

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



July 20, 2018 Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: Jen Tanouye

Today's Issue is Dedicated to **Russ Oda** who passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

Call to Order by **President Keith**: 12:01pm



Pledge of Allegiance: **Chuck Porter**



Greeters:

Maureen Poirier, Jim Cheney

Welcomed Guests:



Donna Chalmers – Sunao/Wada Foundation and longtime friend of **Russ**



Ron Cutler – Rotary Club of Pahoa



Danielle Bratton with her 2 sons – **Jacob & Corbin**



Harris Hirata – Friend of **Russ** for over 40 years



Pete Mueller – Honorary Member of Hilo Club



Jeannie Yagi – **Jimmy's** spouse



Brooklyn Springer – **Jen's** granddaughter

Anna Lui and her guest **Mie Rances**



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Announcements: Mark Your Calendars:

•**Salvation Army's "Back to School Supplies Drive** begins today July 20 –July 27, 2018 -"Support the local Hilo community with school supplies by donating to the Salvation Army Back to School Supply Drive! This drive will benefit K-6th grade students in the Hilo community. Mahalo to several of our club members who brought supplies at today's meeting. There will be another chance to bring more supplies at next Friday's club meeting.

•**DG Win Schoneman** is scheduled to visit the Big Island during the week of August 13th. A joint club Meeting with **Win** and all 5 East Hawaii Clubs will be held on Thursday, Aug 16th at Hilo Hawaiian 12pm. Please be sure to attend this informative meeting. (We will be dark for Friday's Aug 18 meeting.)

•Event: **Hiroshima South Dinner Celebration**

Date: Aug 17, 2018 6:00 PM - Aug 17, 2018 9:00 PM

Fee: \$60.00

Location: 77 Laehala St (Hilo Yacht Club)

Event: Hiroshima South Steak Fry

Date: Aug 18, 2018 6:00 PM - Aug 18, 2018 9:00 PM

Fee: \$20.00

Location: Sunrise Estates 478 Kipuni Street– Hilo

(**Newton & Roberta's** lovely home)

Installation of New Member –

Jim (Kimo) Becker: Retired Financial Advisor/Lobbyist and a great Humanitarian. Born and raised in Stockton, CA. Graduate of Univ of San Francisco. Currently residing full time in Honokaa and part time in Marin County. **Jim** finally caved in under the pressure and persistence of **Randy H., Steve H., Keith** and **Connie** and joined our club. He has transferred his membership of 26 years from the Rotary Club of Petaluma California to our club. **Kimo** has been involved in Rotary International Projects since 2002 and is currently coordinating Rotary Projects in Nepal, Thailand, China for the 501c3 Global Telemedicine and on their Board developing new locations. **Kimo's** Sponsor: **Randy Hart**. Welcome to our Club **Kimo!**



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 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

Tribute to Russ Oda –

It was with a heavy heart that **President Keith** announced the passing of Beloved **Russ Oda**. A moving Slide Presentation played with touching pictures of **Russ** with his family and friends over the years. Fond memories of **Russ** along with tears and laughter filled the room. Loving tributes included:



•**Donna Chalmers:** Of the Suda/Wada Foundation (**Russ** - CoFounder) ;Had several fond memories of **Russ** these are some of his greatest life tips: 1. Hang around younger friends and that will make you look younger. 2. Make sure that you and your spouse dye your hair to keep looking younger. 3. He woke up every morning telling himself "I will be happy today" and was. She also remembered back when she asked **Russ**, What is the secret to 60 years of marital bliss? He jokingly responded with "Kinky Sex".



•**Harris Hirata:** Close Friend of over 40 years; will remember **Russ** for his kindness, hard work ethics, creativity, and being an inspiration/mentor to so many.



•**Chuck Porter:** "**Russ** set a great example for so many. He had one of the most successful architects firms and remained ever so humble. He will be in our hearts forever."



•**Charlene Meyers:** **Russ** was a huge supporter of Polio Plus and the eradication of Polio. No one will forget his bike mounting poses to raise monies for Polio. He was planning to support this year again. Considering a Polio project to be held this year in **Russ's** honor.



•**Jane Gibson:** She housed students from Japan for a year. It was an experience that was rewarding beyond relief. She is so thankful for **Russ** and his foundation giving her the opportunity. She gave a **\$100** donation to the **Sunao Wada Foundation**.



MR. SHIGEYASU RUSSELL "RUSS" ODA

- August 11, 2018 (Saturday)
- Dodo Mortuary Chapel in Hilo
- Visitation 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Memorial Service (over his urn) begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Flowers and Koden (monetary offerings) are being accepted.

Happy Dollars:

Chuck Porter - **\$100** (Wada Foundation)
Russ would want us to be happy. Humorous Memory: Tagged by sheriff for speeding but **Russ** talked his way out of a ticket.

Charlene Meyers - **\$100** for **Polio Plus** in honor of **Russ**

President Keith - **\$60** in honor of **Russ** (Wada Foundation)

Kathleen McGilvray - **\$100**

in memory of **Russ** (Wada Foundation)



Recognitions:

Hauoli la Hanau –Happy Birthdays:

July 17th - **Jim Kennedy**

July 20th – **Gene Tao**

Hauoli la Ho'omana'o –Happy Anniversary:

Randy & Lydia Hart – 25 years

4 Way Test: **Kathleen McGilvray**

Adjournment: 12:58pm



Gay Porter pays tribute to Russ



Jim Kennedy pays tribute to Russ



Nancy Cabral pays tribute to Russ



Wada Foundation members