

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



October 26, 2018

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Reporter: Susan Munro

Photographer: Kerry Glass

## Beginning

**President Keith Okamoto** rang the bell at noon, to call the meeting to order.

**Malcolm Chun** led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Keith** thanked today's greeters, **Beverly Heikes** and **Sally O'Brien**, and asked them to introduce today's guests. Namely:

- **Bev Garrett**, from the Volcano club
- **Marissa Guerra**, from the South Hilo club
- **Kevin Greer**, a prospective member

• **Sue O'Neil**, from the **Rotary Club of WoyWoy**, in New South Wales, Australia. She brought a banner to exchange. [editor's note: her club's name means "deep water" in Maori. The Maori language is related to Hawaiian, where water is "wai". It's a small world.]



**Keith** thanked the **Munro-Glass** team, who are today's Lava Flow reporter and photographer.

## Recognition

- **Beverly Heikes** and **Tammy Silva** both had birthdays on October 15
- **Craig** and **Linda Shikuma** celebrated 38 years of marriage on October 15
- **Newton "The Don"** and **Roberta Chu** celebrated 36 years of marriage on October 16
- **Genie** and **Jim Phillips** celebrated their 37th anniversary on October 17
- **Chris** and **Barbara Tamm** were married 50 years ago, on October 26. Wow!

• **Pat Guillen** joined Rotary Club of Hilo 2 years ago, on October 21

• **Cowboy Kaneshiro** has been in the club for 19 years, as of October 22

## Events and Announcements

**Aki Oda Memorial Service**, October 26. A memorial service for **Aki Oda**, wife of former member **Russ Oda**, will be held Honpa Hongwanji. Visitation is at 4PM, and the service will be at 5PM.

**YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**, October 27. **Kathleen** explained the origin of this event: because sexual assault is something victims don't usually talk about, it's hard for them to know that others support them. This event does that. She brought heels for the guys to try on for size. **Kerry** is still collecting money from walkers and non-walkers.



**The Hilo Woman's Club Boo Bash**, October 27. **Genie** says funds from this event will fund scholarships. She brought flyers and gave away two free tickets to the event. **Biff Kennedy** was the lucky winner.



**YMCA 64th Annual Christmas Tree Sale.**

**Bobby Stiver-Apiki** reminded us that it is 60 days until Christmas. Trees can be preordered. The Y has the best trees in town, and the profits go to a good cause.



**Fall Social**, November 10. **Connie** announced that **Susan** and **Kerry** will host this event at their house in Pepeekeo. Bring a dish to share.



A margarita bar will be provided. Sign up at [hilorotary.org](http://hilorotary.org). For the crafty amongst the party-goers, there will be a DIY jewelry project. Details on the web site.

**Rocky Horror Picture Show** at the Palace, on Halloween. **Marcia Prose** says, come in costume, enjoy the show. She will be Magenta. Tickets are \$12, costume contest at 7PM, movie at 9PM. It will be a blast.



**Welcome Breakfast**, Hilo Medical Center.

**JD Domizio**, from the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, one of our newer Corporate members, invited members to attend a Welcome Breakfast, to meet doctors interviewing for a place in the Residency Program. Contact **Lisa Rantz**, or **JD**, if you are interested.



**Dogwood Trees in Hiroshima.** **Jim Cheney** was club president back in 2001, when we were among a number of clubs who sent dogwood tree seeds to Hiroshima, for a park there. **Jim** recently got a status report, with photos: there is a park full of lovely trees, and they are in bloom.



## \$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

**Tammy Silva** was happy to be back at a meeting. She made a generous contribution to **The Rotary Foundation** to recognize her birthday.



**Nancy Cabral's** news was about **Bobby Duggar**, one of her Day-Lum Corporate members. In his spare time, he is in a band, and they will be playing at the Alibi Tavern, in Keaau. Her contribution goes to the YWCA today.



### Birthdays:

Maureen Poirier October 3  
Chris Tamm October 5  
Stan Fortuna October 10  
Nancy Cabral October 12  
Brittany Luna October 13  
Beverly Heikes October 15  
Tammy Silva October 15  
Gerard Carter October 26

### Club Anniversary:

Biff Kennedy October 1, 1986 (32)  
Randy Hart October 1, 1989 (29)  
Ron Dolan October 4, 1991 (27)  
Gene Tao October 11, 1985 (33)  
Treena Breyfogle October 12, 2012 (6)  
Alan Kusunoki October 15, 1993 (25)  
Dylan Shropshire October 16, 2015 (3)  
Patrick Guillen October 21, 2016 (2)  
Elle Lee October 21, 2016 (2)  
Cowboy Kaneshiro October 22, 1999 (19)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Malcolm & Cecilia Chun October 12 (13)  
Craig & Linda Shikuma October 15 (38)  
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16 (36)  
Genie & Jim Phillips October 17 (1)  
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26 (50)  
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27 (34)

### Announcements:

November 2 - Ken Miller, First Hawaiian Bank  
Asset Management  
November 9 - Office of Mauna Kea Management  
November 10 - Fall Social 3:00 - 7:00 pm  
28-468 Sugar Mill Road  
November 14 - Board Meeting  
November 16 - Rotary Regular Meeting

### 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

**Wally Wong** announced that this year's Student Dictionary Distribution is complete. We gave dictionaries to 3rd graders in eight local schools. Contribution to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.



**Danielle Bratton** is happy to announce that the Salvation Army's resale store, Sally Shop on Kamehameha Avenue, will reopen on November 9. Contribution to the YWCA.



**Pat Guillen**, UHH Athletic Director, is looking forward to a Vulcan game on Saturday. \$ to TRF.



**Steve Handy**, owner of all the local Subway franchises, was happy to announce that Subway had given **\$7300** to the **Salvation Army for Puna Relief**. Additionally, he was pleased to report



that the **Latoka Fiji Rotary Club** has been able to provide 35 families with purified drinking water facilities. \$ to the YWCA.

**Malcolm Chun**, our Foundations Director, had a brief presentation about how to log on to **myrotary.org**. Call him if you need help. \$ to the YWCA.



**Keith** also had a donation for the YWCA. (And not mentioned at the meeting, but on **Genie's** Sargent At Arms report:



contributions from former member **Cindy Boots** to both the **HRYF** and the **TRF**, mailed from her new home in Wisconsin. Thanks, **Cindy!**

We miss you.)

**The Happy Dollars** total (excluding the YWCA contributions) was **\$315**.

### Today's Speaker

**Lisa Miura**, the county's Real Property Tax Administrator, was the day's speaker. Her subject was the proposal to increase education funding by increasing investment



property taxes. Although the proposal was removed from the November ballot a few days ago, **Lisa** felt that it was still important to discuss, since it is likely to be submitted again in some form when the state legislature reconvenes. Many people in county government are concerned that the current proposal was too vague, might affect renters adversely, and the money collected might not go towards improving our keiki's education. During the Q&A after



her presentation, an audience member pointed out that the DOE has not been audited since the 1970s.

### The Closing Bell

**Sue O'Neil**, our visitor from Australia, led the recitation of the **Rotary 4-Way Test**. **President Keith** rang the bell, and the meeting was over.



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*.And that's not all, folks!* We have a late news report from the site of the YWCA's Walk-A-Mile fundraiser:

The walk was attended by "who's who in Hilo," including Rotarians from our club: **Keith Okamoto, Mike Meyer, Kathleen McGilvray, Pat Guillen, Kerry Glass, Susan Munro, Trenea Breyfogle, Jacob Bratton, Jen Tanouye, Wally Wong, Mitch Roth, Beverly Heikes, and Maureen Poirer.** **President Keith** looked stunning in black spiked stilettos for the group photo, but was spotted doing the mile in sparkly flat sandals. **Mike** wore a pair of shiny red patent heels – and he wore them for the mile! The club won first place in the Team Contributions category, with a total donation of **\$820.** Thank you everyone!

