

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



March 16, 2018

Reporter: the "Don"

It was a glorious day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii (or something like that said **Da Prez**). As we have done for over 97 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Greeted with a smile, and warm handshakes by Greeters **Bobby "hitman" Stivers** and **Marcia "Palace" Prose**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our fearless 97th President **Steve "Footlong" Handy** asked new member **Deborah "newbie" Teichman** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So **Da Prez** reminded everyone that our International theme for the year under the leadership of **Rotary International President Ian Riseley** is "**Rotary Making a Difference**." He then has a short eulogy for the recent passing of **Past President Stew "Navy Seal" Hussey**. A great man and member, he will truly be missed by all.

Da Prez then brought up the Greeter **Marcia "Palace" Prose** to introduce our guests. Visiting all the way from Rotary Club of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada were **Ron Becker** and **Irene Kawalchuk**. Also visiting from Rotary Club of Sun Peaks, British Columbia, Canada was **President Brenda Wilkinson**. **Genie "real estate" Phillips** brought new friend **Sanyu Barniwat**. Our Guest Speaker was **Jim Becker** of the Rotary Club of Petaluma.



Announcements

Wally "Hokulea" Wong reminded everyone of the cleanup on Saturday at Rotary Centennial Park on Kalaniana'ole Avenue. We will be working with the Interact club to cut back the overgrowth. **Genie "real estate" Phillips** announced that the Hilo Woman's Club was having a Wine and Cheese party on Saturday night. **Bobby "hitman" Stivers**



reminded everyone that on **April 6** we will not have a regular meeting and there

will be Rotary visitations at **Dodo Mortuary**, **Penn Fitness Center** and **Hilo Medical Center**. Sign up now! **Randy "not Gary" Hart** reminded us that next weekend March 24 is our Rotary District Assembly where there will be fun, fellowship and of course, rotary training. New members are encouraged to attend. Finally **Kerry "not Munro" Glass** made a plea for more volunteers for the Hilo Marathon on Sunday, March 18. **President Footlong** then announced that when there is a celebration of the life of **PP Stew**, he will let us know.



Charlene "mugs" Myers celebrated 47 years of marriage to **Ames. Mitchell "Morty" Dodo**. Celebrated his anniversary with his wife **Karen. Helene**



"Mocha" Tajiri celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband **Harvey**, and her upcoming 39th birthday by donating to the **Wada Foundation** which sponsors kids from our sister club in Hiroshima Japan to visit us in Hilo, Hawaii.

Happy Dollars

Chris "Light" Tamm was happy to remember that the Hilo Reign rugby team played a team from Kelowna Canada many years ago. **Jim "not Dick" Cheney** was happy to remember some kind thoughts about recently passed **PP Stew** and physicist **Stephen Hawking**. He was sad that the new football and



soccer fields are not yet open. **Chuck "not Gay" Porter** was happy that there will be a Rotary dinner at his house in Waikī Ranch in May, and he also will miss the musings and appraisal work of **PP Stew**. Visiting

Rotarian **Ron Becker** was happy to be visiting Hilo, saying it was absolutely beautiful. Yes, we think so too **Ron!** But thanks for visiting and dropping some dime in our town! **Kathleen "YWCA" McGilvray** was happy about the upcoming rummage sale to benefit YWCA and the upcoming ZONTA Club dinner on March 26 to celebrate the work of **Senator Mazie Hirono** and Hilo icon **Irene Nagao**.



Kerry "not Munro" Glass was happy that we raised a bunch of money for the Heart Walk this past weekend. **Charlene Meyers** was \$46 happy for her 47th wedding anniversary. **Keith "Wattah" Okamoto** was happy to have known **PP Stew. Cory "CU later" Kawamoto** was happy that on April 19th we will have our



annual Chili Cook-off Social event at the AJA Hall on Haili Street. There is also a Dessert contest so start thinking about showing off your cooking skills! **Anna "Happy Valley" Liu** was happy that **PP Stew** was one of her mentors. **President Footlong** was happy that **Gay "not Chuck" Porter** donated to his Fiji Project.

Our speaker was visiting Rotarian **Jim Becker**, a 25 year Rotarian from Rotary Club of Petaluma who recently relocated to Honokaa. He has been a Rotarian for over 20 years and is especially interested in international service. He is widely traveled and has visited Bangkok and Shanghai every year for several years. He has built up an extensive network of Rotarian contacts who are active in international service. **Jim** traveled to Kathmandu, Nepal in November 2015 to launch a telemedicine project at the Kathmandu Institute of Science and Technology School of Medicine. The country is still recovering from the April 2015 earthquake. Jim has extensive connections with Rotary in China and has helped lead the project in Shanghai which began in July 2017. **Jim** has coordinated and overseen Rotary Projects for the past 15 years mostly in Asia including Thailand, Nepal and China. He's a retired Financial Advisor who loves the international service of Rotary.

Jim is currently on the Board of Global Offsite Care ("Global") which operates the Tele-Medicine platform in 14 Countries mostly thru Rotary Projects working with many Rotary Clubs around the World. Global is a group of Rotarians and supporters who are enthusiastic about spreading the benefits of telemedicine worldwide to provide high quality care to the underserved using affordable technology. Global recognize that as technology evolves, it becomes more and more practical to connect patients with medical specialists who are not nearby and in fact may be in a distant country. Remote consults from medical specialists to local doctors can save lives and bring practical solutions to medical problems faced by patients no matter where they



Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6

Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cathy Gray March 3, 2017 (1)

Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (21)

Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (29)

Chris McNichols March 17, 2017 (1)

Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (30)

Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (6)

Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (23)

Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (24)

Gail Takaki March 28, 2008 (10)

Galen Ichinose March 31, 2017 (1)

Thomas Jimenez March 31, 2017 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (49)

Charlene & Amos Meyers March 7 (47)

Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (13)

Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun March 18 (13)

Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (29)

Beverly & Ken Heikes March 23 (22)

Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (50)

Announcements:

March 23 - Julie Mitchell

Ku'ikahi Mediation

March 30 - No Meeting

April 6 - Vocational Visits

April 13 - Ross Birch

Hawaii Island Visitors Bureau

April 19 - Chili and Dessert Contest

April 20 - No Meeting

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

happen to live.

The mission of Global is to bring Rotarian resources together in support of telemedicine projects worldwide. Global accelerates the adoption of telemedicine by providing the technology platform to doctors at hospitals and clinics to enable telemedicine so patients receive excellent care no matter where they happen to live. Global hope to save lives and have high quality outcomes from using technology to make treating the underserved easy.

History

In July 2012, **President Gail Thomas** of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise announced an initiative to spread telemedicine using the approach that **Dr. Gude**, a local telemedicine pioneer, has used successfully in Northern California. **Mikel Cook**, International Chair for 2012, took on the challenge of getting the initiative going and has been joined by other Rotarians to help make the initiative a success.

As more Rotary Clubs joined the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise in promoting telemedicine through Rotary club projects, these Rotarians saw a need to establish an organization to coordinate the initiative that can provide continuity beyond the initial year and location.



The Founders of Global Offsite Care

Mikel Cook – President of Global Offsite Care and former Chair of the International Service Committee for the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise. **Mikel** loves telemedicine because as a computer consultant with thirty years' experience he likes the combination of medical with new technical capabilities. **Mikel** has experience working in startups and also working with international firms to roll out computer programs worldwide.

Gail Thomas – Past President of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise 2012-13, is Treasurer of the special local government district formed to support our local hospital, has been a Rotarian for many years. Her background includes having been Registrar at Duke University School of Medicine which gave her insight into how doctors train and who gets to be a licensed physician. She also served for several years as a senior official in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as it was being transformed into two separate cabinet level departments. She was also a successful entrepreneur as a landscape designer.

Brian Bauer – **Brian** was a marketing and sales executive for a high tech company who traveled frequently on business.

Jim would like the Rotary Club of Hilo to join him in travelling to Nepal in November to see the work of Global firsthand. They use high technology to connect doctors anywhere with patients in medically underserved countries. Great story and information **Jim**, thanks for sharing it with us!

President Footlong then asked **Deborah "newbie" Teichman** to lead us in the **4-way test**, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.



Photographer: **Anna Liu**

Save these dates...

March 23 Rotary Meeting -Julie Mitchell / Ku'ikahi Mediation Center

March 24 Hilo Medical Center Foundation Cruise Ship Luncheon

March 30 - No Meeting

April 6 - Vocational Visits: Dodo Mortuary, Hilo Medical Center, Penn Fitness

Contact Bobby Stivers-Apiki

April 11 - Board Meeting

April 13 - Rotary Meeting - Ross Birch / Hawaii Island Visitors Bureau

April 19 - Chili Cook Off & Dessert Contest, AJA Hall

Contact Corey Kawamoto

April 20 - No Meeting

April 21 - "Mauka to Makai" - South Point Cleanup

Contact Wally Wong

April 27 - Rotary Meeting

May 4 - Rotary Meeting

May 9 - Board Meeting

May 11 - Rotary Meeting

May 18 - No Meeting

May 25 - Rotary Meeting

May 26 - "Hoedown at the Porter's"

June 1 - Rotary Meeting

June 7 - Installation Event

June 8 - No Meeting

June 15 - Rotary Meeting

June 22 - No Meeting

June 23 - Brew Fest