

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



December 15, 2017

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Call to Order:

President Steve called the last Rotary Club of Hilo meeting of this year to order exactly at 12:00pm. He thanked all the members for their outstanding and unselfish giving of their time and money for Rotary Projects and our community throughout the year.



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the crafty **Bob Fox**.



As members and guests arrived at the meeting they were merrily met by Greeters – the lovely **Kathy Gray** and feisty **Jim Cheney**. Guests included E Club D5000 Hawaii – **Steve Yoshida**, **Jim “Kemo” Becker** of Petaluma California, Hawaii Community College Chancellor **Rachel Solemsaas** and External Affairs and Relations Coordinator - **Thatcher Moates**.



**Drumroll please:

We are thrilled to announce and welcome our newest member to the Rotary Club of Hilo, **Joshua Countess**. **President Steve** and Sponsor/District AG, **Randy Hart** eagerly and happily inducted **Joshua** and the members warmly



applauded after the presentation. **Joshua** was born in Palau, raised on the Big Island, is a huge Green Bay Packer fan (**Cindy Boots** would love this). He was a past teacher, made a career change and currently works for Merrill Lynch. He is also a cancer survivor, Hodgkins Lymphoma, and cancer free for the past 10 years. Good for you **Joshua**.

Charlene proudly announced that our **Hilo Rotary Club** Raised **\$11,000** for **Polio Plus** during the **Ride So They Can Walk** campaign. Thank you to all the Sponsors, donors, towel designer- **Bob Hanley** and of course the participants. The highest amount of pledges collected



were by member, **Newton Chu** with over **\$1100** and donations still coming in for his ride up Mauna Loa. He received a \$75 gift certificate for Kilauea Lodge.



Way to go **Newton!**

Marcia Prose reported that the **“Kamaaina Craft Fair”** was a great success and thanked our Hilo Club for sponsoring this great event. 700- 800 people came through the fair, 600 filled out entry blanks and 31 marked the entries that they are interested in hearing more about Rotary. A huge mahalo to all Rotarians & Interact Members who pulled shifts in the Rotary Booth at the fair and assisted in set up/ take down.



Happy Dollars:

Bob Fox is **\$10** happy that **Nina** is recovering well

Helene Tajiri – gave happy dollars (?) for **Genie** who did a lovely hula for the Seniors at the Kamana Center Christmas Luncheon.



\$20 Happy Dollars by **Kathy Borer**

\$20 by **President Steve** who was elated that his daughter is coming home for the Holidays. Yahoo!

Guest Speaker #1

Jim “Kemo” Becker from Petaluma California. He is a 26 year member of the Rotary Club of Petaluma which was founded in 1923. However, he is now in the process of moving to the Big Island. In fact **Jim** had just got off the plane from his trip from Bangkok in the morning, then attended our meeting. He is currently serving in Rotary International/Global Offside Care and in charge of the Asia Region. Their objective is to increase use of “Telemedicine” which has been around for many years, but only as internet speeds have gotten faster has it become practical. Telemedicine allows physicians to connect with patients remotely, as well as to consult with colleagues all over the world. At its simplest, it consists of a chat via online video, but it can also allow a physician to examine a patient remotely using a robot. It has been used to overcome distance barriers and to improve access to medical services that would often not be consistently available in distant rural communities.



Guest Speaker #2:

HCC Chancellor – **Rachel Solomsaas** gave a very informational presentation of HCC’s Hawaii Promise campaign in their goals to increase and assist close to 3000 of the students currently enrolled in both Hilo and Palamanui (Kona) Campuses. 90% are from Hawaii Island. Here are the major highlights:



Achieving the Promise

What is the promise?

An educated and skilled workforce for the State of Hawaii.

Birthdays:

Kui Costa December 12
Cathy Gray December 13
Michael Meyer December 15
Reese Mates December 110
Eddie Hara December 24
Gay Porter December 31

Club Anniversary:

Russ Oda December 2, 1966 (51)
Tina Jimenez December 5, 2014 (3)
Jim Cheney December 8, 1988 (29)
Shane Okimoto December 9, 2016 (1)
Harry Kim December 16, 2016 (1)
Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (14)

Wedding Anniversary:

Marcia & Garry Prose Dec. 1 (48)
Russ & Aki Oda Dec. 14 (65)
Keith & Leigh Okamoto Dec. 19 (25)
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (44)
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (24)
Cathy & Jerry Gray Dec. 25 (41)
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (9)

Announcements:

December 22 - No Meeting
December 29 - No Meeting
January 5 - Meeting

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 – Tim Beatty
- The Rotary Foundation – Malcolm Chun
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

To Achieve the Promise

we need to:

Keep the Promise
(Waihona Ho'ona'auao)
by Closing the Achievement Gap

Advance the Promise

(Waihona 'O'i'enehana)
with Workforce Development

Build the Promise

(Waihona Nui Kuauili)
of Island-wide Service with 21st Century
Facilities – Many of the buildings are over
50+years old and in need of major
upgrades

Closing the Achievement Gap

Many students who enroll drop out before
earning their degree or certificate.
Incompletion hurts the student and the
Hawai'i Island community

How can you help?

Education as a philanthropic investment.
Community connections.

Lending your voice to ensure education
remains a public good and a community
investment

Opportunity Gap = Achievement Gap

** The term "waihona" is a place for laying
things for safekeeping in a hale. In modern
times "waihona" is updated to mean
"funds" and "treasury."

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Reminders.....

Dirk Yoshina reported that our members
were in the holiday giving mood and we
collected over **\$300** for the servers of the
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Per **Wally**:

**Project Hawaii Homeless Keiki
Christmas Party**, Dec 22, 2017 12pm to
4pm.

Please join us in setting up and decorating
Aunty Sally's for this event.

Save the date:

Jan 23, 2017

District Meeting/Gathering at Naniloa
5pm -8pm Heavy Pupus

President Steve closed the meeting
wishing all of the members and guests a
very Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki
Hou. And gave another huge mahalo to
everyone for their dedication to Rotary.

The Four Way Test was led
by missing in action and
happy that you're back, **Ian
Kitagawa**.



SAVE THE DATES

January 12 - Treena Breyfolge, an African encounter with Pan Troglodytes

February 23 to 25 - RYLA at KMC (Gail Takaki)

April 19 - Chili Cook-off competition/Social AJA Hall (Corey Kawamoto) 5:30 pm

April 20 - No Meeting in lieu of Chili/Social on April 19

