

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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CALL TO ORDER:

At 12 noon, **President Keith Okamoto** rang the Rotary bell and convened his first business meeting as Club President of the Rotary Club of Hilo. "This is my first bell ringing," said **President Keith** and welcomed everyone to the meeting. **President Keith** is well organized and prepared an agenda and Power Point for today's meeting. He thanked today's greeters, **Wally Wong** and **Skye Czember** and Lava Flow reporter **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and photographer **Anna Liu**.



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NEW BUSINESS:

"It is a privilege and honor to serve our club and community," said **President Keith**. He expressed his style of leadership as one of collaboration; asking members to share their interests to build an awesome program year. **President Keith** also wants to collaborate with the other East Hawaii Rotary Clubs to provide greater resources to the community. The 2018-2019 Board of Directors and Chairs were introduced and thanked for their service.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Guest **Dan Turner**, who will be inducted as a Rotary member today was asked by **President Keith** to lead the Pledge.



WELCOME GUESTS:

Today's "Welcoming Committee" **Skye Czember** introduced **Benson Medina**, Club President of the Rotary Club of South Hilo and



guest speaker, **Lani Weigert**, Community Director Hawaii Care Choices former Hilo Hospice.



Guest **Lt. Danielle Bratton**, the new Executive Director of Salvation Army Hilo and past Rotarian was introduced by **Helen Hemmes**.

HAPPY CELEBRATIONS:

Congratulations to all of you!

Birthdays

Lisa Rantz, July 3

Elle Lee, July 4

Wedding Anniversaries

Ed & Portia Hara, 40 years – July 1

Mike & Charlene Meyers, 15 years – July 3

Club Anniversaries

Alberta Dobbe, 10 years – July 11

Connie Ichinose, 5 years – July 12

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

President Keith inducted and welcomed two new members to the club with their sponsors. **Daniel Turner**, Pacific Tec Lending, married and moved to Hawaii three years ago is sponsored by **Genie Phillips**. **Bobby Dugar**, Sales Manager, Coldwell Banker Day-Lum Properties is sponsored by **Nancy Cabral**. Congratulations and welcome to the Rotary Club of Hilo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Keith today shared his goals and asked members to share their thoughts and interests so that he may incorporate them in this year's program.



"No shame, my style is collaboration" stated **President Keith** "because collectively we can do much more for our community." Currently, membership is at 80 members and the goal **President Keith** expects to reach by the end of the club year is 90 members. To improve and promote our club image, **President Keith** stated we need to "toot our own horn."

GOALS

- Increase membership (adding new, improve retention)
- Increase participation and attendance (club meetings, service projects, events)
- Improve and promote RC Hilo public image

HAPPY DOLLARS:

To start this year's Happy Dollars **President Keith** "fined" **Russ Oda**. The first fine is a tradition that started nearly 50 years ago and **Russ** "fined" himself for **\$100**.

Russ reported that **Mitch Dodo** and family

was featured on NHK TV (Japan TV) "Seasoning The Season" special program about Japanese Americans in Hawaii as part of the 150th Gannenmono Celebration.

Mitch reported the show was about Japanese American businesses in Hawaii.

August 17-19 **Mitch** also announced that the **Rotary Club of Hiroshima South**, our sister club of 48 years will be visiting Hilo and he invited members to participate in the three day visit. **Mitch** encouraged members to donate to help pay for hosting our sister club and made a donation of **\$100**. He asked members to do the same.



Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz July 3
 Elle Lee July 4
 Jim Kennedy July 17
 Gene Tao July 20
 Eric Anderson July 23
 Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
 Ian Kitagawa July 27
 Genie Phillips July 28
 Mitch Roth July 28
 Thomas Jimenez July 29
 Treena Breyfogle July 30
 Susan Munro July 30

Club Anniversary:

Charlene Meyers July 3, 2003 (15)
 Bruce Blankenfeld July 10, 2015 (3)
 Alberta Dobbe July 11, 2008 (10)
 Connie Ichinose July 12, 2013 (5)
 Lorraine Shin July 17, 2009 (9)
 Mitch Roth July 19, 2013 (5)
 Kathy Borer July 21, 2017 (1)
 Dee Scott July 21, 2013 (1)
 Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (8)
 Jim Kennedy July 24, 1998 (20)
 Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (5)
 Sally O'Brien July 27, 2012 (6)

Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1 (40)
 Randy & Lydia Hart July 17 (25)
 Tom & Delia Brown July 29 (37)

Announcements:

July 20 - Rotary Meeting
 July 27 - Hilo High School Robotics Club
 August 24 - Stacy Haumea
 Diabetes Education
 Sept. 14 - Ho'ola Na Pua
 Human Trafficking

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors

2017 - 2018:

- 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

Lt. Danielle Bratton, \$5 happy asked for support of the Salvation Army's "Back To School Supply Drive" for 500 needy children. A flyer and list of supplies were distributed and such items can be brought to next week's meeting; the drive ends July 27.



Wally Wong announced, the club has ordered about 90 backpacks that could be donated to the Salvation Army's drive or to last year's supply drive that went to the Fire Department.



Mike Meyers was \$25 happy and again invited everyone to his theater production of Oliver and encouraged to send children and youth to the theater summer program where they can learn about theater skills.



President Keith was \$100 happy for his presidency and collaborating with the Rotary Club of South Hilo.

Chris Tamm, \$20 happy for reenacting his 1968 first date with his wife in Venice this past June.



Atsuko Winston, \$150 happy to help with the Hiroshima South Club visit.



Alberta Dobbe, \$15 happy for attending the today's meeting.



Connie Ichinose, \$50 happy for last night's Membership Mixer at Chapter 27 and announcing the upcoming Mixer, "Amazing Rotarian Race" (like the Amazing Race television show) on September 20.



Genie Phillips, \$20 happy to have her husband home and for her guest **Dan Turner** who will be inducted today.



Gail Takaki, \$100 happy for the Hiroshima South Club visit.



Nancy Cabral, \$100 happy for her granddaughter's Rotary Fellowship and for having **Alberta** at today's meeting.



Bensen Medina, Club President of the Rotary Club of Hilo, \$20 happy to support **President Keith's** agenda of the East Hawaii Rotary Clubs supporting and having joint activities during the year. "With 250 members," reported **President Bensen**, "we can do a lot in our community." Today's speaker, **Lani Weigert** is **Bensen's** sister whom he introduced saying, "I know her a long time".



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Lani Weigert is the Clinical & Community



Relations Manager for **Hawaii Care Choices**, formerly Hospice of Hilo. The name was changed to allow people to access more services than just Hospice Care – more service, more solutions. As more people are aging across East Hawaii, the need to make others aware of the benefits of "relief care" also known as palliative care for those dealing with a serious illness such as cancer, congestive



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heart failure or COPD has risen. **Hawaii Care Choices** offers a continuum of services: PALLIATIVE CARE – for serious illness; HOSPICE CARE – for life-limiting illness and BEREAVEMENT CARE – those who have lost a loved one, expectedly or unexpectedly. Hawaii Care Choices serve communities from Laupahoehoe to South Point, Ka'u.

If you want more information about the services of **Hawaii Care Choices** to contact **Lani** at 808.969.1733 or www.healthcarechoices.org. If you want information about Advance Health Care Directive, contact Community Directive at www.CommunityFirstHawaii.org/registration. , In addition, **Lani** is a member of the **Rotary Club of South Hilo**.

FOUR-WAY TEST:

President Keith asked **Deana Scott** to end his first business meeting with the **4 Way Test** of the Things We Think, Say and Do.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Keith adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

