

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



**December 16, 2016 Chartered: December 1, 1920 Reporter: Biff**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Shane Okimoto**.  
**Bob (Bobby) Fujimoto** introduced his guests: son, **Mike Fujimoto**, daughter, **Roberta Fujimoto Chu** and grandson, **Devon Chu**. **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** brought **Kea Calpito** and **Chris Omerod**. **Anna Liu** and **Luna Hughes** were with their host, **Corey Kawamoto**, and **Charlene Meyers** with her guest **Janet Montrose**. **Mary Begier** visited from Hilo Bay Rotary. **Peter Kalburn** visited from Rotary Club of Volcano.

If you want to travel fast,  
 travel alone.  
 If you want to travel far,  
 travel together.

*An old African proverb*

On December 17 the celebration of the life of **Theresa English** on the Hilo Coast was held in the UCC in Honomu at 11 am. You contributed to Rotary, and WE WILL MISS YOU.

Held on December 17, Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Macy's

January 12 5 – 9 pm Silent Movie Membership Mixer at the Palace Theatre

January 17, Membership Social at the Palace Theatre

Officers in 2017:

- President ..... Steve Handy
- President Elect ..... Keith Okamoto
- Immediate Past President ..... Randy Hart
- Vice President ..... Mitchell Dodo
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- Sergeant at Arms ..... Dirk Yoshina
- Membership ..... Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations ..... Marcia Prose
- Foundations ..... Malcolm Chun w/ Kerry Glass mentoring
- Club Service ..... Kui Costa
- International Service ..... Stew Hussey
- Community Service ..... Wally Wong
- Youth Service ..... Gail Takaki
- Vocational Service ..... Bobby Stivers-Apiki

BIRTHDAYS

- Reese Mates** December 19
- Ed Hara** " 24
- Gay Porter** " 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Keith and Leigh Okamoto** 24 years, December 19
- Wally and Malia Wong** 23 years, " 22

BOBBY FUJIMOTO DAY

Today was a celebration of **Bobby Fujimoto's** 57 years in Rotary. His career and biography were given by his son, **Mike**. **Bobby** was the third generation of the **Fujimoto** family to lead Hawaii Planing Mill, now known as HPM Building Supply. The company was started in 1921 by **Bobby's** grandfather. **Bobby** was there when HPM was destroyed by two tsunamis and saw it recover. He was an owner when the US government took it over during World War II, and his family took the company back at the end of the war. In 1959 **Bobby** began a profit sharing plan with HPM employees, and in 1977 **Bobby's** was one of the first Hawaii companies to start an ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). The company became 100% employee-owned in 2006. The talk was interesting, particularly to those of us who are customers of HPM.



HAPPY DOLLARS

Happy dollars were given by **Charlene Meyers, Barbara Garcia, Jim Kennedy, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Malcolm Chun, Bob Fox, Nancy Cabral, Susan Munro, Alan Kusunoki, Celestine Ruwethin, Connie Ichinose, Jennifer Tanouye, Russell Oda, Keith Okamoto, and Steve Handy, Jr.**

Rotarians donated a total of **\$480** as a holiday "Thank You" to the three key waiters who service us.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH **THE FOUR WAY TEST:**

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better relationships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Birthdays:**

Kui Costa December 12  
Michael Meyer December 15  
Reese Mates December 19  
Eddie Hara December 24  
Gary 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)  
Keith & Leigh Okamoto Dec. 19 (24)  
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (43)  
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (23)  
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (8)

**Announcements:**

Dec. 23 - No meeting  
Dec. 30 - No meeting  
Jan. 6 - Mike Meyer  
"I'm a Loser" - A personal journey  
Jan. 20 - Chris Tamm "Hot & Cold"  
Iceland & Borneo  
Feb. 10 - Jason Dela Cruz, Dept. of Health

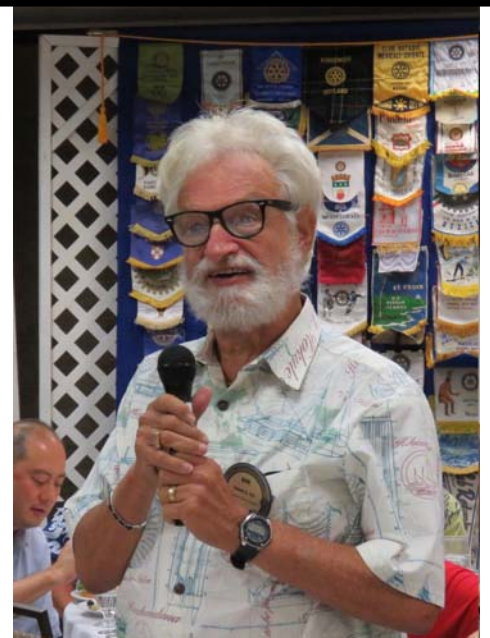
**Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors  
2016 - 2017:**

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- 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**







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