

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



March 1, 2019

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## Preliminaries

**President Keith Okamoto** rang the opening bell at noon and called the meeting to order. **Malcolm Chun** led us the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Keith** thanked the Greeters for the day -- **Pat Guillen** and **Maureen Poirier** -- and asked them to introduce today's guests:

From the Rotary Club of South Hilo: **Keith Greer**, **Brenda Ho** and **Lani Wiegert**. **Lani** is also the day's presenter -- more on that later.

From the Roppongi Club in Japan: **Emii Katoo**. **Emii** is in Hilo to meet with a kumu hula.

**Keith** thanked today's Lava Flow Reporter, **Susan Munro**, and Photographer, **Eric Anderson**.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Chili Social** (March 14).

**Corey Kawamoto** invites you to one of the Social Committee's favorite parties. Only \$20 a person, including adult beverages. AND you can sample tasty chilis and desserts made by fellow Rotarians. Sign up online, or see **Corey**.

**District Training Event** (March 30). This annual East Hawaii event offers a chance to spend time with District management, and learn a bit about Rotary. Recommended for new members, and the 2019-2020 Board of Directors.

**Hilo Heart Walk** (March 30). If you're not going to the event above, consider joining **Kerry Glass** at the Heart Walk. One of Hilo's biggest walk events -- lots of good energy for an important cause. If you

can't walk, **Kerry** will be happy to take a check payable to the American Heart Association. Our club usually brings in lots of \$\$ for this cause.

Special speaker on March 8. **Kerry** reminded everyone that our presenter at next week's meeting will be **Mayor Harry Kim**. Bring your friends. Bring your questions.

**Brewfest** (June 29). The club's signature fundraiser needs many volunteers. **Marcia Prose** encouraged everyone to check out the opportunities and sign up.

**Cruise Ship Luncheon** (March 29). Benefitting the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. Aboard Princess Cruises' Ruby Princess, enjoy a three course lunch with wine, Lucky Number Drawings, and Silent Auction. Tickets \$100. See **Patty Brey** if interested.

**"An Evening of Wine & Cheese Tasting"** (March 9). **Jen Tanouye** announced this fundraiser for the Hilo Woman's Club. It will be a lovely evening. See her or **Beverly Heikes** for tickets.

**Cat Videos at the Palace** (March 10). Really -- a cat video festival!!! A change from the Palace's usual classic movies, live concerts, and other cultural fare. **Marcia** will have the March calendar of events as you leave the meeting today.

**Kathy Borer** got her **Paul Harris Fellowship** certificate and pin today, presented by Foundations Director, **Malcolm Chun**.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Naomi Menor's** birthday is February 23

**Jim Cheney's** birthday is February 28.

**Bob Fox** celebrated his 35th anniversary with the club on February 24.

**Keith Okamoto** has been in our club for 3 years. Anniversary on February 26.

**Ed Hara** celebrated 32 years with the club on February 27.

## Happy Dollars

**Nate Chang** was \$20 happy to report that has been eating healthy for a week. His doctor reports that his "numbers" are better. Good job!

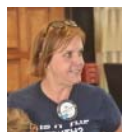
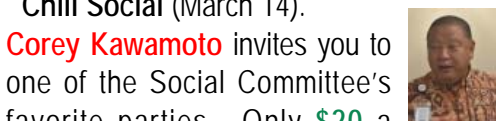
Coach **Pat Guillen** was very happy to announce that his student athletes were reading to kids this week as part of "Dr. Seuss Read Across America." (Possibly some future recruits for RIK?)

**Brenda Ho** had a few happy dollars to thank us for hosting the Hawaii Care Choices presentation today.

**Nancy Cabral** said the Panaewa Rodeo was wonderful this year, and she has happy dollars for that. And she will go to **PETS** a year early, so she can be extra-prepared when her turn comes to be President in 2020. Yay, **Nancy!**

**President Keith** announced that he had 50 happy dollars from **Dave DeLuz**, for **Randy Hart's Paul Harris** account.

**Kathy Borer** had some happy dollars to announce the successful location of the missing child she brought a flyer to the meeting about a few weeks ago.



### Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6

Bobby Dugar March 9

Helene Tajiri March 25

### Club Anniversary:

Cathy Gray March 3, 2017 (2)

Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (22)

Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (30)

Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (31)

Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (7)

Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (24)

Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (25)

Galen Ichinose March 31, 2017 (2)

Thomas Jimenez March 31, 2017 (2)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (50)

Charlene & Amos Meyers March 7 (48)

Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (14)

Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun March 18 (14)

Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (30)

Beverly & Ken Heikes March 23 (23)

Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (51)

### Announcements:

Mar. 8 - Mayor Harry Kim

Mar. 14 - Chili Social AJA Hall 5:30 pm

Mar. 15 - No Meeting

Mar. 22 - Sarah Luchenbill  
American Cancer Society

Mar. 29 - No Meeting

Mar. 30 - Hilo Heart Walk

Mar. 30 - District Training

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

### Speaker:

**Lani Weigert** "Hawaii Care Choices"

**Lani Weigert** is the Clinical & Community Relations Manager for Hawaii Care Choices, formerly Hospice of Hilo.



To get the discussion going, Lani took us through a questionnaire, to make sure we all

understood that:

- Hospice care can be delivered at home, or in a facility.
- Although a doctor is needed to certify that the hospice patient has a life-limiting illness, patients or their families can initiate process by contacting Hawaii Care Choices directly.
- The goal of hospice care is to support both their patients and their families. A whole team is mobilized.
- Hospice care is covered by Medicare.
- In addition to hospice care, Hawaii Care Choices also offers palliative care, which is available for those dealing with serious illnesses like cancer, or COPD.

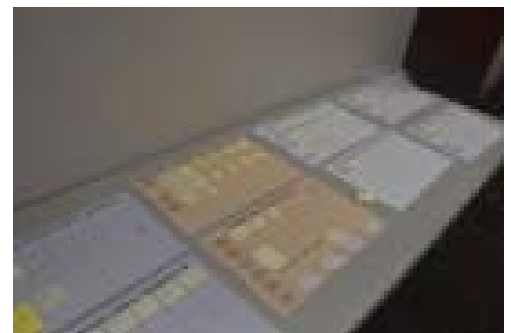


Questions from the audience kept **Lani** and **Brenda** talking until **Keith** had to ring the bell. **Bob Fox** and **Chris Tamm** tried to out-do each other in "who can ask the most questions". To settle the matter, they decided each should pay a \$5 fine.

--and that's all, folks

**Malcolm** led us in reciting the **Four-Way Test**.

And the meeting was adjourned.



Sign-up sheets for Brewfest...



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