

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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## CALL TO ORDER:



Steve Handy Jr., our ?cool, calm & collected? club President called the Rotary Club of Hilo to order right at 12 noon! **President Steve** reported that District Governor, **Nalani Flinn** today's special guest speaker fell ill this week and is unable to attend today's meeting. We wish

**DG Flinn** a healthy recovery and we look forward to meeting her in the near future. The quick thinking and creative minds of **Treena Breyfogle**, Co-Secretary and **President Steve** decided to have a "Club Assembly" in place of **DG Flinn**. This decision proved to be beneficial according to new member, **Beverly Heikes** who remarked before the 4 Way Test, "As a new member, I learned so much about the club today, just what I wanted".

## PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

So much is going on around all of us - hurricane, hate groups, protests, rail costs and more. One thing that is certain, we honor our flag at every Rotary event, and today is no exception as **Beverly Heikes**, led today's Pledge of Alligence.

## WELCOME GUESTS:



Smiles & hugs – you can't help but feel warm & fuzzy as **Charlene Meyers** greeted members and guests to today's meeting. From the new Rotary Club of Kapolei on Oahu, we welcomed **Cordula Diaz** who exchanged club banners with



**President Steve**. **Sally O'Brien's** guest and soon to be the club's newest club member introduced **Sky Czember**. **Gail Takaki's** guest

today are students from UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye School of Pharmacy, **Brooke Higa** and **Britney Luna**. As past Rotaract members they are being recruited as Associate Members, a new membership category created to continue the progression of youth to adult Rotarian membership.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dressed in his "Oktoberfest" attire, **Pete Mueller** announced the 18th Annual Oktoberfest of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay will be held on Saturday, October 7, 5 pm at Sangha Hall. **Pete** has tickets and encouraged members to purchase a table of 10 for \$600. Guest featured chef will be **Chef Albert Jepte** from Kilauea Lodge. **Mike Meyers** reminded members to support the 2017 Walk To End Alzheimer's Walk, Saturday, September 16 - walk or donate to the cause.

**Charlene Meyers** regretfully announced the BBQ event at her home will be rescheduled due to the funeral services of **Jeff Melrose**.

## RECOGNITIONS:

**Hauoli la Hanau – Happy Birthdays:** In a rare situation, **President Steve** declared there are no celebrations of birthdays nor anniversaries.

## HAPPY HAPPY DOLLARS!

While the Moku'ola Ballroom was filled with enthusiastic members and guests, only five members were truly 'happy' with **Happy Dollars**.

Starting off was **Kerry Glass**, \$20 who thanked **Randy Hart** and his wife **Lydia**, **Susan & Leo Myers**, **Malcolm Chun**, **Jeremiah Leonard**, **Susan Munro** and **Eric Anderson** for volunteering to help with the Volcano Forest Run held on August 19.

**Bob Fox** was \$20 happy to be back home and attending today's meeting while



**Keith Okimoto** was also \$20 happy for all the free publicity he's recently received.

**Tammy Silva** was \$15 very, very happy for taking her MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) exam yesterday and for the **Rotary in Kindergarten reading program** she is coordinating.

And finally, **President Steve** declared, "I'm an "empty nester" as his daughter is now attending Washington State University and enjoying herself.



## NEW MEMBER WELCOMED:

**President Steve** called upon **Sky Czember** and her sponsor **Sally O'Brien** to the podium. **Sally** warmly introduced **Sky** as a good neighbor and friend and stated, "Sky will be an great asset to Rotary". **President Steve** told **Sky** the Board and members approved her membership into the club and now she joins 1.2 million Rotarians around the world.



"Welcome to our club, alright" declared **President Steve** and her membership was affirmed with a standing ovation by her fellow members. Welcome **Sky!**



## CLUB ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS: Community Service - Wally Wong.

**Wally** presented a comprehensive power point presentation highlighting the large number of committee members organizing and leading a wide range of community service activities. The committee conducted membership and community surveys and now has



a long list of schedule activities with assigned committee members until the end of the year. Among the many worthy projects, **Wally** highlighted the Ulu (breadfruit) tree planting project at Kaivao Farms yet to be scheduled and in keeping with **RI Ian Rissley** world-wide tree planting goal, **Wally** encouraged everyone to plant a tree somewhere – in your yard, a park and let **Wally** know; you'll get meeting attendance credits.

For the purpose of this Lava Flow, the Schedule of Community Service activities will be attached to the report. For a copy of **Wally's** power point presentation, please contact **Wally Wong**.

## Club Service – Kui Costa.

Club service is one of the important avenues of Rotary and it is to strengthen the administrative roles of the club through social and fun activities. **Judy Gibson**, monitors attendance; **Tim Beaty**, coordinates greeters; **Tammy**



## Birthdays:

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

## 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:

September 1 - NO Meeting  
September 8 - Teen Challenge of Hawaii Island  
September 15 - Gina McGuire  
Mokupapa Discovery Center  
September 22 - RYLA  
September 29 - Lani Weigert  
Hospice of Hilo, Kupu Care  
October 6 - Jack Wong, CEO  
Kamehameha Schools  
October 13 - Susanne Baca  
Fire Ants Hawaii  
October 20 - Shannon Drumm  
Ohia Healing - A simple solution

## 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**

**Silva** coordinates reporters and photographers for the Lava Flow; and **Corey Kawamoto** organizes club social activities. **Kui** announced a “secret upcoming” event organized by **Randy Hart** that will be different, fun and a new venue is being planned.

## Vocational Services – Bobby Stivers-Apiki.

Vocational Services (VS) is also an important avenue of Rotary. **Cindy Boots**, last year’s VS chair and new member, **Leo Meyers** are members of the committee. A survey, like community service was conducted and only 17 members responded. The results concluded with continuing business visitations, coordinating with other committees and highlighting Vocational Services in January. Additionally, VS will conduct “engagement” activities including “table talks” where members will be asked questions and share their thoughts with other members.

## Youth Services – Gail Takaki.

Youth services is a year-long program for youth in elementary to college and has several components and whereby a large number of members are taking the leadship to plan and organize all of its activities. There’s **Rotary In Kindergarten**

reading program (**Tammy Silva**); **Dictionary Project (Wally Wong)**; **Interact Club (Judy Gibson, Ed Hara, Anita Tatum, Barb Garcia)**; **Laupahoehoe Interact Club (Wally Wong)**; **RYLA Camp (Beverly Heikes, Jen Tanouye, Eric Anderson)**; **HYRF (Mitch Dodo)**; **Rotary Youth Exchange (Ed Hara)**; **Rotary Club of East Hawaii (Malcolm Chun)**. **Gail** thanked the dedicated members for their support.

## Membership – Connie Ichinose.

By introduction of herself, **Connie** noted others have loaded her with bags and other items and where from the audience, the words were uttered, “Bag Lady”.



August is Rotary Membership Month but “Bag Lady” declared, “Membership month is every month” and membership involves recruitment, new members and retention. Two months into the new year and already five (5) new members have joined the club!

The new membership category, Associate Membership has offered two (2) Rotaract memberships and today’s guests **Britany** and **Broke** are considering accepting these memberships. **Connie** said to our guests, “No pressure!” **Anna Lui** will mentor Associate Members.



In coordination with Vocational Services, **Connie** is asking new members to spend a few minutes at upcoming meetings sharing about themselves and their vocation. Successful “membership mixers” will continue to be held to recruit new members.

New membership initiatives introduced by **Connie** included, “1st Friday Meetings” where members will be picked to tell “two (2) truths and one (1) lie” about themselves and the members get to guess what is the lie.

“Team TLC” – tender loving care is another new membership initiative that will be organized to care for new members that will go beyond mentoring.

Great ways to “celebrate” and make everyone feel “special” about being a **Rotary Club of Hilo** member!

## Public Relations – Marcia Prose.



“Great things are happening in Rotary but it’s like “winking in the dark - no one sees it,” according to **Marcia**. We need to tell our story and everyone is encouraged to take pictures and send them to her.

**Rotary ad** in the Tribune continues and **Pastor Eric Anderson** posts events on Facebook;



**Barb Garcia** also has a “private members only Facebook page” and encourages everyone to use.

**International Service – Stew Hussey.** **President Steve** reported for **Stew** who is on his annual vacation informed the membership the **Hilo Rotary Foundation** approved a \$10,000 global grant to support the SPBD (South Pacific Business Development) program that issues micro-loans in Fiji. The Rotary Club of Labasa on the island of Vauna Levu, Fiji is reviewing the proposed program initiated by our **Rotary Club of Hilo**.

## FOUR WAY TEST:

Our club treasurer and social committee chair, **Corey Kawamoto** led us in the **Four-Way Test** of the things We Think, Say or Do and of course the 5th Way is to have fun!

## ADJOURNMENT:

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 – Labor Day Weekend. Meeting adjourned by President Steve at 1:00 PM.



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**

# ***SAVE THE DATES***

September 2 - Lili'uokalani Gardens Birthday Clean-up - Wally Wong

September 10 - Ulu Tree Planting - Wally Wong

September 11 - 29 - Third Grade Dictionary Deliveries

September 16 - Walk to End Alzheimer's - Mike Meyers

September 30 - Waiakea High Interact Club "Get the Drift & Bag It" - Judy Gibson

October 14 - Rotary Park Cleanup - Wally Wong

October 28 - YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

November 4 - Paint da Fence - Hawaii Island Home for Recovery - Wally Wong

November 11 thru 18 - Polio Bike Ride

November 23 - Rotary Gives Thanks. Hawaii Island Home for Recovery luncheon

December 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 13 - Kamana Senior Luncheon

December 22 - Project Hawaii / Homeless Keiki Holiday Party