

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



February 8, 2019

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: HRA

Photographer: Anna Liu

Call to Order.

President Keith Okamoto called the meeting to order promptly at 12 noon, welcoming all and then leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance.



Greetings. He thanked greeters Jeremiah Leonard and Bobby Stivers-Apiki, who earlier gave us each a rectangle of aluminum foil for us to be creative in shaping something. Jeremiah invited Maureen Poirier to introduce her guest, Suraya Nagy, a hairdresser who wants to get more involved in the community.



Also thanked were Helen Hemmes, reporter for the day, and Anna Liu, photographer.

Congratulations.

President Keith used a PowerPoint slide to list all those

celebrating birthdays

Shane Okimoto and Helen Hemmes wedding anniversaries

Biff and Anna Kennedy, 53 years on Feb. 4 club anniversaries

Toshi Aoki, 17 years;

Anna Liu, 2 years,

Chuck Porter, 25 years

Mike Meyer, 4 years



The Club rallied to sing Happy Birthday to Helen, who expressed her thanks.

Alberta Dobbe shared that on sixty-five years ago on Feb. 6, a Filipina-Portuguese woman from Laupahoehoe married a Norwegian from Evanston, Illinois.



Morris and she were married 55 years before he died.

Upcoming Events.

Connie Ichinose, Membership Chair, encouraged Rotarians to sign up for the "mini mixers" on Feb. 21 at Seaside with Jen Tanouye, host, and on Feb. 27 at Jackie Rey's, with Misti Tyrin, host. The dinners are a "nice and popular" way to get to know other Rotarians and to introduce and connect Rotarians with volunteer opportunities.

Marcia Prose, Public Relations, asked for photos of the mini-mixers plus invited persons to sign up as volunteers for the upcoming Brewfest on June 28, with assistance also needed on June 29.

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Vocational Services Chair, said he is still looking for businesses for Rotarians to attend at the vocational services meeting on April 26, and

President Keith shared that Genie Phillips needs assistance with her Sergeant-at-Arms duties, as circumstances may preclude her from attending some meetings.

Oh, yes, Bobby encouraged no foil balls in the creative aluminum foil endeavors. "Foiled again!" was heard.

Paul Harris Awards.

Malcolm Chun, Foundations Chair, congratulated Maureen Poirier and presented her with her first Paul Harris award.



James "Hawkeye" Cheney got his PH+4 pin, and

Nancy Cabral accepted the PH pin in honor of her granddaughter. Thank you all for contributing to

The Rotary Foundation!

Welcome to Nate Chang .

President Keith invited Sally O'Brien, sponsor, to introduce Nate Chang. Sally shared pertinent quotations about service from Albert Einstein ("Only a Life lived in the Service of Others is Worth Living"), Mahatma Gandhi, and the Late Senator John McCain, noting that "Nate served as Director of Community Services in all three clubs, our club, Hilo Bay, and South Hilo Bay.

He was also President of Hilo Bay in 2002-2003 years. Sally then read a quote from Nancy Cabral, her sponsor. "Nate is a wonderful Rotarian who has come full circle back to the Rotary Club of Hilo with knowledge and history of our 100th Anniversary. Welcome Home!"

Nate and Sally then gifted each other with leis, President Keith placed the Rotary pin on his shirt, and invited Nate to say a few words. Nate expressed his thanks for the transfer, donated \$100 to the Hilo Rotary Club

Foundation, and shared a photo of himself when he graduated from Kamehameha High School 50 years ago.

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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. 15 - No Meeting
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

The Speaker:

At 12:22 p.m., **President Keith** introduced **Nancy Cabral**.

Nancy opened with the Cowboy Prayer, an insightful prayer that includes the words, "...guide us in the arena of life..." and ends with "Your entry fees are paid." **Nancy** noted that the upcoming rodeo, Three Days of Rodeo Hawaiian Style, next weekend, Feb. 16-18, is a unique rodeo that works hard to preserve Hawaiian culture and Paniolo traditions. (She shared how **Genie's** "hula" for the young man several weeks was so special.)



Nancy began her talk with the history of cattle in Hawaii, sharing that in 1793 Captain George Vancouver presented five black longhorn cattle to King Kamehameha I, who placed a kapu on the cattle so they could range the island. They did well, and old stone walls, put up to help keep cattle out of farming areas and homes, are still visible in some locations. In 1803 horses were introduced, with King Kamehameha I becoming the first Hawaiian rider. In 1816, John Parker, a western advisor, married a royal granddaughter and was awarded two acres of land for \$10, plus given permission to start herding the wild cattle. The export of sandalwood eventually declined, with the catching of wild cattle (for killing and salting) and shipping becoming a major economic engine for the island. Local people needed to learn how to catch the cattle, so by 1832 Mexican vaqueros, expert horsemen, came over to teach Hawaiians how to do so, coming not only with their expertise but also with other items, including boots, saddles, a new language, and other items, including the ukulele. Called "Paniolo" (or perhaps Paniola) by Hawaiian, they taught the Hawaiians how to ride, rope, and make their own saddles.

She then shared information about Noho Lio O, the Hawaiian tree saddle, which Hawaiians learned to make for working on ranches. The



base is carved from a tree, preferably the Hawaiian Neneleau Tree, with leather work and braiding done by hand. The saddles are unique and considered a family heirloom.

She then focused on techniques that make the upcoming Rodeo unique and help preserve the culture, the Po'o Wai U and Double Mugging. The Po'o Wai U is a technique of lassoing the steer, tying it to a tree and leaving it for the night so the animal would tire itself out, and then herding it to the ranch by having a tamer cow or steer as its escort. With "Double Mugging," two Paniolo work together to knock the steer to the ground and then tie up three of its legs. Yes, wrestling occurs!

She ended her talk by sharing the information about Paniolos **Ikua Purdy**, **Archie Ka'aua** and **Eben Low** taking top honors in the Frontier Days Rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1908 and becoming known as the "Hawai'i Roughriders." Hawaii had another champion in 2016, her "baby son" **Cody**, a professional steer wrestler, who qualified as a contestant for a National Finals Rodeo.

Other activities at the upcoming rodeo are also included to keep the audience entertained and have persons participate in various ways.

Nancy ended her talk by showing great photos of previous rodeos and herself as the Pa'u Princess (photo by **Kerry Glass**), plus donating a free ticket to each Rotarian and guest. Mahalo plenty, **Nancy!**

In Closing:

Bobby Stivers-Apiki invited everyone to share his or her aluminum foil creation, take some steps, and touch oneself on the shoulder, with the announcements that all were "moved and touched"! Good fun!

Malcolm Chun led the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the Things We Think Say, or Do, with adjourning the meeting. There is no meeting on Friday, February 15.

