

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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President Keith Okamoto welcomed all to the weekly meeting, having patiently waited for a number of Rotarians standing in line to pay for their lunch. The screen featured the Rotary logo and this year's theme, "Be the Inspiration."



President Keith invited Kathy Borer to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Past President Steve Handy and Tim Beatty greeted us, with Steve Handy introducing our guests, Past District Governor Pete Muller (a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and an honorary member of our Club) and Ron Cutler from the RC of Pahoa Sunset.

Both were invited to share their announcements, with PDG Pete Muller having tickets available (\$50 pre-sale and \$60 at the door) for the RC of Hilo Bay's 19th annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 5, and Ron Cutler, the "catalyst" (per President Keith), stating that painting and other projects are still in the works for Nani Mau Gardens, with tomorrow's putting up a wall to get the kitchen going for culinary classes of the Kua O Ka La Public Charter School. Volunteers are needed!

Recognitions

The PowerPoint slide then featured the names of Rotarians having birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and Club anniversaries in August 2018. August 5, 2016, was a phenomenal day with Malcolm Chun, Jeremiah Leonard, Jen Tanouye, and Anita Tatum all joining the Club! Celebrating their first year anniversary were Chris Carley and Skye Czember, with four years for Marcia Prose.

Rotarians celebrating birthdays in August included Corey Kawamoto, Misti Tyrin, Tina Jimenez, Skye Czember, Jerry Watanabe, Galen Ichinose, and Debbie Teichman, with Gail and Gordon Takaki, Jeremiah and Toni Leonard, Tom and Tina Jimenez, and Atsuko and Mike Winston all congratulated for their wedding anniversaries.

Announcements

Assistant Governor (AG) East Hawaii Randy Hart encouraged Rotarians to sign up for the District 5000 Fall Training Assembly on Sept 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (yes, you can register via the website). (The training will be held at Hawai'i Care Choices, 1011 Waiianuenue Ave., in Hilo.)

The Rotary calendar on our website also has the date of the next Membership Mixer on Sept. 20.

Happy Dollars

Helen Hemmes donated \$51 to the Club's Foundation for the Reading in Kindergarten program, happy to announce the celebration of her 51st wedding anniversary to Don on Sept. 2nd.

Ian Kitagawa donated \$10, for the pleasure of learning that wearing the company's logo constitutes advertising, a no-no, and another \$10 for wearing the wrong color (black) today! (Did I hear that correctly? The shirt and pants matched perfectly!)

Pat Guillen gave \$10 to announce that he was back from Scotland (with less than delicious food) and that the Women's Volleyball seasonal opener is tonight at 7 p.m. His shirt advertised Rotary!

Marcia Prose posed with copies of the September newsletter for Palace Theatre activities, donating \$5.

Gail Takaki gave \$38 to celebrate 38 years of "wedded bliss" to Gordon.

Kathy Borer donated \$100, thrilled her son Sam has had his first medical school interview—and what that might mean for her future!

AG Randy Hart gave \$50 to share he was back from visiting Alaska with his son and another \$50 to announce the opening of Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) on Sept. 22.

Jen Tanouye gave \$5, thrilled to be part of a wonderful class of Rotarians joining the Club at the same time, with all steadfast in their dedication.

Anita Tatum then contributed \$20, also happy with the two-year Club anniversary, hoping to be in the Club for another twenty years.

Elle Lee gave \$10 to announce her daughter is learning to drive and advising Rotarians to "up your insurance"!

Chris Tamm gave \$5 for the fun of having shirts with advertising.

President Keith donated \$20 to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF), reminding Rotarians that the deadline to get assistance from our recent natural challenges is coming up.

Beverly Heikes gave \$20 to the HRYF, thrilled to have spent time with her daughter and enjoy experiences with her 8-year-old grandson.



Birthdays:

Robert Fox September 5
Craig Shikuma September 9
Cindy Boots September 14
Tim Beatty September 22
Sam Wallis September 22

Club Anniversary:

Newton Chu September 01, 1995 (23)
Sally O'Brien September 01, 1994 (24)
Jerry Watanabe September 22, 1989 (29)
Wally Wong September 01, 1995 (23)
Joe Hanley September 04, 1987 (31)
Maureen Poirier September 08, 2017 (1)
James Yagi September 17, 1965 (53)
Ian Birnie September 20, 1985 (33)
Elle Lee September 22, 2017 (1)
Tim Beatty September 27, 2002 (16)
Corey Kawamoto September 27, 2002 (16)
Atsuko Winston September 29, 2017 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

Tim & Kanoa Beatty September 2 (17)
Helen & Don Hemmes September 2 (51)
Misti & James Tyrin September 8 (11)
Alan & Zohra Kusunoki September 20 (46)

Announcements:

September 29 - DG Nalani Flinn

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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

Program – with perfect timing, 12:32 p.m., **President Keith** introduced the first speaker for the Club Assembly.

Gail Takaki, he noted, coordinates Youth Services, aka New Generations. **Gail Takaki** then showed some slides of the six students from



Japan who recently visited Hilo. Thanks to various Rotarians, the six students, along with Waiakea Interact Club members and friends, the youth shared dinners and activities at her home. Hurricane Lane did change plans to go up the mountain!

She also featured slides of Nextech, a program for 4th to 8th graders (11 students) plus family members and mentors, with a STEM focus. A big success of the program this year was developing a curriculum for coding. The role of family members and mentors is to learn how to help students learn. Volunteers are welcome, as the program will be expanding!

Anita Tatum then invited Rotarians to volunteer to attend meetings and help with activities of the Waiakea Interact Club. Weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:25 p.m. (arrive earlier to park and get to the library) with Board meetings held on Wednesdays at 1:45 pm.

Upcoming events include a clean-up (picking up rubbish) next Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 to 11 a.m., at Queen Liliuokalani Gardens, the Alzheimer's Walk on Sept. 29, turkey shredding for the Thanksgiving Dinner with the Salvation Army, Hilo Temple Corps, and giftwrapping at the Club-sponsored craft fair in December.

Beverly Heikes thanked the 19 readers for Rotary in Kindergarten, volunteering to read to 468 students in 26 classrooms at 14 schools. She thanked **Kerry Glass** for his help with distribution of the books. (**Judy Gibson**,

Membership Chair, invited readers to get makeup credit by informing her of their reading.)

"Our book dealer," **Kerry Glass**, Chair, Club Service, thanked

Corey Kawamoto and the social committee for their coordinating of events. His wife and our Rotarian, **Susan Munro**,



excused today, recruits and coordinates the Lava Flow photographers and scribes. Cathy Gray, also excused today due to "traffic woes," recruits the greeters, and **Mike Meyer**, the speakers. He thanked **Beverly Heikes** for coordinating the Rotary in Kindergarten program, noting that only the students—not the classroom—will be getting a book this month.

Kerry also maintains the Club's website. He invited Rotarians to log in and update personal information so "you can be embarrassed publicly." Not! Some birthdates are missing, so Rotarians do not get recognized. The birth year is for statistical purposes only, with access limited to a select person or two. **President Keith** then personally thanked **Kerry** for being on top of technology, re: the web page and "reading off his phone."

Vocational Services Chair **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** began by querying how many Rotarians were now retired and how many were still working. Vocational Services is for all of us, and the theme this year is Rotary Means



Business. The green cards on the table speak to the mission. He then invited Rotarians to introduce themselves to others by sharing what their first paid job was and how much they got paid, with **Bobby** sharing he was a youth employee earning \$1.25 per hour. Each Rotarian was invited to pick up a "red" card which had a question for a Rotarian to answer. His question, for example, to **President Keith** pertained to three adjectives to describe yourself, with **President Keith**--thanks to his sense of humor (and his wife's knowledge of him) responding--"beautiful, loving, and handsome." Various vocational activities are in the works, including an "ugly Christmas sweater contest" in December. Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee!



BE THE INSPIRATION

Malcolm Chun, Rotary Foundation Chair, then had the honor of presenting **Anna Liu**



with her first **Paul Harris** Pin. It takes the donation of **\$1,000 dollars**, 1000 points, or a combination thereof with some Rotarians having points to donate. The Club's goal of giving to **The Rotary Foundation** this year is **\$10,000** with **\$4,021** raised so far. **PolioPlus** has raised **\$745** year to date with a **\$4,000** goal. A gift of around **\$85** monthly per your credit card (or perhaps electronic fund transfer) is a no-brainer for giving **\$1,000** annually.



Time was running short, with **Sally O'Brien** recognized as the Chair, International Services Committee, and **Wally Wong**, Chair of Community Services. He called on **Marcia Prose**, who noted the "public image" committee is a winner since there are no committee meetings, with Rotarians **Kerry Glass** and **Pastor Eric** keeping the Club's Facebook page active and other Rotarians paying for and/or being featured in our monthly full-page in our local newspaper, the Hawaii Tribune-Herald (HTH). Since this is the final month in this year's contract, now is the time to approach **Wally** or **Marcia** about being a sponsor. "Please ask."

In Closing

President Keith, with respect for the schedules of Rotarians, then called on **Elle**



Lee to lead the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do (plus #5, Have Fun!) and the meeting was adjourned.



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