

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



March 22, 2019

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Call to Order.

President Keith Okamoto called the meeting to order promptly at 12 noon, welcoming all and then leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings.

He thanked greeters **Sally O'Brien** and **Helene Tajiri**. **Helene** introduced **Richard Cunningham** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and then invited **Jacob Bratton** to introduce his son, **Corbin**, a fourth grader, who is on spring break this week. Also welcomed was **Kelvin Watanabe** from Hawaiian Tel, guest of **Wally Wong**.

Thanked also were **Helen Hemmes**, reporter for the day, and **Kerry Glass**, photographer.

Congratulations.

President Keith used a PowerPoint slide to list all those celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and club anniversaries.

Happy Birthday.

Bobby Dugar!

President Keith announced he saw **Sam Wallis** at the chili cook-off, with congrats to

Sam and **Sandy Wallis** on their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations were also extended to

Mitch and **Karen Dodo** (14 years), **Jim Cheney** and his wife **Xiao Ying Sun** (14 years),

Jerry and **Sandy Watanabe** (30 years),

Tom Brown (30 years), and

Naomi Menor (31 years).



Upcoming Events.

Rotary World Water Day is today, with **Steve Handy, Jr.**, invited to share that our Club contributed \$3000 to get water filters to 60 families in Fiji as part of a joint international water project. The filter is a four-stage filter system where river water entered through the top comes through 100% clean and potable.

Activities next Saturday.

March 30, include the East Hawaii District Training and the Hilo Heart walk for the American Heart Association (AHA), with checks (made payable to AHA) or cash ideally contributed today via **Kerry Glass**.

Marcia Prose encouraged Rotarians to sign up as volunteers for the **Brewfest** on June 29 and to purchase tickets (via cash only at \$60 each at a savings of \$4

fee each for an online purchase) at the Mehuna Brewing Company on Friday, April 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Rotarians can resell tickets—with no refunds!

Randy Hart, East Hawaii Area District Governor, encouraged incoming Board members, new members, and all others to attend the

Spring District Assembly from 8:30 to 12:30 with the Foundation and membership as key topics. **District Governor Elect Eric Kaler** will be there to share his vision for the upcoming year. He noted he also has tickets for the RC of Hilo's Hilo Huli on May 5, with tickets at \$55 if purchased in advance and \$65 at the event.



Richard Cunningham thanked **Steve Handy, Jr.** for interviewing the five students who are finalists for the \$5,000 scholarship provided by the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)**, with each Club having the honor of supporting one student. He displayed a 24" by 26" koa frame (mirror to be installed), which he is donating as an incentive to giving to the **HRYF**. Everyone giving \$50 or more has a chance to win, but gifts of all amounts are gladly accepted. The drawing will be held in mid-April.

Paul Harris Award.

Malcolm Chun, Foundation Chair, congratulated **President Keith** and presented him with his second **Paul Harris** award. Thank you all for contributing to the **Rotary Foundation!**

Happy Dollars\$\$

Chris Tamm donated \$5 to share his concern about the missing Club bell, which, thankfully, subsequently appeared. (Thanks to

Kerry Glass for getting it?)

Helene Tajiri shared that she would be celebrating three anniversaries next week and contributed a total of \$300 to the **HRYF**, the **Rotary Club of Hilo**, and the **Rotary Foundation** for her birthday, her wedding anniversary (51 years), and membership in the Club since 1994. She shared that Rotary membership is "awesome." She also



said she was welcomed as part of the Rotary family when she attended a Rotary meeting in Jerusalem, and she believes that Rotary was instrumental after WWII in helping build relationships between Japan and the USA.

Beverly Heikes shared that she and her husband would be celebrating their wedding anniversary tomorrow (#23), with her husband calculating that "probably 22 years were happy"! What fun! She gave \$23 to the **Rotary Club of Hilo**.



Jeremiah Leonard gave \$20 to the **HRYF** for "six happy years" of marriage on March 20.



Randy Hart gave \$100 to the **Rotary Foundation** to announce that of the six Rotary Clubs in East Hawaii, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** has already met its Foundation goal.

Richard Cunningham gave \$25 for the joy of sharing a table with fun Rotarians and to thank Club members for their generosity to the **HRYF**.

J.D. Domizio gave \$6 since it's been since 6 weeks since the work on his Achilles tendon (injured while playing basketball). He also invited persons 18 and over to attend the upcoming training (on March 30, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.) by the Hilo Medical Center Foundation on youth mental health—normal behavior, actual mental illness, points of contact, etc. He welcomes the donations of



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. 29 - No Meeting

Mar. 30 - Hilo Heart Walk

Mar. 30 - District Training

April 5 - Lauren Nickerson

Hawaii Humane Society

April 12 - Darryl Oliveira

Pacific Tsunami Museum

May 3 - Don Bisse - USA Pickleball

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

magazines and books for the Aloha Cart for the sharing of goodies to hospital patients.

Jim Kennedy gave \$20 to note that the astronomy community was able "to get the sun to cross the equinox again!"



Nancy Cabral shared she had attended nine condo association meetings in five days and had spent time on the mainland (including 10 hours with grandkeiki and attending the **PETS** meeting part of the time). She said the **PETS** meeting was a "T"—Time, Terrific, Terrifying—but so important in helping plan for our Club's centennial celebration next year. (She noted **Anna Liu** attended the **President Elect Training Session (PETS)** all week.)



Our Speakers:

Around 12:30 p.m., **President Keith** introduced our two speakers, **Sarah Luchenbill**, Community Development Manager for the American Cancer Society (ACS), and **Lee Lord**, a Board member for the ACS Hawaii Pacific Board and key volunteer.



Key points followed an A, B, C approach after sharing of the mission: "To save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight

for a world without cancer."

"We are Activists" was noted, with the report that today 1,700 people will die of cancer, but there has been a 27% drop in cancer death rates since 1991, or 2.6 million fewer cancer deaths. One out of three persons will be diagnosed with cancer, and there will be 7,120 new cases in 2019.

"We are a leader in transformational cancer Breakthroughs" with ACS investing more than \$4.8 billion in research since 1946. Preventive activities including promoting smoke-free workplaces, encouraging active life styles, and recommending colon rectal exams starting at age 45 (instead of age 50).

"We serve Communities" with 8.5 million free rides to Treatment since 2005. All 50 states have a Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) that focuses on lobbying, thanks to non-tax deductible gifts of \$10 or more. ACS has helped provide more than 4 million free

nights of lodging. In Honolulu, 280 cancer patients with caregivers (58% from the Big Island) have had lodging at the ACS Clarence T.C. Ching HOPE Lodge since Nov. 2016. (Go to cancer.org/hopelodgehawaii.)

"We provide Direction" with ACS being the number #1 trusted source for cancer information 224/7. (See Cancer.org or call 1-800-227-2345 with persons answering phone calls from Hawaii knowledgeable about Hawaii's geography and local culture.)

Upcoming events include the annual cancer relay at the Francis Wong Stadium with over 2000 participants anticipated. The theme this year is "Give Cancer the Boot!" on July 20, 4 p.m. to midnight: "Rootin' Tootin' Boot Scootin' Cancer Kicking Good time." Ways to get involved include becoming a sponsor, participating as a company team, promoting volunteerism, and providing in-kind services such as food, water, sound equipment, media, and tents to help ensure a successful event. (Yes, contributions to ACS as a 501(c) 3 organization are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.)

"Bark for Life" will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at Lili'uokalani Park from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and the "Pink Out Color Run/Walk" is scheduled at the Ho'olulu Complex on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Healthy and informative questions and sharing followed their presentation, including **Helene Tajiri's**



expressing thanks to ACS for their support and with **Nancy Cabral's** sharing the history of "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" and noting that funds raised at the local



rodeo in February help the local chapter. FYI, the ACS Hawai'i Field Office is located at 58 Kino'ole Street in Hilo (Tel. 935-9763).

In Closing:

President Keith encouraged participation on Business Visitation Day (April 26) and then led the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the Things We Think Say, or Do, plus our Club's #5 Test (Have fun!). There is no meeting on Friday, March 30. Did we hear that bell ring?



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