

Rotary Club of Hilo



Lava Flow



June 7, 2018

Reporter: Susan

At the AJA Hall, on a lovely spring evening, the Rotary Club of Hilo held its 98th Installation of Officers. Jen Tanouye and Connie Ichinose



manned the entrance table, collecting money, signing in members and guests, and handing out name tags and the Rotary Theme pins for the new year. White-covered tables were topped with flowers, crystal and candles (good job, Beverly Heikes!) Musician Darryl Castillo played guitar and sang. Current club president Steve Handy, President-Elect Keith Okamoto, and incoming District Governor Win Schoneman greeted arriving guests.



Tonight's master of ceremonies Newton "The Don" Chu called the group to order and asked Steve to lead us the Pledge of Allegiance. Musician Darryl Castillo offered a blessing. Food was served. The evening's meal was provided by Dean Shigeoka, of AJ & Sons Catering. In addition to DG-Elect Win, the other guests were: Roberta Muller (spouse of Pete); Harvey Tajiri (spouse of Helene); Roberta Chu (spouse of Newton); Lara Hughes (guest of Anna Liu); and Brooklyn (granddaughter of Jen Tanouye).



Newton began the program with a moment of silence to acknowledge the eruption events that have been on the minds of many these days, especially if you live in

in lower Puna. Then Newton gave a brief



history of Rotary and our club, including the "dark and stormy afternoon" in 1920 when our club was chartered, and the induction of our club's first woman, Nancy Cabral, in 1988. Past District Governor Pete "o-m-d-b" Muller was in Hilo back in those days. Newton's nicknames are a highlight of his Lava Flow stories, and he used them liberally tonight. He introduced all the past presidents, many of whom got special nicknames (not all of which are reported here): Mitch "Morty" Dodo, Gay Porter, Chuck "I'm not Gay" Porter, Jim Cheney, Wally Wong, Alberta Dobbe, Kerry Glass, and our current president Steve Handy.

Outgoing President's Remarks

Steve spoke about his year as president. He said he was changed by the experience, by seeing how Rotarians come together to do good in the world. He thanked his outgoing Board:



Keith Okamoto, Malcom Chun, Connie Ichinose, Marcia Prose, Jen Tanouye, Wally Wong, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Kui Costa, Mitch Dodo, Randy Hart (not present), Treena Breyfogle (not present)

and Corey Kawamoto (not present).

Steve announced that we done well with our club contribution goals this year, especially for Polio Plus (thanks especially to Charlene Meyers and her mugs!) goals this year. This inspired Charlene to give \$400 to TRF, so that we could also make the TRF giving goal. Then Alberta Dobbe gave \$200 more to TRF, in honor of her son Martin who died in 2017.

Steve reminded the audience of some of the year's projects: our 15th year of helping out in Fiji (over \$200 thousand in gifts over these years) – and this year DG Nalani Flynn came along on the trip. Rotary can provide the tools to make things happen, if you have a passion.

He made some awards: the Quiet Rotarian, to Jeremiah Leonard, who couldn't attend the whole party tonight, but was often behind the scenes working on projects. Beverly Heikes got



the D5000 Spirit Award, as a new member who has impressed us with her Member Profile articles. And now she will be heading up Rotary in Kindergarten.



Installation of Officers for Rotary Year 2018-2019

District Governor Elect Win Schoneman began with remarks of his own about the value of Rotary. He experienced this on a Rotary-sponsored medical mission to Romania, where Romanian doctors were trained in



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 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

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – Tim Beatty
- The Rotary Foundation – Malcolm Chun
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

correcting cleft palates in children. “*Rotary gives people hope.*”

Win then installed President-Elect **Keith**



Okamoto as the club's 98th president. Next, the club's new board of directors were sworn in. They are: **Anna Liu**, President-Elect; **Mitch Dodo**, (perpetual) Vice President; **Corey Kawamoto**, Treasurer; **Malcolm Chun**, Foundations Director; **Genie Phillips**, Sergeant at Arms; **Sally O'Brien**, International Director; **Jen Tanouye**, Secretary; **Connie Ichinose**, Membership Director; **Marcia Prose**, Public Image Director; **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, Vocational Director; **Kerry Glass**, Club Service, and **Wally Wong**, Community Service Director. Not present: **Brittany Luna**, Youth Service Director.



New President's Remarks

Keith is looking forward to his year with his new Board. Though he's a relative newcomer to **RCH**, he says the Social Committee immediately made him feel at home and ready to participate.



Other Announcements

Brewfest (June 23). **Misti Tyrin** and **Marcia Prose** handed out stacks of Brewfest information cards. Sponsorship sales are doing well, but encourage your friends to buy their tickets. Online only, at hilobrewfest.com. **Anita Tatum** needs volunteers too – call her or check the web site.



Sister Club Visit.

Our sister club in Hiroshima donated **\$20,000** to Puna Relief. We will be entertaining them here in August. **Naomi Menor** and her committee are organizing a party at the Hilo Yacht Club on August 17. Be there to thank them!



And finally... **Newton** announced his new nickname for our new Prez. Since **Keith** is Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply, he can be known as “[Aquaman!](#)”

We recited the **Four Way Test**, and the meeting adjourned.



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**

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- Program Chair – Mike Meyer
- Attendance Chair – Judy Gibson
- Lava Flow Chair – Susan Munro
- Greeters – Cathy Gray
- Webmaster – ??
- Club Trainer – ??

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