

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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At 6:00 in the evening on a beautiful, but muggy evening at the Hilo Yacht Club, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** celebrated the arrival of our Sister Club, the **Rotary Club of Hiroshima South**, on their visit from Japan.



The Invocation was given by

**President Keith "Aquaman" Okamoto** follow by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem of Japan "Kimi Ga Yo." **President "Aquaman" Okamoto** introduced all of our distinguished guests which included:

- County of Hawaii Managing Director, **Wil Okabe**



- District Governor, **Win Schoneman**

- PDG **Pete Muller** and wife **Roberta**

- Member from Oahu, **Ian Birnie** and guest **After a wonderful prime rib dinner, President Aquaman started us off with interpreted by Atsuko Winston) a moment of silence in honor of Past President Russell Oda. President then recognized Mr. Oda for his establishment of the sister club relationship from 1970 and read the original speech that Mr. Oda gave in Japan.**



He then presented a **\$5,000** check to **Rotary Club of Hiroshima South, Takanobu Kohno** to assist their club with relief for the victims of the recent Hiroshima flood. He also presented a friendship gift



of a beautiful koa jewelry box.

**Hiroshima South President Takanobu Kohno** then gave a heartwarming speech about **Russell Oda's** impact on their club and how they have renamed their foundation



scholarship fund for youth travel to Hawaii the **"Russell Oda Memorial Fund."**

After several goodwill toasts, we all sang Auld Lang Syne together. It was a great night ADG **Randy Hart** led us in the **4-way test** and then we adjourned.



## *Auld Lang Syne lyrics:*

Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and old lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup!  
and surely I'll buy mine!  
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.

We two have run about the slopes,  
and picked the daisies fine;  
But we've wandered many a weary foot,  
since auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream,  
from morning sun till dine;  
But seas between us broad have roared  
since auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty friend!  
And give me a hand o' thine!  
And we'll take a right good-will draught,  
for auld lang syne.



