

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



June 1, 2018

Reporter: Bobby Stivers-Apiki

Today's Lava Flow is dedicated to our club member **Janet Montrose**, members of the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset and their families and to all residents of Puna who had to evacuate or lost their homes due to the current volcano eruption.

CALL TO ORDER:

"How is everybody doing today? I feel fantastic as I'm almost done as president!" With that welcome greetings, **President Steve Handy** called the Rotary of Hilo to order at 12 noon.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

One of the traditional protocols of Rotary is starting every meeting and event with the Pledge of Allegiance and today Sgt.-at-Arms **Shane Okimoto** was asked to lead the members and guests in the Pledge.

WELCOME GUESTS:

Greeting members and guests is new member **Atsuko Winston** and ever reliable **Dirk Yoshina**. Guests were introduced by **Dirk** included visiting Rotarians **Benson Medina** and **Maurice Goulding** of Rotary Club of South Hilo; **Ron Cutler**, Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset; **Jim Becker**, Rotary Club of Petaluma. Our very own members introduced their guests including **Genie Phillips** guests – **Paul Thome** and **Dan Turner**; **Anna Lui** guests – **Jesse Donner**, **Nicole Chaion** and today's guest speaker, **Ja'Neal Stevens**; **Anita Tatum** introduced Waiakea Interact Club outgoing president, **John Narruh**, and incoming club president, **Mika Odaira**; and **Connie Ichinose**



introduced **Katie Osborne**. Thank you, guests, for joining us and we hope you felt welcomed today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brewfest is June 23 and **Anita Tatum** reported volunteers are still needed. Please sign-up online at Brewfest.com.

Kerry is coordinating club Greeters for the year and is circulating a sign-up sheet.

Keith Okamoto, incoming Club President announced the 2018-2019 Officers and Board Installation Social Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 7, 5:30 pm at the AJA Hall. Sign-up with **Connie** or go to the club's website and sign-up.



Mike Meyer reported he is in an upcoming theatre production of Oliver.

Bensen Medina, incoming Rotary of South Hilo Club president invited our members and guests to their next club meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 12 noon at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel when Hawaii Island born **Duane Kurisu** will be their guest speaker. **Duane** developed with a number of partners in building a plantation-style homeless shelter on Oahu called Kahauiki Village.



Charlene Meyers reported our member **Janet Montrose** lives in Leilani Estates and evacuated but it is not known if her home is still standing.

Maurice Goulding of the Rotary Club of South Hilo donated \$300 worth of tents, chairs, etc. in support of the Puna Relief efforts and as he's Community Service Chair of his club, he wants to coordinate efforts to further support the relief effort. **President Steve** referred **Maurice** to **Ron Culter**, club president of Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset and to remain after today's meeting as a meeting to coordinate relief services will be discussed.

RECOGNITIONS:

Happy Celebrations!

Hauoli la hanau - Happy Birthday to Ian Birnie, May 28.

Hauoli la ho'omana'o - Happy Wedding Anniversary to Joe & Diana Hanley 34 years, May 26 and **Jen & Stephan Tanouye** 13 years, May 29.

\$\$HAPPY HAPPY DOLLARS!

Maurice Goulding, \$20 for the Puna Relief;

Genie Phillips, \$20 for a successful knee replacement surgery and performing hula at Life Care Center;

Marcia Prose, \$5 for the Palace Theaters June bulletin;



Atsuko Winston, \$20 for the return of **Genie Phillips**;
Kathy McGilvray, \$10 for the YWCA Remarkable Persons Event, July 17;



Chris Tamm, \$20 for celebrating with his wife their 50th Anniversary where they first met in Venice;

Keith Okamoto, \$20 for visiting Japan for the first time and meeting family and friends



Nancy Cabral, \$100 for God's blessing on her husband completing his final chemo therapy session and reporting her granddaughter's near death recovery experience but today she recovered and is in good health. Our hearts and prayers go out to **Nancy** and her family.



Ana Liu introduced her guests, **Jesse Donner** and **Nicole Chaion** of the Hawaii County.



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

The Rotary Club of Hiroshima South, our sister club made a large donation of \$20,000 to the Rotary Fund for Puna Lava Relief to help the many families including members of the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset displaced by the current volcano eruption.

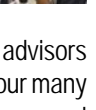


Accepting the generous "check" was **Steve Handy**, **Mitch Dodo**, **Ed Hara**, **Ron Cutler**, **Newton Chu**, **Naomi Menor** and **Russ Oda**.

Anita Tatum, Rotarian Advisor introduced Waiakea Interact Club past club president, **John Narruh** and the new club president for 2018-2019 **Mika Odaira**.



These two outstanding leaders presented a recap of the club's past year activities with a power point presentation. **John** stated the year was "fun" and "awesome" because 11 officers and board member provided the leadership for the year that included 19 club activities and 29 club meetings over the past 10 months **John** and **Mika** especially thanked their school advisors and presented a box of Kauai Kookies to our many dedicated club members for their guidance and support during the past school year. **John** concluded



Birthdays:

Chuck Porter June 4
Judy Gibson June 6
Kathleen McGilvray June 7
Charlene Meyers June 10
Jeremiah Leonard June 11
Patrick Guillen June 12
Dirk Yoshina June 14
Jen Tanouye June 19
Biff Kennedy June 21
Dee Scott June 25
Ron Dolan June 30
Russ Oda June 30
Atsuko Winston June 30

Club Anniversary:

Patty Terada June 3, 2016 (2)
Mitchell Dodo June 4, 1999 (19)
Johnalyn Nosaka June 5, 2015 (3)
Pete Muller June 20, 2016 (2)

Wedding Anniversary:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2 (7)
Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (38)
Dee & Greg Scott June 8 (22)
Cel & Shoshanna Ruwethin June 14 (13)
Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23 (67)

Announcements:

June 7- Hilo Rotary Installation AJA Hall
June 8 - No Meeting
June 15 - Rotary Meeting
Gail Takaki, Youth Services (STEM)
June 22 - No Meeting
June 23 - Brew Fest
June 29 - Rotary Meeting
Dawn Tavares, Camp Agape

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors

2017 – 2018:

- President – Steve Handy, Jr.
- Past President – Randy Hart
- President Elect – Keith Okamoto
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Co-Secretary – Treena Breyfogle
- Co-Secretary – Jan Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant at Arms – Shane Okimoto
- Rotary Foundations – Malcolm Chun
- Membership – Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations – Marcia Prose
- International Service – Stew Hussey
- Community Service – Wally Wong
- Vocational Service – Bobby Stivers-Apiki
- Club Service – Kui Costa
- New Generations – Gail Takaki

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his presentation with giving his leadership team a “A+” grade for the year. Well done **John** and **Mika** we look forward to supporting you and your team this coming school year.

JaNeal Stevens, East Hawaii Special Olympics Area Director enlightened us about the opportunities and challenges of her organization. “Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition to adults and children with intellectual disabilities. East Hawaii area serves the communities between Kau, Pahoia, Hilo, and Honokaa. Sports offered Track & Field, Swimming, Powerlifting, Bocce ball, Basketball, and Soccer.” The East Hawaii Area is the largest area in the State with 200 athletics and 150 teen and adult sponsors. Special Olympics engage in efforts to stop using the “R” word to describe those with intellectual disabilities and the East Hawaii athletics already embrace the word. **JaNeal** reported volunteers are needed, don’t need to have special skills “just care and have a good time” helping the youth and adult athletes. The greatest challenge for the East Hawaii Area (EHA) is air travel costs. Their athletes were participating in three competitions on Oahu but due to the significant increase in airfare costs, they only are able to attend one competition. Airfare cost was \$37,000. The trip to Oahu develops lasting memories for everyone involved and the teens and adults always look forward to competing on the neighbor island. For more information and to support East Hawaii Special Olympics go to their website: www.specialolympicshawaii.org. **JaNeal** expressed her thanks for allowing her to share about EHA Special Olympics. **President Steve** presented **JaNeal** with the club’s Rotary coffee cup and thanked her for her wonderful presentation.



President Steve noted Subway Stores agreed to support the Puna Lava Relief with a donation of \$5,000 gift cards and 5,000 meals that starts next week to help residents of Puna. Additionally, **Keith Okamoto** reported that **President Steve** from his own business also donated meals to the Relief efforts. The support of Subway Stores exemplifies the true meaning of Rotary.

President Steve also thanked **Chuck & Gay Porter** for hosting a fun time “Hoedown” at their lovely home last weekend.

FOUR-WAY TEST: **Newton Chu**, 22 year Rotarian member reminded us that **Herbert J. Taylor** in the 1940’s was responsible for creating the **Four-Way Test**. Members and guests joined **Newton** in reciting the test and added #5 – Have fun!

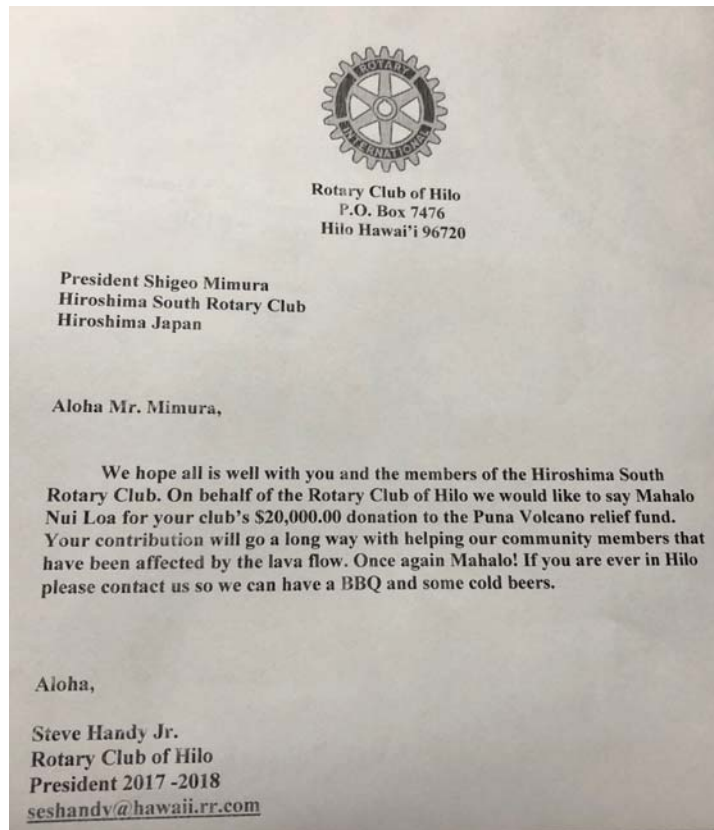
ADJOURNMENT: **President Steve** reported there seems to be some confusion as to the term of office date officially ends and when the new club administration takes over, so it seems our “fantastic feeling” **President Steve** will be presiding after all until July when incoming President **Keith Okamoto** calls the club to order.



Rotarian Interact Advisors



Photographer: **Eric Anderson**



The Rotary Club of Hilo accepted \$20,000 US dollars from their "sister club", Rotary Club of Hiroshima South at their meeting on Friday, June 1. Their contribution will go toward the Puna Relief Fund with the funds distributed by the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset. President Shigeo Mimura, President of Hiroshima-South Rotary sends his club's heartfelt Aloha to our Big Island community. The Rotary Club of Hiroshima South has about 110 members. There will be about 24 Hiroshima South Rotarians on their annual visit with the Rotary Club of Hilo and 6 Hiroshima students doing homestay with the Waiakea High School Interact Club members from Aug 17 to 21.

Photo: Past President Ed Hara and President Shigeo Mimura is shown on Ed's recent visit to Hiroshima in October.

Check photo: L-R Rotary Club of Hilo President Steve Handy, Mitchell Dodo (PP), Ed Hara (PP), Ron Cutler (Pahoia Sunset Rotary President), Newton Chu (PP), Naomi Menor and Russell Oda (PP). PP = past president of Rotary Club of Hilo.

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- Club Service – Kerry Glass
- New Generations – Brittany Luna
- Program Chair – Mike Meyer
- Attendance Chair – Judy Gibson
- Lava Flow Chair – Susan Munro
- Greeters – Cathy Gray
- Webmaster – ??
- Club Trainer – ??

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