

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



May 25, 2018

Reporter: the "Don"

It was a typical cloudy day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii during Day 21 of the current Kilauea eruption. 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 **Eric "Rev" Anderson** and **Helene "Mocha" Tajiri**, 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 returning Rotarian **Ian "Badge #5" Birnie** 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."**

Da Prez then brought up the Greeter **Eric "Rev" Anderson** to introduce our guests. Visiting from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Pete "Madman" Mueller**.

Visiting from the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset was **Ron "not Jay" Cutler**. Visiting from the Rotary Club of Petaluma was **Jim "Bossman" Becker**. Also visiting as guests of **Mitchell "Morty" Dodo** were **Karen Dodo**, **Lori Nekoba** and **Deylen Nekoba**. **Nancy "Day-Lum" Cabral** brought **Bobby Dugar** and **Genie "not Al" Phillips** brought **Dan Turner**.



Birthdays and anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays were rotarians **Patty "Hakuna" Terada**, **Kathy "not a" Borer** and **Anita "Lex Brodie" Tatum**. Celebrating weddings were **Galen** and **Connie Ichinose**, and **Tammy "Sterling" Silva**. Club anniversaries were celebrated by **Ian "Nissan" Kitagawa** and **Stan "da Man" Fortuna**.

Announcements

Malcom "Brewfest" Chun announced that there were still openings for volunteers for our Brewfest, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Chuck "not Gay" Porter gave us last minute directions for the Saturday night **"Hoedown"** at his Waikii Ranch Estate.

Rotary Club of Pahoia President Ron "not Jay" Cutler thanked guest **Jim "Bossman" Becker** and **Sally "Reiki" O'Brien** for helping his club with relief efforts for residents who were being evacuated from the eruption zone.

Deanna "Great" Scott announced that she is the new "Club T-Shirt" Czar and she can be reached at dhawaiiScott@aol.com if you need a Rotary Club of Hilo T-shirt.

Kerry "not Munro" Glass announced that he is coordinating Greeters and **Susan "not Glass" Munro** will be coordinating lava flow writers, so everyone please volunteer to serve the club!

Sally "Reiki" O'Brien read us a thank you letter from widow **Alexandria Hussey** of our recently passed past president **Stew Hussey**, may he rest in peace.



Guest **Bobby Dugar** announced that as the Sales Manager for Coldwell Banker Day Lum Realty, he was pleased to inform us that **Big Island Toyota** was becoming a Brewfest sponsor at \$500, and **Coldwell Banker Day Lum Realty** was coming in at \$4,000. Thanks so much!

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

Connie "not Galen" Ichinose was happy that she celebrated another anniversary. Congrats Cuz!

Pat "Vulcan" Guillen was happy for the **Rotary Foundation**.

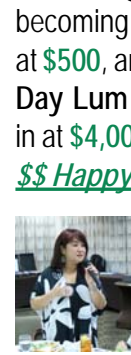
Visiting Rotarian **Jim "Bossman" Becker** was just so happy to be here to witness the forces of mother nature.

Dirk "Mick Jagger" Yoshina was just happy because he is a happy guy.

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation

Mitchell "Morty" Dodo then came up to introduce us to the recipient of the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Scholarship** for 2018.

Waiakea High graduate **Deylen Nekoba** is one of the Valedictorians of Waiakea High, and will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa to study Mechanical Engineering. He thanked the club for our support and gave everyone some specially engineered cookies.



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)

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June 1 - Meeting Ja Neals (Special Olympics)
June 7 - Installation Event
June 8 - No Meeting
June 15 - Meeting Gail Takaki (Youth Services)
June 22 - No Meeting
June 23 - Brew Fest
June 20 - Meeting Dawn Tavares (Camp Agape)

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

Da Prez then announced that the Club did very well at the District Conference held last weekend in Honolulu. Our Rotary Club of Hilo took 2 first place prizes, one for Public Image and



one for Youth Services. Thank you **Marcia Prose, Gail Takaki** and **Jennifer Tanouye!** The Club also took 3 First Runner up prizes in Vocational Service (Thanks **Bobby Stivers**), Community Service (Thanks **Wally Wong!**) and Foundation Total Giving (Thanks **Malcom Chun**). Also the Club received the **District Governor's Citation for Greatness** (or something like that). Great job everyone!

Da Prez then announced that there is a great Hawaii Rotary story coming out of Honolulu where Rotarian **Duane "not Derek" Kurisu** (a Hilo Boy) gave a presentation at the conference about his work in developing shelters for homeless families without government assistance. **Duane** will be coming to Hilo on June 26 to give a presentation to the Rotary Club of South Hilo about this so everyone should consider paying that club a visit that day.

Da Prez served as our guest speaker today and gave a slide show on the amazing **Rotary Club of Hilo** 2018 visit and club service project to Fiji.



After the slide show, **Da Prez** called upon **Randy "not Gary" Hart** to lead us in the **4 Way Test** of the Things we think say and do. And then we were out of there!



Photographer: **Charlene Meyers**

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