

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



February 1, 2019

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COME ONE – COME ALL FREE BEER! FREE BEER!*

*Only for members of the Rotary Club of Hilo and their invited guests and valid only for Friday, February 1, 2019 at their normal meeting site at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The Rotary Club of Hilo or its membership is not responsible for any possible drunken reactions such as raucous behavior, nausea, or sickness symptoms from the imbibing of this beverage. Partaking of this beverage during this time is restricted to adults over 21 years of age and may not be removed or imbibed outside of the meeting room at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Any possible DUI violations are strictly the fault of the the partaker and fault not to be imbibed to the Rotary Club of Hilo.

And if you expect that this will be a long and accurate Lava Flow report of the events at today's meeting, you've got to be kidding.

Arriving at our meeting room somewhat before the scheduled 11:30 am starting time, it was surprising to see plenty of the membership already there, apparently in anticipation of the "Free Beer" distribution. Presumably this 30 minute early start was set up by **Pres. H-20 Man** to allow everyone schmoozing time and time to enjoy the advertised free beverage, which wasn't actually made available until about 11:45am. Once **Bob Hanley**, the assigned beer tender, got the keg and tap going, people just lined up to get their fair share. Socializing was part of the main attraction of the day and everyone did this well, wandering all over the room randomly. The actual meeting was gonged into effect at just about the normal 12 noon starting time.

Greeters

Greeting everyone today, while all this was going on, were to be **Ian Kitagawa** and **Marcia Prose** but **Marcia**



was busy away from the door doing other things to make sure today's meeting ran as planned. So subbing for her, seemingly, was **Tina Jimenez**.

While doing their fine greeting activities they also distributed tickets for a possible winning lucky number drawing near the end of today's meeting (if you want to call it that) of special BeerFest Koozies.

Pledge to the Flag



Because of the early starting time, even, lo and behold, **Nancy Cabral** was here and actually available to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Normally she shows up well after this has been done at most meetings but

she did know the words and technique to get this done. Good job **Nancy!**

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Malcolm Chun (not a greeter for the day) was called upon to introduce our various visiting Rotarians and guests, who were:

Visiting Rotarian (one only)

James Tyrin - From the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay

Guests

Mike & Astania Caputo, guests of **Malcolm Chun** (**Mike** did talk a bit about what he did as a former fire fighter and stuff but that went by too quickly for this reporter to record).

Char Kekela, guest of **Misti Tyrin**

Kelvin Watanabe & Miharu Matsumoto, guests of **Wally Wong**

Gordon Takaki, guest of **Gail Takaki** (who's lunch was actually paid for by **Gail**)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The only Anniversary celebrated today was **Nancy** who was inducted into the Club on January 29, 31 years ago (The 1ST female member of our Club and future Club President in 1-1/2 years).

Announcements

Bobby Stivers-Apiki made a request for possible Business Visitation sites for our April 26 meeting. He asked for those who would volunteer using their business (and hopefully ones we've never had to chance of seeing) and even sites of companies not represented by our Club (that would be nice for sure). Anyone having a location available should contact **Bobbie** like right away.



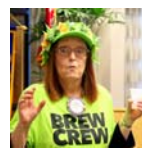
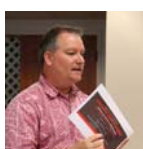
There are **3 Mini-Mixers** set up during this month which we are encouraged to go to –

Thurs. 02/07 at Pineapples @ 6:00pm hosted by **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Monroe**,

Thurs. 02/21 at Seaside Restaurant @ 6:00pm hosted by **Jen Tanouye**,

Wed. 02/27 at Jackie Reys @ 5:30pm hosted by **Misti Tyrin**. Be sure to sign up to attend at least one of these.

Pat Guillen passed around fliers for the Vulcan Legacy Dinner sponsored by the Booster Club on Sat. 02/09 at the Hilo Yacht Club with cocktails at 5:00pm and Dinner at 6:00pm honoring the **Fujimoto** and **Taniguchi** Families who have done so much for the University athletics. Cost is \$150.00 per person.



Marcia Prose stated the obvious that February is a new month and lots of events are happening at the Palace.

Happy Dollars

Mike Meyer was \$25 happy for just being around and breathing (which we should all be happy for).

Wally Wong was \$50 for being exceedingly happy that today (yes TODAY) is his last day at Hawaiian Tel Com and is officially retiring. Gads, **Wally** is too young to be retired but he is looking forward to doing many outside activities, some of which involve community service type of things. Good for him.



Misti gave \$10 in honor of **Wally's** announced retirement.

Pat \$10 happy for coming back from Florida and being able to sleep at home.

Biff Kennedy \$50 happy for his long and happy marriage with his wife (presumably close to 50 years, you think?)



Pres. H-20 Man was \$20 happy in envious of **Wally** and basically not having much to be involved with in today's meeting (if that's really what you want to call today's happening).



Nate Chang (future Rotary Club of Hilo member) \$10 happy because he and **Wally** started in Rotary about the same time years and years ago.



Helene Tajiri \$20 sort of unhappy cause she is older than **Wally** and still working (poor baby! But she likes her job so she cannot be too unhappy).

Program Activities

Treena Breyfogle, in her BeerFest tee shirt, which ALL of us were invited to wear in her email blast to us but apparently only a few of us managed to see since, counting her, only 5 of us wore our special shirts, started relating to us, using a special slide presentation, of the start of the BrewFest (initiated by **Bob Hanley**



and **Alan Kusunoki** while drinking beer at the Yacht Club and wondering what sort of fund raising event we (our Club) could do after our 3 year run of the Embalmer's Ball) and a little history of what it does, who and how many attend, how much it costs to hold such an event and where the proceeds go. Various food and beer vendors are hit upon to provide their products for all the attendees.

Birthdays:

Shane Okimoto February 6
 Helen Hemmes February 8
 James Yagi February 18
 Lorraine Shin February 20
 Naomi Menor February 23
 Jim Cheney February 28

Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki February 1, 2002 (17)
 Anna Liu February 3, 2017 (2)
 Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (25)
 Michael Meyer February 6, 2015 (4)
 Bobby Stivers-Apiki February 9, 2007 (12)
 Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (31)
 Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (27)
 Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (35)
 Keith Okamoto February 26, 2016 (3)
 Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (32)

Wedding Anniversary:

Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4 (52)

Announcements:

Feb. 8 - Nancy Cabral - Rodeo Time!!
 Feb. 22 - Chris Honda, Hi Fire Dept.
 CPR Training
 Mar. 8 - Mayor Harry Kim
 Mar. 22 - Sarah Luchenbill
 American Cancer Society
 April 5 - Lauren Nickerson
 Hawaii Humane Society

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2018 - 2019:

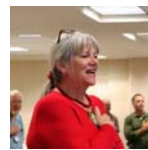
- President – Keith Okamoto
- Past President – Steve Handy
- President Elect – Anna Liu
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Co-Secretary – Treena Breyfogle
- Co-Secretary – Jan Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Genie Phillips
- Rotary Foundations – Malcolm Chun
- Membership – Connie 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

Through ticket sales, sponsorships and donations, about **\$250,000** is generated each year with about **\$65,000** or more being distributed to charities and other foundations. The video showed where much of the money goes and, again, lots of info about the history of this event.

Misti then came up to talk about sponsorships and fundraising and ticket sales. There are 6 categories of sponsorships, from the top of the line **Barrel Sponsor** (a **\$4,000** donation) entitling the donor to lots and lots of special benefits down to a **Pint Sponsor** (a **\$250** donation) entitling the donor to 2 free VIP tickets. Each of the 6 categories provides different benefits, some of which are very attractive. Basic cost of the event tickets are **\$60** for regular admission and **\$250** for VIP status which provide lots & lots of extras for the attendee. Up until 04/13 tickets will be available on a CASH only basis and then after that on the internet payable by charge cards.



And at this point, our major donor, **Nancy** stood up and became an immediate **Barrel Sponsor** with the **\$4,000** contribution. WOW! What a start to this year's event.

While all sponsor proceeds, ticket sales money and donations go direct to our **Hilo Foundation**, any merchandise sales profits at the BrewFest get donated directly to our Club Treasury, which often can really come in handy.

Anita Tatum then came up to lobby for volunteers to help put on this event. Between Beer-tenders, ticket takers, and about a zillion (maybe a little exaggeration) other jobs and duties, around 200 people are required to handle everything. There was a sign-up board in the back near the beer distribution table were everyone could see what they could do to help and sign up for duties. There are plenty of Sit-down jobs, Active jobs and Physical jobs requiring plenty of people. So see asked everyone to please sign up to help or call her at 895-4045 with any questions or needing information.



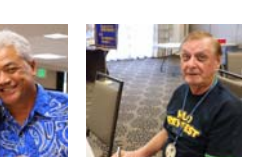
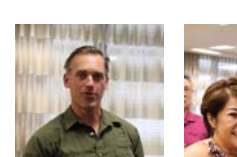
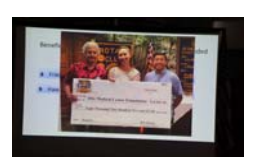
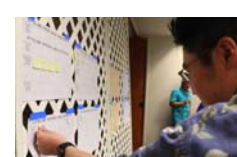
A mandatory meeting will take place at Dodo Mortuary on the Thursday for the event at 4:30pm so everyone can learn or remember what to do, how to do it, sign in more volunteers, distribute shirts and take lunch orders. This meeting is required for all volunteers.

If you are helping at the event, you will need to board a bus at the County Building at 11:15am (Gates open at 1:00 for the VIPs). Four hours of work at the Event = a tee shirt and a lunch. After the event, like in previous years, pizza and food will be available for all the volunteers along with the possibility of taking home any left-over beer.

After all of this, the lucky number ticket drawing was held, giving away the 10 BeerFest Koozies.

To close the meeting **Nate Chang** 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 (again if that's what you want to call it).

See you all next week.
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