

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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On arriving to the Hotel for today's meeting, we find a large group already going through a buffet line in the downstairs lobby outside the ballrooms, obviously not Rotary members. And since today hasn't been declared a dark day, we are guessing that the meeting has been relocated to the little room behind the Hotel restaurant, where, lo and behold, we find our group congregating accordingly. And the room seemed slightly claustrophobic due to all the drapes being closed so the tree-trimmers outside couldn't peek in to see our proceedings (or maybe just the opposite – so we wouldn't be distracted watching them doing their thing cutting the trees).

GREETERS

Greeting everyone walking through the door are fairly new members **Shane Okimoto** and **Anna Liu**. Since they are relatively new they had no clue as to the names of most of the Rotarians and had to ask who you were while they welcomed you. This was good for them to meet most everyone personally, at least for a few seconds anyway. And, as an aside, **Mitch Dodo** must be exceedingly pleased to see **Anna** as a member of our Club since now she must be the youngest of our group by a large margin. **Mitch** held this title for years so now he can no longer be classified as the "kid" in our group (not counting past members **Leah Craft** and **Chian Hsu**, both of who weren't part of the Club long enough to really qualify for this honor). Guess we all get older as time goes by.

OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

After the traditional gonging of the bell and trying to get everyone up, **Pres. Ret. Col. Randy** seeming couldn't get control as no one was interested in paying any attention to what was supposed to be going on. Apparently he's lost his command touch now after being retired for so long. Anyway, after a bit, the group quieted down and **Wally Wong** volunteered to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag.



VISITORS AND GUESTS

No visiting Rotarians from other Clubs today. **Dwight Matsumoto**, guest of **Wally Wong**
Koran Munapo, guest of **Corney Waiau**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kudos were given to **Bobbie Stivers-Apiki** and **Stew Hussey** for their work on the last week's Lava Flow.

Kathleen McGilvray plugged the YWCA's Remarkable People award luncheon on April 13th and **Marcia Prose** encouraged everyone to attend the May 5th Friends of the Children's Justice Center Gala. There was also a quick blurb about the Exchange Club's Luncheon on May 11th

The Rotary Club of Hilo, through the efforts of **Stew Hussey** and **Anna Liu** received the International Award recognition for its efforts and funding for a school library in Taiwan. We partnered with the **Rotary Club of South Hilo** on this project and our individual funding of \$2,000 (from our Foundation) was multiplied many times over by the District and Rotary International to help this library be created. The Recognition from Taiwan, even though was printed in Mandarin Chinese characters, was translated and read to us in English (and Cantonese) by **Anna**. Nice job guys doing good!

ROTARIANS ON THE ROAD

A nice photo was shown of the Rotarians who participated in the Heart Walk last Saturday. But though these were only the ones who represented our Club at this event there were many more of us representing their particular companies and organizations here.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

04/08 Saturday – Laupahoehoe music festival (and if you didn't go to it, too bad, its too late now).

04/15 Saturday – **Rotary Park Clean-up**, approximately 8:00am – 12:00 noon. Funding of \$1,000 from Matson Navigational being received for this.

05/05 Friday – CJCEH Gala

05/11 Thursday – Recognition at **Rotary Park**, with **Mayor Harry Kim** (planting of 3 trees for our three 50 year members, **Bob Fujimoto**, **Russ Oda** and **Jimmy Yagi**). **Cindy Boots** asked for volunteers and helping with equipment and trucks to get this event put together properly. There is more happening than just tree planting.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays were celebrated by:

Johnalyn Nosaka – 04/05

Alan Kusunoki – 04/07 (today)

Club Anniversaries were celebrated by:

Craig Shikuma – 04/03 (25 years)

And of course, none were present at today's meeting to be officially congratulated.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Dr. Robert Fox was \$5.00 happy to have his book (Handbook of School Choices) coming out this week, both in hard copy and on Amazon.

Kerry Glass was 2 times \$5.00

happy each for **Corey Kawamoto** actually coming out to his place, like he said he would to take care of a wild pig problem and for **Mitch Roth** in getting resolution in the Peter Boy case.



Corney Waiau was \$50.00 happy for her son being in the Honor Guard at ceremonies in Washington D.C. and being seen on TV for this.

Patty Terada for being able to make the announcement about the Exchange Club Luncheon.

Anna Liu was \$10.00 happy for her entry in the Beta Sigma Gamma Honor Society at the UH-Hilo (Glad some of us here are smart).

Chuck Porter gave \$200.00 to expound at length about his struggles with retirement, not knowing all the new people in our Club (hey, you're not the only one having this problem!), getting a Dept. of Water problem taken care of, sorry he missed **Russ's** recognition meeting and a long (long) story about settling a land owners/tenants grievance problem. You had to be there to get all the details of these things.

Lorraine Shin was \$10.00 happy to have her house come back to life after all the mixers and socials arranged by **Connie Ichinose**.



Birthdays:

Jonalyn Nosaka April 5
Alan Kusunoki April 7
Toshi Aoki April 8
Tom Brown April 10
Wally Wong April 11
Sally O'Brien April 14
Jenny Johnson April 15
Bob Hanley April 16
Joe Hanley April 26
Mary Bicknell April 28
Marcia Prose April 28
Alberta Dobbe April 29

Club Anniversary:

Sam Wallis April 02, 1976 (41)
Craig Shikuma April 03, 1992 (25)
Biff Kennedy April 12, 2013 (4)
Gay Porter April 12, 1991 (26)
Gerard Carter April 16, 1993 (24)
Reese Mates April 29, 2008 (9)

Announcements:

April 14 - No Meeting (Good Friday)
April 15 - Rotary Cleanup Day (Wally Wong)
April 21 - YMCA at Noon Wally Wong
Hokulea Voyage
April 28 - Barbara Garcia Ke Ola Magazine
May 5 - Saeko Hayashi Subaru Telescope
May 19 - Michele Carvalho
Partners in Development
National Foster Care Month

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2016 - 2017:

- President – **Randy Hart**
- Past President – **Wally Wong**
- President Elect – **Steve Handy**
- Vice President – **Mitch Dodo**
- Secretary – **Treana Breyfogle**
- Treasurer – **Corey Kawamoto**
- Sergeant at Arms – **Dirk Yoshina**
- Rotary Foundations – **Kerry Glass**
- Membership – **Connie Ichinose**
- Public Relations – **Marcia Prose**
- International Service – **Stew Hussey**
- Community Service – **Reese Mates**
- Vocational Service – **Cindy Boots**
- Club Service – **Kui Costa**
- New Generations – **Gail Takaki**

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

Jim Kennedy was \$10.00 for his upcoming trip to Great Britain to receive an award for an atmosphere project he worked on.



Pat Guillen was \$10.00 happy just to be back and being able to attend meetings again.



Marcia Prose gave \$5.00 for her monthly plug for the upcoming Palace Theater events.



Erik Anderson was \$30.00 happy for having his 1 year anniversary of being Pastor at the Church of the Holy Cross.



And finally, unlike baseball, it looks like there is crying in Rotary. **Nina Decker** was very emotional about the support and help she got from many of us in the Club during her pregnancy problems and the birth and care of her daughter. Everyone is healthy now and doing well and she was just overwhelmed at the love care provided to her. Thank you all!!



She also mentioned that the "Glam Bags" program she is maintain still needs additional gift items (or cash, which helps a lot in getting many of the things going in the bags) like small purses, toiletries, make-up, etc. And she is looking for gung-ho Rotary volunteers to help man the Rotary Booth at the Brewfest to talk good about our Club and Rotary in general. Please see or call her to help in both activities.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today's speaker was our own **Marcia Prose** to talk about the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii (CJCEH), which is being honored ceremoniously in Aprils now every year.



She started off by telling a story of how often when a child is abuse, he (or she) is interviewed and questioned by so many people and officials up and down the system, he tends to feel he is the cause of his abuse. So somewhere it was determined that has to be a better way of helping this child and making him feel human again.

In 1985 **Bud Cramer** started advocacy centers in Alabama and in 1986 there was a center opened on Oahu. With the help of our Rotary Club, through much of the efforts of **Joe Hanley** and a few others, a center was created on the Big Island in 1988. He and they began collecting donations and started working on a Center building. That year they collected over \$92,000 to get this thing going and operating.

With the help of **Eliot Merk** (our past president that year) and his construction company, the building and center was erected and with the help of our Club, "Friends" started out.

Marcia provided many shocking eye-opening statistics about child abuse, among them that 1 of 3 girls and 1 of 5 boys overall will be abused. Nasty. And the cost to the country trying to take care of these kids and work to resolve the initial problems is in the high \$\$ BILLIONS annually. Plus kids who are abused tend to become abusers themselves as parents or caretakers.

So who can make a difference?

She did a slide presentation showing what and how the CJCEH can and does help. And its amazing what they do with the few dollars they have to work with. Unfortunately she couldn't get a DVD by Colin Ray to work which says the 11th Commandment should be Honor Thy Children.

So for sure, she wants as many of us as possible to get a ticket and attend the fundraiser gala on May 5th to help out the CJCEH. Its a cause we all should care for and one that our Club helped get going here on the Big Island – only \$65.00 a ticket. She also distributed little info cards as to "What to do if a Child Reports Abuse to You" and (on the other side of the card) "How to React to Observed Child Abuse" - basic info we should be aware of before doing something willy-nilly about a situation and causing more problems.

Kathleen also talked about stories she gets from families that come to her at the Y. It's enough to make you cry (again, there must be crying at Rotary).

Chuck Porter was called upon to lead us in the 4-way test to close out today's meeting

And remember, no Friday meeting next week with it being Good Friday and that the meeting on the 21st will be at the YMCA. See you all then.

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