

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



February 22, 2019

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Biff Kennedy

Photographer: Treena Breyfogle

It's a beautiful day here. The college is open, the astronomers are at work, and no immediate threats are anticipated from damaging satellites. The area is filled with pleasant talking people from all over the world and from many occupations and hobbies, from real estate to cowboy rodeos, from cars to restaurants and even a Democrat or Republican, all in the Rotary club of Hilo.

The meeting was called to order at noon by **President Keith Okamoto**, who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Greeters



**Beverly Heikes** and **Patty Bray** facilitated the introduction of our guests:

Visiting Rotarian **Jay Larson** from Marshall, MI introduced himself, his guests **Greg** and **Danielle Paris**, and fellow Rotarian **Chris Loeffler** from Seattle, WA.



**Jeremiah Leonard** introduced **Peter Walburn**.



**Helene Tajiri** brought her guest **Ululani Poepoe**.



**President Keith** recognized our Lava flow photographer for the week – **Treena Breyfogle** and our reporter – **Biff Kennedy**.

## Birthdays, Wedding and Club Anniversaries:

**Happy Birthday** to **Coach Jimmy Yagi** – Feb. 18 and **Lorraine Shin** – Feb. 20.

**Happy Anniversary** to **Jacob** and **Danielle Bratton** on their 13 years of marriage. Still have that twinkle in their eyes!

### **Club Anniversary**

**Bobby Stivers-Apiki**; 12 years of service; Feb. 9.;

**Helen Hemmes**, 31 years; Feb. 13;

**Dirk Yoshina**, 27 years; Feb. 14

## Announcements:

**Mini Mixer** – February 27; 5:30 p.m. at Jackie Rey's. Host is **Misti Tyrin**. Some seats are still available. To sign up, reply to the email that was sent this week or contact **Misti** directly.

**Chili Social** – **Corey Kawamoto**; March 14; 5:30 cocktails/6 p.m. dinner. All are welcome to enter the chili contest and attempt to dethrone last year's winner, **Doug Beatty**. There is also a dessert contest. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in both categories. All you can eat and drink.

**East HI District Training** – **President Keith Okamoto** - March 30; more details to follow. All incoming club officers should attend.

**Hilo Heart Walk** – **Kerry Glass**; March 30; easy 5K walk. Meet at bayfront canoe grounds this year. There will be tables where you can gather a lot of info on detecting signs of stroke or heart attack.

**Polio Plus** – **Charlene Meyers**; Not so good news - 3 new cases of polio reported this month. 2 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan. Good news - Our contributions in action – 5.3 million children in Afghanistan were immunized against polio this year. This year, **RCH** had a goal of **\$4000** which we have surpassed. To keep it going, **Charlene's** husband, **Amos**



donated 3 of his embroidered Rotary polos (value \$35) to auction for the cause. 2 new and 1 almost new...a kinda sorta lively auction ensued with **Dirk** and **Keith** both getting one of the new polos for **\$40** and **Kerry** getting the kinda sorta new one for **\$20**.

## Paul Harris:

**Malcolm Chun** awarded **Robert Fox** with his Paul Harris +2 pin. Congratulations!!!!



**President Keith** - A special shout out to **Jacob** and **Danielle Bratton** for stepping in to the Sergeant at Arms duties. Unfortunately, **Genie Phillips** had to step down due to family responsibilities. Also, a special mahalo to **Dirk Yoshina** and **Shane Okimoto** for their assistance in training and support of the **Bratton's**.

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:

- 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
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- 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

Happy Dollars:

**Kerry Glass - \$40** – happy that **Jacob & Danielle** agreed to step up and happy that the club purchased our own projector!

**President Keith - \$20** – Was in Honolulu on business and got to attend the Ala Moana Rotary Club meeting.

**Helene Tajiri - \$5**- had a great mini mixer last week with **Ulu** and her husband, along with **Randy & Lydia Hart** and **Galen & Connie Ichinose**. **Ulu** felt a connection to our club and will be turning in her member application shortly!



Speaker:  
**Chris Honda, HFD**



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