

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW

December 1, 2016 Chartered: December 1, 1920 Reporter: Tammy

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

The Rotary Club of Hilo celebrated the Christmas season with a membership mixer held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at the scenic Wainaku Executive Center. This meeting was in lieu of the December 2, 2016 weekly meeting. Rotarians, their loved ones, and potential members donned their best festal attire to spice up the fête.

President - Randy Hart welcomed all in attendance and made his speech short and sweet. A BIG MAHALO was given to all involved in planning this enjoyable event (**Kathleen McGilvray** and **Nina Decker** - masterminds, **Connie Ichinose** – membership magician, **Cindy Boots** - greeter, **Inmy Chi** - yummy food, & **Tina Jimenez** – beautiful center pieces...just to name a few) and making it a great success! As a result of **Connie Ichinose's** membership squad, club membership is on the rise...keep up the good work! Please continue to shower our fellow Rotarians, old and new, with the ALOHA SPIRIT that our club members are widely known for ?

The so called “heavy pupus / desserts” menu served up a sizeable assortment of delectable dishes and sweets. Our very own, **Helene Tajiri**, did an excellent job in blessing the food and reminding all present of the true meaning of the Christmas celebration, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, **Helene**.

After satisfying our taste buds and filling our tummies to its maximum capacity, the group was led in Christmas caroling by, none other than, **Past President – Alan Kusunoki**. Alan also reminded the jazzed up bunch that there would be more singing and spreading of holiday cheer at the upcoming Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Please contact **Alan** to sign up or with any questions you may have.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Birthdays:

Kui Costa December 12
Michael Meyer December 15
Reese Mates December 19
Eddie Hara December 24
Gay Porter December 31

Club Anniversary:

Russ Oda December 2, 1966 (50)
Tina Jimenez December 5, 2014 (2)
Jim Cheney December 8, 1988 (28)
Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (13)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Gary Prose Dec. 1 (47)
Russ & Aki Oda Dec. 14 (64)
Donnie Demuth & Suprina Dorai Dec. 16 (5)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (43)
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (23)
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (8)

Announcements:

Dec. 9 - Susan Maddox
Envision Mauna Kea - Land Use
Dec. 14 - Kamana Sr. Center Luncheon
Dec. 16- Roberta Chu
Celebrating Bobby Fujimoto's 57 years in
Rotary and HPM's contributions to our
community

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors

2016 - 2017:

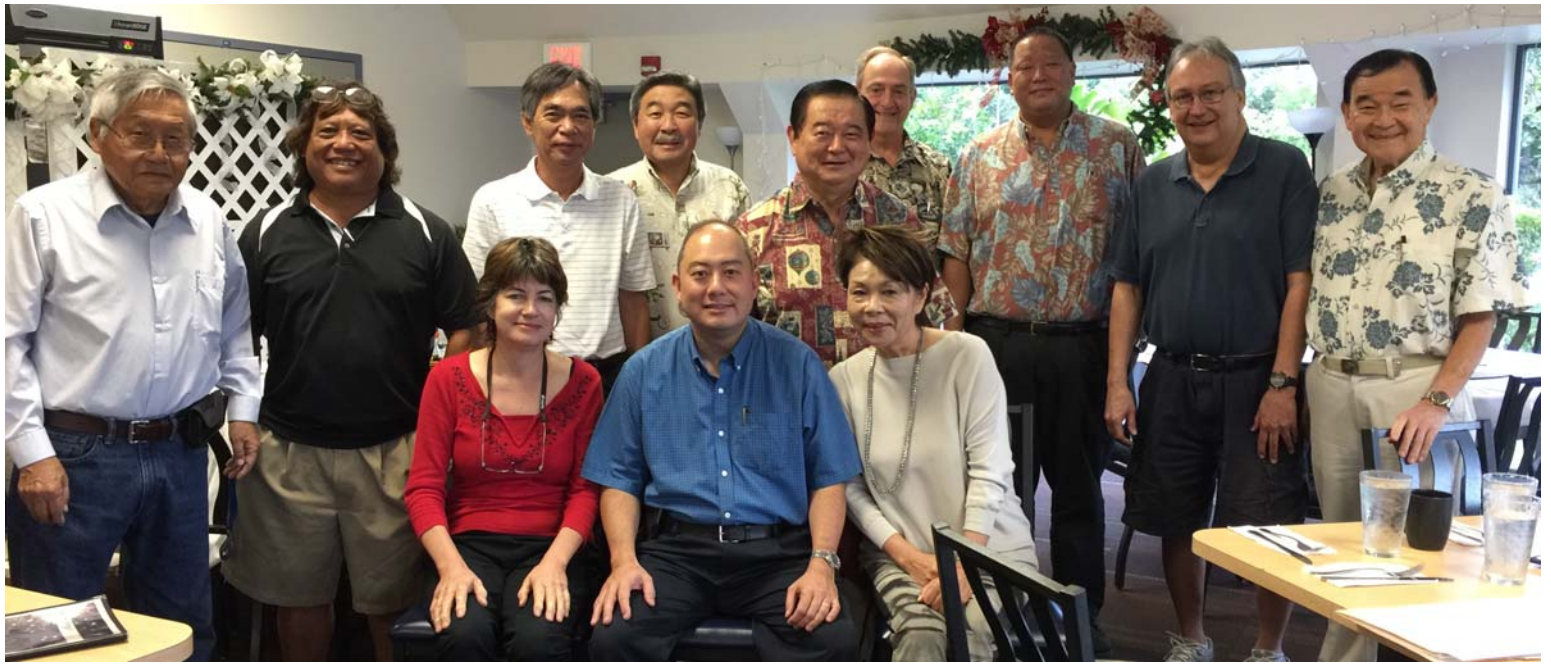
- President – **Randy Hart**
- Past President – **Wally Wong**
- President Elect – **Steve Handy**
- Vice President – **Mitch Dodo**
- Secretary – **Treana Breyfogle**
- Treasurer – **Corey Kawamoto**
- Sergeant at Arms – **Dirk Yoshina**
- Rotary Foundations – **Kerry Glass**
- Membership – **Connie 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 – **Lisa Rantz**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**







Sitting L-R: Donna Chalmers, Mitchell Dodo, Naomi Menor

Standing L-R: Gene Tao, Doug Espejo, Toshi Aoki, Art Taniguchi, Ed Hara, Randy Hart, Corey Kawamoto, Tom Brown, Russ Oda. (not in photo - Harris Hirata)

The Sunao Wada Foundation members had their annual meeting on Wednesday, December 7. The mission of the foundation is to perpetuate goodwill, understanding, peace and provide our youth from Hilo to experience the culture of Hiroshima in particular. Our sister club, Hiroshima South has an exchange student program with our club, where we send students to home-stay in Hiroshima and the next year, Hiroshima South sends students to experience our home-stay hospitality. This past August, 6 students came from Hiroshima and enjoyed our hospitality with some Hiroshima South Rotarians. In 2017, we will send 2 students to Hiroshima.

The Sunao Wada Foundation welcomes any **monetary donation** (tax deductible - 2016 will end soon) Please give to President Mitchell Dodo, Vice-President Russ Oda, Secretary Gene Tao or Treasurer Corey Kawamoto.

Waiakea High School Interact Club

Bell Ringing at KTA
 Saturday, December 3, 2016
\$ 422.31 collected
 9:30am - 1:00pm



Beautiful Mauna Kea, Sunday - Dec. 4, 2016