

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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As the gentle Hilo rain came down, the Friday, August 11th meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo drew in it's members. There's something about the welcome coolness of the rain that makes the crowd enjoy the camaraderie!



Folks were greeted by **Lorraine Shin** and **Jeremiah Leonard** as they signed in, and got set for another of **President Steve Handy's** on-time and efficient meetings. Past Prez, **Kerry Glass** was called upon to lead the Pledge of



Allegiance, and then **Jeremiah Leonard** announced guests for the day. **Wally Wong** was hosting potential new member **Maureen Poirier** as his returning guest. **President Handy** noted that the club was honored to have 2 past District Governors in attendance. **PDG Pete Muller**, and **PDG John Steelquist**, and also Assistant DG and Past Prez, **Randy Hart**.

Congratulations were in order for **Jeremiah** and **Antonia Leonard** celebrating a 4th wedding anniversary, and **Tom** and **Tina Jimenez** celebrating 35 years of marriage. Members with club anniversaries: **Jeremiah Leonard** (1yr), **Jen Tanouye** (1yr), **Anita Tatum** (1yr), **Kui Costa** (7yrs) and Past Prez **Wally Wong** (7yrs).

PDG John Steelquist of the East Honolulu Rotary Club, enticed us all with the upcoming news of what's coming up in 2020??? Well, our club's 100th anniversary, for sure! But, that wasn't his big news...**The Rotary International Convention** will be held in Honolulu June 6-10th in 2020!!! There is lots of planning



to be done as far as accommodations, volunteers (need about 1,500 for sure) and neighbor island tours both pre and post convention week. An anticipated crowd of approximately 19,000-25,000 Rotarians from around the world are expected to attend. **John** asked Rotarians to start thinking about the sorts of neighbor island tours we can offer, and hopefully host as tour guides too! This will be a "Rotarians visiting Rotarians" event, so bring any creative ideas out and

open them up for possibilities and discussions.

Next up, Steve called on Membership Chair **Connie Ichinose**, and committee member **Tina Jimenez** who then called new members **Barb Garcia**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, **Eric Anderson**, and **Shawn Okimoto** to front and center



of the room, where they all had their "red New Member" stickers pulled off their badges, and became official Blue Badge members. When a member receives their new member packet on induction day, there's a list of Blue Badge requirements of tasks they're asked to fulfill in order to become a Blue Badge. This involves things like being a greeter, leading the Pledge or the 4 Way Test, joining a committee, working on a club project, attending a Board meeting, and a few other things. These are just basically ways to get our new members involved with the club and meeting other members, so they can build new friendships and become beneficial to all! Yup, sort of like actually doing the 4 Way Test in training! So, once a new member has checked off all the tasks, they'll be "official Blue Badge Members".

There were a handful of **Happiness \$** donated.

Gail Takaki was pleased to announce that our club will be forming an Intermediate level of Interact in Waiakea Middle School, which will just be an awesome start for intermediate students to develop into the WHS Interact level, and then hopefully follow through into Rotaract too! Anyone interested in working on the new level please get in touch with **Gail**.



Stew Hussey had \$100 to **The Rotary Foundation** to be happy he's a part of our great club, and to be taking off this coming week for his usual couple months living and working in the Tuscany area of Italy! A Hui Hou **Stew!**



John Steelquist was happy to contribute his \$15 to **Polio Plus** for having a "free lunch"!

Steve Handy then asked how many of the members remembers Hawkeye Pierce from the well know TV show **Mash**??? and did folks realize that at one time, club member **Jim Cheney** actually won a "look alike" contest because he was a pretty darn close match to the real Hawakeye. For the old photos **Pete Muller** had brought in, **Steve** gave \$10, and **Jim Cheney** matched it with his own \$10.



Lisa Rantz was \$22 happy to share that her twin sons were both starting Veterinary School, and she was just 22 years old when she gave birth to the boys. Wow!!

Wally Wong, Director of Community Service, took a few moments to explain 4 (yes, 4!!) upcoming service projects.



1) Design Event helping to make Bamboo stands for floral arrangements to be used for the 100th celebration of Liliokalani Park. Saturday, August 9th from 8-12AM...meet in the park. Each hour of volunteer time counts as a meeting make up!

2) Saturday, August 26th, 8-12noon at Hope Services on Kapiolani Street. Joint Weinberg Project with Rotary Club of South Hilo. yes, 1 hour = 1 make up meeting!

3) Saturday AM, September 2nd at Liliokalani Park. Park clean up for the 100th Celebration. 8-8-12noon. Yes, 1 hour work = 1 make up meeting!

4) **RI President Ian Riseley** is asking that every Rotarian worldwide plant a tree this year. There will be a tree planting day (yet to be determined) at KAIVAO Farm with about 20-30 Ulu trees being planted. If you can't make that date, but have a thought

Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Dylan Shropshire August 2
Tina Jimenez August 13
Jerry Watanabe August 28
Galen Ichinose August 29

Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 3, 2010 (7)
Malcolm Chun August 5, 2016 (1)
Jeremiah Leonard August 5, 2016 (1)
Jen Tanouye August 5, 2016 (1)
Anita Tatum August 5, 2016 (1)
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (7)
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (7)
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (6)
Marcia Prose August 29, 2010 (4)

Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1 (19)
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (37)
Jeremiah & Toni Leonard August 5 (1)
Mary & Albert Bicknell August 15 (23)

Announcements:

August 18 - Chris Tamm - Borneo
August 25 - District Governor Nalani Flinn
September 8 - Teen Challenge of Hawaii Island

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 – **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Malcolm Chun**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

where our club could plant some trees please get in touch with **Wally Wong** to let him know what area you're thinking about and he'll set something up. If you want to plant a tree in your own yard, also let him know.

On to our next tag-team, **Lisa Rantz** and **Kathleen McGilvray**. Both are on the board of our clubs'



foundation, **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. The **Foundation** has recently had to sort of reorganize somewhat and is also going to be putting in place with more clarification to follow, the procedures necessary to request funds or grants from the Foundation. If a member has a special project they would like to request funds for (community or international) they need to present their idea/project to the Club Board of Directors for approval. If the board feels this is a viable project for our club to participate in, they will then ask the member or someone on the board to work with the member to submit a written request (forms are available from the foundation) for the approval by the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation board. Board members are:

Tim Beatty -President, **Anna Liu** -Treasurer, **Lisa Rantz** -Secretary. Additional board members are: **Kathleen McGilvray**, **Bob Hanley**, **Dr. Craig Shikuma**, and **Dirk Yoshina**. The board meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday, at 5PM in the Hilo Medical Center Conference Room, and anyone is welcome to attend. Our foundation is a 501(C) (3), and many of the funds are used for local community projects such as 3rd Grade Dictionaries, Rotary in Kindergarten. Recently it funded 100 backpacks for the homeless coordinated with the Hilo Police Depart. Funds have also been used to fund international projects, often for a literacy or water purification project in Fiji. Funds can also be doubled and sometimes tripled with matching grants we have gotten through District 5000 (Hawaii is District 5000) and from Rotary International matching grants. So the money you donate to either **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** (suggested \$50/year) or **The Rotary Foundation** (suggested \$150/year) often work together to create a much larger dollar amount to make special projects



become a reality within our community and around the world. In the past, the club sometimes has had a very inspiring guest speaker which creates what's been known to be a "Happy Dollar Frenzy", and the checks were passed through our club foundation. In order to create better transparency, if these special projects are a non-profit organization, members will be asked to write their checks out directly to that organization rather than pass through the club foundation. (recent examples were the Hilo Robotics team, and Agape Camp)

Donations will still be tax deductible, and go directly to the organization, and the organization then has your name on the donation, rather than **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. The club foundation will continue to support special community projects and your donations can indicate what you want the dollars to go toward (ie: RYLA, Rotary in Kindergarten, Fiji projects)

There is also the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** (suggested donation \$50/year) which supports \$5,000 scholarships (1 per each Rotary Club in Hawaii State) and several \$10,000 that are awarded also. The whole purpose of the discussion was to clarify how the club foundation works, where your dollars go, and to answer questions members may have.

Our club's major fundraiser is the Brewfest, and the funds from that have most recently been split, 30% Hilo Medical Center Residency Program, 30% Friends of the Children's Justice Center, with the last 40% going into the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to fund viable community or international projects our club chooses to support. A very huge Mahalo to everyone who has given and continues to donate to our foundation. Your dollars DO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

Past District Gov. **Pete Muller** was called on to close the meeting by leading the membership in the **4 Way Test**.



Photographer: **Mitchell Dodo**