

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



March 23, 2018

Reporter: Double H

On this Friday, the 23rd of March, just past the Ides, **St. Patrick's Day** and **St. Joseph's Day** (this was on the 19th and since this writer went to a small Catholic school growing up, this day was a big event, bigger than **St. Patrick's Day**, and we got the day off as a school holiday – a big thing when you're a kid) a sparse attendance of our membership (probably quite a few were attending Saturday's District Training Assembly, as announced by **Ret. Col. Past Pres. Randy Hart**, which counted as a meeting makeup (and free breakfast and lunch, paid for by our Club, making this a desirable event) gathered for our regular weekly meeting. The attendance did grow after the meeting started as stragglers snuck in slightly late.



## GREETERS

Greeting everyone with smiles and a handshake were fill-in greeters **Past Pres. Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro**. Apparently **Tim Beatty** either forgot to remind whoever was supposed to greet today or just plain did not have anyone assigned for today's meeting.



## OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

**Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** rang the opening bell right on time at 12:05pm. **Past Pres. Ed Hara** was called upon to lead us in the pledge to our flag..



## VISITORS AND GUESTS

Greeter **Past Pres. Kerry** was called upon to introduce our visitors and guests.

The Visiting Rotarians from another Club today were **Richard Cunningham** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and **Jim Becker** of the Rotary Club of Petaluma (also a possible future prospective member of our Club and last week's guest speaker).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, April 6, we are having our annual **Business Visitation meetings** (due to the Merrie Monarch Festival taking up all the Hotel space here and with parking & traffic being a real problem), as announced by



**Bobby Stivers-Apiki** at the off location sites of **Dodo Mortuary**, **Hilo Medical Center** and **Penn Fitness Center** (thanks to those all being managed or operated by members of our Club) with all the lunch moneys collected being contributed to our **Hilo Rotary Foundation**. Make sure to contact **Bobby** or one of the dignitaries of the 3 sites to let them know which one you will be visiting. This way is makes it easier for them to account for however many are showing up at their location.

According to **Marcia Prose**, the Children's Justice Center is having a fund raising gala (its 3rd annual gala) on Friday, May 4th here at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel and will be honoring 3 true friends of the Center, **Mitch Roth**, **Geoffrey Casburn** and us, the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. Mark this event down on your calendar and get tickets from **Marcia** or at [www.fcjEastHawaii.org](http://www.fcjEastHawaii.org).



**Pastor Eric Anderson** pointed out that on each table was **The Rotary Mediation Pledge** form that he would like all of us to fill out to help promote Aloha and nurture all relationships in our daily activities.



**Kui Costa**, in the place of **Past Presidents Gay** and **Chuck Porter**, notified us all of a

big ho-down at their home on Saturday, May 26. This will be a BBQ type event at their spacious home (we've been there before and its really nice) and be a great social activity for all of us. Plan on signing up and going, only **\$40.00** per person, including beverages.

**Richard Cunningham** made his pitch for donations to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** in which there will be



a drawing for a fabulous Koa mirror (on display today up front), with each **\$50.00** contributed will earn a ticket for a chance to win that mirror. What a nice prize!

**Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** thanked **Beverly Heikes**

for her regular Spotlight on New Members which informs us about a selected new member. Her latest version told us all about **Patty Bray**.



### 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 30 - 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

### PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION

Ed Hara was presented with his latest **Paul Harris Pin** making **Eddie** having a +6 status (that's **\$7,000** in contributions over the years). Congratulations **Eddie!**



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: None

Wedding Anniversaries:

**Past President Jim Cheney** and **Xiao Ying Sun** on March 18, 13 years.

**Jerry** and **Sandy Watanabe** on March 19, 29 years.

**Beverly** and **Ken Heikes**, today March 23, 22 years.

Club Anniversaries:

**Tom Brown** & **Chris McNichols** on the 17th - 29 years & 1 year respectively.

**Naomi Menor** on the 18th - 30 years.

**Tammy Silva**, today, the 23rd, 6 years.

**\$\$ HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$**

**Richard Cunningham** was happy to be here (he enjoys doing his make-ups are our Club) and mentioned that the drawing for the mirror would be in about 2 weeks.



**Eric** was happy cause his daughter was accepted into a seminary college in New York, starting next year. Good for her!



**Beverly** was exceeding happy that her kids and family will be elsewhere tonight so she and her husband can celebrate their anniversary in ways unimaginable.



**Patty Terada** was happy about **RYLA** and those (**Gail Takaki** and **Jen Tanouye** among others) who put it on for the kids. Great job.



**Chris Tamm** was happy to be making another trip with his wife, this time to Panama for 10 weeks, meaning he will miss notification of their wedding anniversary next week.



**Pres Po-Boy Jr.** mentioned that as many of us as possible should plan on the District Conference coming up in May. This is an event celebrating all that Rotary does in Hawaii and honors all the Clubs in their achievements.



### GUEST SPEAKER

Today's speaker, **Julie Mitchell**, Executive Director of Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, was introduced by our illustrious President doing a long reading of her bio and accomplishments. **Julie** (not related to our past member **Mitch Mitchell**) grew up in L.A. and moved to Hawaii in 1998, working for various non-profits.



The Mediation Center was founded in 1983 as part of the local YMCA and became an independent non-profit in 2006.

Many of our Club members are/were either on their board or serve as mediators (among them **Dr. Fox**, **Gail Takaki**, **Nancy Cabral**) helping in the Center's goal of preventing and resolving conflicts at the lowest possible level.

The Center is one of 2 non-profit community mediation centers in Hawaii County which collectively contract with the Hawaii State Judiciary to provide a variety of court-referred mediation services for district, family and circuit courts. What they try to do is to get people to "talk it out" for resolutions in their conflicts.



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**

With Hawaii having the longest life expectancy of all 50 states (did you know this?) at over 81 years of age, families and caregivers often experience serious conflicts as to what needs to be done for a kapuna. And, of course, something needs to be worked out and that's where the Center plays an important role.

The 2 Centers here on the B.I. receive funding from the Hawaii County Office of Aging and a State Grant In Aid to provide conflict resolution services. Care givers often have problems with family members as to what needs are to be taken care of, thus often requiring the need for mediation. Saving homes from foreclosure and credit card debt are common occurrences. Facilitated family meetings are held where everyone can explore issues such as shared decision-making, durable and medical powers of attorney, division of care giving responsibilities and more.

And this is where, for sure, the Center can help, offering a safe space for having difficult conversations, making tough decisions and resolving sensitive family matters. Being able to sit down with loved ones and formulating a plan that works for everyone is invaluable to families and their service providers.

And on the other end of the spectrum, our keiki. Their problems are different but just as concerning. Developing mediators in their age bracket is a challenge, since kids will tend to listen more to their peers rather than to adults telling them what to do. Three schools in the Kau district (Mountain View Elem. School, Keonepoko Elem. School & Volcano School of Arts & Science) have kids working as mediators in trying to facilitate resolving disputes between 2 or more students.

To emphasize this point as to what the kids are doing, a short movie was shown as to what the kids do and what they have to go through to get the problems handled. One of the programs to help them is GABCD (Ground Rules, Ask Questions, Brainstorm, Choose Solutions, Document) where the kids get to learn and gain acceptance in doing the mediation with the other students having problems. **Julie**, then, had us do a live demo with hand claps and foot stomps to music in showing how the kids can offer this. What a treat!

And as a result, the kids seem to wind up with more resolutions (80% of the time) compared to adult problems (60% of the time). This teaches the kids to work out their problems rather than bully or fight their way out of them.

**Julie** mentioned that there are flyers on the table about the Center and its programs and upcoming events. They obviously could use more support and volunteers and she encouraged everyone to sign up to be added to their email list for knowledge of their activities.



After a few questions and comments from the audience **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** thanked her for this informative and enjoyable talk and called upon **Past Pres. Jim Kennedy** to lead us in the recitation of the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say and do.



But just before the actual close of the meeting **Nancy** made an terrific contribution of **\$500** to the **HRYF** (she wants that mirror apparently). And **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** mentioned that the Hawaii District Governor will be going with him and his group to Fiji to learn about what Rotary is accomplishing down there.

And with that, the meeting officially came to an end.

**Pau**

## *Save these dates...*

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**