)  
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (7)  
Skye Czember August 25, 2017 (1)  
Marcia Prose August 29, 2014 (4)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (38)  
Jeremiah & Toni Leonard August 5 (2)  
Tina & Thomas Jimenez August 6 (36)  
Atsuko & Mike Winston August 28 (40)

## Announcements:

August 24 - Stacy Haumea  
Diabetes Education

## Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2018-2019:

- President – Keith Okamoto
- Past President – Steve Handy
- President Elect – Anna Liu
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Co-Secretary – Treena Breyfogle
- Co-Secretary – Jan Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Genie Phillips
- 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 – Brittany Luna
- 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

• **Chris Corley** was introduced by her sponsor, **Charlene Meyers**. **Chris** is a geologist, with a resume that includes various air bases, the State of Hawaii,



Costco, Home Depot, and the Hawaii County Planning department. She's writing a book.

## Membership certificates:

- **Kevin Wilcox**, South Hilo, 11 years
- **Skye Czember**, 1 year
- **Malcolm Chun**, 2 years,
- **Jen Tanouye**, 2 years,
- **Marcia Prose**, 4 years

**Paul Harris Fellow** awards:

- **Cathy Gray**, Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin
- **Keith Okamoto**, Paul Harris +1 pin



- **Kevin Wilcox** and **Tom Yeh**

each got next-level Paul Harris, thanks to the stash of points turned over to the South Hilo club by departing Rotarian **Dave Hurd**.

**Win** skipped his prepared remarks, and instead took questions from the audience:



The **2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu**. Planning is underway; Hawaii has been certified by RI to be able to hold a convention. The event will be different from other conventions, with shorter sessions and more emphasis on letting convention-goers experience the state. There will be

two venues, the Convention Center and the Hilton. There will be three opening sessions, because no room in the area is large enough. There will be pre and post tours for convention goers. Neighbor island clubs will be asked to partner with Oahu clubs to create events for attendees.

## **After Polio?**

**Bob Fox** asked what's next after polio is eradicated. **Win** says the project isn't done yet, we have lost a little ground this year, in some countries. We are fine-tuning some steps -- for instance, going back to inoculations in some places. **Win** says there probably not be another giant project like polio eradication. Instead, water and sanitation will continue to be important areas of focus.

## **Recruiting new members.**

**Win** says Rotary is wants us to refocus slightly – instead trying hard to recruit, we should instead have the kind of clubs where the current members' passions just naturally inspire new people to join. **Mike Meyer** agreed, and talked about his experience back when he was new to the club.

And at 1PM precisely, **Ron Cutler** led us in the **Four Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.



Photographer: **Charlene Meyers**

