

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



May 11, 2018

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## Pledge



President **Steve Handy** called the meeting to order at noon, and asked **Bob Fox** to lead us the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bob**, happy to oblige, remarked that this was the first time -- in his 34 years with the club -- that he had been asked. Interesting...

Greeter **Kerry Glass** introduced today's guests:

•**Ron Cutler**, president of the Rotary Club of Pahoa.

•**Jim Becker**, currently from the Rotary Club of Petaluma, but thinking of joining our club

•**Jeremiah Leonard** had two guests (also employees at Sun Construction) **Kahea Rosehill** and **Aaron Albers**

•**Anna Liu's** guest was **Marlene Murray**



•**Wally Wong's** guest was **Shannon Roberge**

•**Nancy Cabral** brought two Day-Lum employees: **Luana Rosehill** and **Bobby Dugar**.



## News and Announcements

**Four More Meetings.** President **Steve** will only be in office for a few more weeks. So if you have any special requests, now's the time!

**Brewfest (June 23).** Tickets are available online now, at [hilobrewfest.com](http://hilobrewfest.com). **Marcia Prose** says that buyers should go to the site. No paper tickets this year. If you want to volunteer for the event, contact **Anita Tatum**. The Steering Committee will be voting on directing some of this year's profits to Puna relief efforts.

**Chuck Porter's Hoedown (May 26).** **Anna Liu** is collecting funds, if you want to attend. An email with directions will be mailed to

attendees before the event. **Chuck** says it will be quite a party -- there will be two bands.

**Thanks, Corey!** **Steve** thanked **Corey Kawamoto** for the successful Chili Cookoff a few weeks ago. **Corey** says the Social Committee is so good at these events that they could run it without him. Thanks to all!

**Paul Harris Status.** **Foundations Chair Malcolm Chun** has a report with everyone's Paul Harris status. Several folks are very close to their next level award. See him for details and/or if you want to transfer some of your points to someone else.



**Club T-shirts.** **Connie Ichinose** has t-shirts. Pick them up if you ordered. She has some extras, so now's the time to stock up. Now that she's retired from Creative Arts, she wants to turn the shirt-ordering job over to someone else. She will train her replacement -- see her if you're interested.

**Events at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (ongoing).** **Charlene Meyers** spoke briefly about events at the Park in Volcano. As a long-time volunteer, she was one of the folks who helped get everything there closed up until the threat of an explosive event at the caldera has receded. The HVO scientists believe that nearby communities are far enough away to be safe from any ejected rocks.



**Puna \$\$ Relief Efforts.** Both local and District Rotary organizations have been working this week on assistance plans. This week's previously scheduled speaker yielded his spot so that various organizations could explain what they are doing. More detail in the Program section, below.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Connie Ichinose** was born on May 21st. **Susan Munro** and **Kerry Glass** have been club members for nine years.

**Toshi Aoki** and **Kahori** celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 1

**Nancy Cabral** and spouse **AI** also celebrated their anniversary on May 1.

**Steve Handy** and **Shari** celebrated their anniversary on May 3.

## Happy Dollars

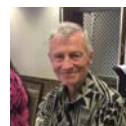
**Marcia Prose** has the current Palace Newsletter. Available at the door. Donation to **HRCF**

**Mitch Roth** was honored by the Friends. And he won a pitching contest at a Bar Association function benefiting the university. Donation to **HRYF**

**Chris Tamm** has been running into Rotarians at the airport: **Harris Hirata** and **Stan Fortuna**. Donation to **TRF**

**Jim Kennedy** had a contribution for Puna.

**Stan Fortuna** is here for his "annual meeting". He reports that he's been attending other clubs in Michigan, but none are as good as ours. He's disappointed he won't be here for the **Chuck's** Hoedown.



**Chuck Porter** shared that his first property was in Leilani Estates, and he has many memories from that time.

**Chuck's** also been thinking about **Stew Hussey**. And since they both have a reputation for speaking a tad longer than strictly necessary, **Chuck** understands that **Stew** has left his extra speaking time to **Chuck**. **Chuck** also had a story about Coach **Jimmy Yagi** that might have involved basketballs, but this reporter will



## Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2  
Connie Ichinose May 5  
Patty Terada May 13  
Kathy Borer May 23  
Anita Tatum May 24  
Ian Birnie May 28

## Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1, 2009 (9)  
Susan Munro May 1, 2009 (9)  
Ian Kitagawa May 12, 2006 (2)  
Stan Fortuna May 20, 2016 (2)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (35)  
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (29)  
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1 (34)  
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (20)  
Kathy & Joe Borer May 16 (26)  
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (3)  
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (24)  
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (34)  
Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29 (13)

## Announcements:

May 18- No Meeting  
May 25 -  
May 26 - "Hoe Down at the Porter's"  
June 1 -  
June 7 - Installation Event  
June 9 - No Meeting  
June 15 -  
June 22 - No Meeting  
June 23 - Brew Fest  
June 28 -

## 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

not repeat it. **Chuck's** generous donation will go to Puna.

**Lorraine Shin** has \$100 for the relief fund



**Nancy Cabral** missed the 6.9 earthquake, since she was on the mainland waiting for her second grandchild. Donation to TRF.



**Helen Hemmes** brought a story that was published in the Tribune-Herald in 1947: our Rotary club facilitated the construction and donation of a handicap-adapted vehicle for a local man. Donation to the Puna fund.



**Malcolm Chun** has earned another diploma. Donation to TRF

**Biff Kennedy** has a donation for Puna.



**Elle Lee** apologized for being late and made a \$100 Puna donation.



**Ian Kitagawa** has a new job, and some money for Puna relief.



[editor's note: today's **Happy Dollars** donations totaled \$965. \$755 to Puna relief, \$50 to HRYF, \$25 to HRCF, \$135 to TRF.]

## Today's Program - Puna Relief Efforts

District 5000 Pahoia Volcano Relief Fund. The Hawaii District has established a fund, which the Pahoia club will help administer. To donate, go to RotaryD5000.org. Or give a check to our ADG, **Randy Hart**. **Ron Cutler**, president of the Pahoia club, spoke a little about events in their neighborhood: three club members have lost their homes. He says it is inspiring how Rotarians have come together here to help.



**Feeding at the Shelters.** **Cel Ruwethin**, looking very official in his Salvation Army uniform, said that the Army is managing the feeding program at the shelters the county has opened. They provide three meals a day to as many as 250 people. Other organizations and restaurants who want to assist should call the Army coordination number: 756-0306.



**Steve** announced that the club will donate \$2500 to this effort.

## Many Working Groups.

**Steve** says **Wally Wong**, **Nancy Cabral**, and others have been working on various ways to help.

• **Nancy** has a team working on finding other accommodations for folks displaced by Pele - not easy in the island's already-tight housing market.

• **Kahea Rosehill** described some medium-term housing solutions - semi-permanent housing that could be used for 1-2 years if needed. They have estimated costs and obtained promises of land that could be used for this period. They will be discussing these plans with the county and other interested parties.

• **Jim Becker** mentioned that Shelter Boxes might also be useful here. He's willing to coordinate with RI on this. And that's all, folks!

**Stan Fortuna** led us in the **Four Way Test**.



# *Save these dates...*

May 18 - No Meeting

May 25 - Rotary Meeting - Angela Fa'anunu - Kavio Farms

May 26 - "Hoedown at the Porter's"

June 1 - Rotary Meeting - JaNeals - Special Olympics

June 7 - Installation Event

June 8 - No Meeting

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

