

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



December 7, 2018

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On Pearl Harbor Day, which was not even mentioned once during the course of our meeting today, under overcast skies and steady drizzles, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** held its weekly meeting. And surprisingly the turnout was actually not bad considering all the extracurricular activities our Club is doing this week (the 3 day Craft Fair at the Butler Building (Thurs., Fri. and Sat.), the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Macy's tomorrow and the Kamana Senior Christmas luncheon on the upcoming Wed.) giving the membership a make-up and a "pass" for skipping today's meeting. Not bad at all.



Greeters

Greeters today and welcoming everyone with a smile were **Atsuko Winston & Malcolm Chun**. **Malcolm** was also showing everyone where their Rotary Foundation standings were in relation to their contributions. Nice two for one effort and passing along pertinent information.



Pledge to the Flag

Starting the meeting virtually right on time at noon, **Pres H-20 Man** called on **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** to lead us in the recitation of the Pledge to the Flag.



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Greeter **Malcolm** was called upon to introduce our various visiting Rotarians and guests, who were:



Visiting Rotarian **Ron Cutler** from the Rotary Club of Pahoehoe Sunset

Guests

Stephanie Oshiro and **Robin Benedict**, both from the Children's Justice Center of East Hawai'i, basically sponsored guests of the Club but credited to **Alberta Dobbe**. **Wendy Bothelho-Cortez**, today's speaker, sponsored by **Bobby**.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

No birthdays listed for this week.

Marcia & Garry Prose 49 (wow!) wonderful years – December 1st.

Tina Jimenez – 4 year membership – December 5th .

Jim Cheney – 30 year membership – listed as December 1st but **Jim** rose up and stated that his anniversary date is actually December 8th and because his yearly anniversary has a zero in it he contributed **\$150** to **Rotary Foundation**. (The date he stated was incorrect on his part as his actual induction date is December 2nd and he was notified later of this later by **Kerry**)

Announcements

The jars on the tables today were for us to contribute gratuity amounts to our Hotel wait staff for their fine efforts during our meetings over the course of the year. This is our annual Christmas gift to them

The Craft Fair, sponsored by our Club, is going on from Thursday to Saturday at the Bulter building, right by the Civic. Many of our members are manning a welcoming booth and hopefully generating some interest in some qualified people about Rotary.

The Bell Ringing event for the Salvation Army is tomorrow at Macy's door front, like it has been now for years and years and a large number of us have signed up for one of the many shifts to encourage contributions to the Salvation Army. And, again, we are trying to be the #1 Club in generating contributions versus the other Clubs.

The annual **Senior Christmas Christmas luncheon** at Kamana Senior Center is on Wednesday the 12th and everyone is encouraged to come help out and basically show face.

On January 4, the Club will recognize **Stew Hussey's** Club accomplishments and his **Paul Harris** accomplishments. Be sure to come to this meeting.

On January 12, a Saturday, there will be a East Hawai'i Rotary Club tailgate event before a UHH Vulcans basketball game. More info to come as details come to light. Hilo Brewfest Distributions

It took a while but the monetary awards to 3 organizations from our annual Brewfest event came to light, with each organization being the recipient of \$8,902.18 from our net proceeds.

The first presentation went to **Puna Relief**, through **Ron Cutler** of the **Rotary Club of Pohoehoe Sunset**, to help cover the expense that was generated for items, contributions, food and living quarters, for the people who suffered from the lava flow this year. So



Birthdays:

Cathy Gray December 13
Michael Meyer December 15
Reese Mates December 19
Eddie Hara December 24
Gay Porter December 31

Club Anniversary:

Jim Cheney December 1, 1988 (30)
Tina Jimenez December 5, 2014 (4)
Shane Okimoto December 9, 2016 (2)
Joshua Countess December 15, 2017 (1)
Harry Kim December 16, 2016 (2)
Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (15)
Judy Gibson December 31, 2005 (13)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Garry Prose Dec. 1 (49)
Keith & Leigh Okamoto Dec. 19 (26)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (45)
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (25)
Cathy & Jerry Gray Dec. 25 (42)
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (10)

Announcements:

December 12 - Kamana Sr. Ctr Luncheon
December 14 - Charlene Meyers
What is Polio and how is Rotary helping
December 21 - No Meeting
December 28 - No Meeting

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

many lost their homes, farms, businesses and personal effects and this is just an effort to cover some of those losses.

The second presentation went to **Lisa Rantz**, representing the **Hilo Medical**



Center Foundation, to help in its efforts to have doctors train in Hilo and actually reside and set up practice here after their training. And the good news is that this year, approximately 160 applicants sent entries for the possible 40 positions available. Sounds like progress for Hilo medical improvements is in the works.

The third presentation went to the Children's Justice Center of Each Hawai'i, represented by **Stephanie Oshiro** and **Robin Benedict**. The Center tries to take



care of approximately 600 abused and neglected children each year, giving them care, food, medical help and, often, Christmas and Birthday gifts, Medical and dental expenses for treating these kids, who are not covered in any insurance programs, is a major expense. Also the kids get backpacks and valises, if possible, to stop them from having to carry all their possessions in a trash bag. Our Club has been a major backer of this Center for years and years.

Besides the amounts that were presented to these three organizations, some moneys were kept in our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to help cover many of the

projects our Club sponsors (books for the Read to Me program, dictionaries, Fiji water project, and numerous charitable events).

Heaping thanks were given to **Bob Hanley** for all his efforts throughout the years in making the Brewfest the success it has been to generate the money to donate to these worthy organizations. **Great job Bob!**

Paul Harris Recognitions and Information

Malcolm came up to report on our progress, year to date, on our **Rotary Foundation** and **Polio Plus** contributions. Our Club's goals are to raise **\$10,000** in contributions to the **Rotary Foundation** and **\$4,000** for **Polio Plus** for this fiscal year. After only 5 months of elapsed time we are at 76% for RF and 49.8% for Polio Plus already, well ahead of schedule. But we cannot be complacent and need to still raise funds to meet our goals.

And 3 of our membership has attained new **Paul Harris** status. New pins were awarded to **Alberta Dobbe (PH +2)**, **Treena Breyfogle (PH +8)** and **Kerry Glass (PH +3)**. Way to go guys!

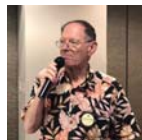


\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

Treena was just happy (her natural sense of being anyway) and gave **\$50** to our Salvation Army cause for tomorrow and had **\$25** from **Helen Hemmes**, also for the SA cause, who is in Honolulu learning how to do taxes for for senior citizens.



Jim Kennedy was **\$20** happy for all our Club services and projects that we do.



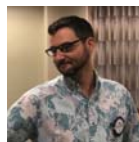
Bobby was **\$10** happy to have today's guest speaker from his previous firm, the YMCA.



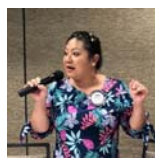
Chuck Porter was **\$25**, twice, first for the Lex Brodie Car wash just being 10 or so days away from being completed and open for business and, second, for wearing extremely comfortable and colorful (stars and stripes on them) boots. His boots seem to generate a lot of comments and compliments when he wears them in public.



Joshua Countess was **\$7** dollars happy as today is his Dad's birthday (a special day for sure).



Tammy Silva gave **\$100** to **RF** for her First Annual Health Fair being completed and it being promoted on TV (Living in Paradise) in the near future.



Guest Speaker

Pres H-2-0 Man read the bio of **Wendy Botelho-Cortez**, CEO of Island of Hawai'i YMCA. She is a graduate of Hilo High, Hawai'i Community College and UH-Hilo. She was born and raised in Hilo (hey, a local girl) and has worked in different social service agencies for the past 25 years and on April 16th of this year, she became the new CEO of the Island of Hawai'i YMCA.



Essentially she mentioned all the activities and projects the YMCA is involved with and what they have on their agenda

Their first big project is remodeling and providing new equipment for their fitness gym, expected to be completed sometime in January next year.

Among their various programs offered is a Job Skill class offered to high school students so they can learn helpful employment habits for their future.

The Y has a Day Care program being set up to help young parents who need to work and have someone monitor and help their kids. And naturally a Day Camp for older kids is there to provide them with activities away from home to keep them out of trouble.

They have a Family Visitation Center, which like the Children's Justice Center, works in trying to resolve domestic violence incidents and prevent trouble.

They have various activity classes, Zumba, dancing and all sorts of others offered to the public, which are included in their membership fees.

For more detailed info on all their offerings the Y is on Facebook (YMCAHilo) so anyone can see and look for things they might like to do at the Y.



A few questions were asked and **Wendy** closed her short presentation.

After which **Pres H-2-0 Man** gave her our infamous Rotary coffee cup in thanks for her talk.

Because we had a little extra time before the close of the meeting **Pres H-2-0 Man** allow everyone to smooze and socialize a bit before calling it a day. We don't often get this so it was a nice gesture.

And after a while **Tammy** was called upon to lead us in the **4-Way Test** of the Things we think, say and do, after which the gong was sounded and the meeting came to an official end.

See you all next week.
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