

Rotary Club of Hilo



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President **Randy Hart** welcomed all to the weekly meeting, calling on our newest member (for the moment!) **Mary Bicknell** to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Earlier, **Treena Breyfogle** and **Bob Hanley** greeted us warmly. Posted on the screen was our Rotary theme, "If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together."



Joining us today were **Pastor Eric Anderson**, guest of **Biff Kennedy**, our speaker **Susan Maddox**, **Genie Phillips**, guest of **Alan Kusunoki** and recruited by Visiting Rotarian (RC of Hilo Bay) **Karolyn P. Lundkvist**.

President **Randy** recognized **Tammy Silva** for serving both as reporter, and photographer at last week's festive event. Mahalo plenty!

Announcements

Our Club celebrated its 96th Anniversary on Dec. 1. The second oldest Club in the State, we're now also the second largest in size. (Per **President Randy**, we have a net increase in 10 members for the year, thanks to Membership Chair **Connie Ichinose** and her fabulous team—**Cindy Boots**, **Tina Jimenez**, **Nina Decker**, and **Kathleen McGilvray**. Thanks were expressed to **INMY** for her \$400 in-kind contribution of food, to **Tina** for her time, effort, and money in creating the flower centerpieces, and to **Kathleen** for her boundless energy in helping coordinate the party.

Theresa English's Celebration of Life will be held at the Hilo Coast UCC in Honomu, 11 a.m., with **Past President Stew Hussey** representing the Rotary Club of Hilo at the celebration.

Recognitions

Thanks were expressed to **Nancy Cabral** and other Rotarians helping with the **Hilo Rice Rally** (resulting in 325(?) pounds of rice for the Salvation Army). (Check out the photo with 380 pounds noted on the website, www.hilorotary.org.)

Thanksgiving photo recognitions included the Basket Assembly (**Gail Takaki** and others with Interact and Rotaract), "The Shredders" of turkey for Thanksgiving Day, and the servers at Auntie Sally's Luau Hale, with photos of **Gail Takaki**, **Mary Bicknell**, and others. (Per **President Randy**, how neat to see new members get involved right away!)

Rotarians are invited to the Club's traditional Christmas spaghetti lunch for seniors at Kamana Center on Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. (with packing of goodies starting

at 10:30 a.m.), plus the Board will meet on Dec. 14.

ADG Alan Kusunoki invited Rotarians to wear a Rotary shirt and festive attire for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Macy's on Dec. 17. If you can't come for an entire shift, just show up for some of the caroling, plus "bring \$ for the pot" as there is again a challenge (with South Hilo) for raising funds.



Those with birthdays, wedding anniversaries and club anniversaries were recognized by name and via PowerPoint. Rotarians celebrating birthdays this month include **Kui Costa** (12/12) and **Mike Meyer** (12/15). Congratulations go to **Marcia** and **Gary Prose** (#47 on 12/01), **Russ** and **Aki Oda** (#64 on 12/14), and **Donnie Demuth** and **Suprina Dorai** (#5 on 12/16), and, for Club membership this month, to **Russ Oda** (50 years), **Tina Jimenez** (2 years), and to **Jim Cheney** (28 years).

Happy/Sad Dollars

Chris Tamm gave \$20 for the fun of seeing the northern lights in Iceland three times (once from the airplane and twice from the ground). Since it was very cold, **Chris** and **Barbara** are now headed to Bornea to thaw out. Thanks for your holiday greetings, **Chris!**



Treena Breyfogle gave \$100 to **The Rotary Foundation** in **Wally Wong's** name as she "lost again" in a recent bet with Wally about the presidential election results. Mahalo, **Treena!**



Keith Okamoto donated \$20 to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** for the Huskies getting to the football playoff. If they beat Alabama, he'll drop \$100!

Karolyn Lundkvist gave \$10 for giving up that shopping cart of groceries so she could get to our meeting after all—not a holiday but Safeway's \$5 specials at work!



Mitch Roth donated \$10 to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** for a "pretty good couple of days." (Later he was thanked by **Mike Meyer** (\$5) for getting the "Peter boy" case moving on.)

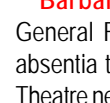


Helen Hemmes gave \$5 to the Club's general fund to share that **Don** and she had lunch with **Walter "Kilo" Killough** and his wife, Rotarian **Fran Wiebenga**, on Wednesday. A former member of our Club, "**Kilo**"



traveled with Club members to Japan in 2016.

Barbara Garcia gave \$5 to the General Fund from **Marcia Prose** in absentia to announce that the Palace Theatre newsletter is available. (**Marcia** is helping staff a booth for the Theatre at a craft fair.) She also announced that **Nina Decker** along with baby **Collette** is home and that she, along with **Kathleen McGilvray**, will be taking food/casserole donations to her on Saturdays. Food donations such as casseroles will be accepted next week Friday, per **Kathleen**, who donated \$10 to encourage support.



Glenn Harris said he would match the donation of \$20 and drop \$100 if the Huskies win! He's grateful his house in Washington sold, with his house here on the market.

Cindy Boots, always the cheerful sports fan and donor, gave \$10 for the good news that the Wisconsin Badgers are going to a bowl too.

Newton Chu donated \$100, grateful for the work of the Hilo Medical Center (and the Foundation), the honor of helping MC the Hospice dinner, and the pleasure of seeing **Eric Anderson** at today's meeting. Work calls him to Honolulu next Friday, at which meeting the owner of Badge #1, **Robert "Bobby" Fujimoto**, will be honored.

Karolyn gave \$5 "sad" dollars to announce the death (possibly a suicide) of Heisman winner **Rashaan Salaam**, a former classmate of her kids at La Jolla Country Day School.

New Member Induction

President **Randy** invited **Helene Tajiri**, sponsor, to introduce **Shane Okimoto**, pastor of the Waiakea Uka Bible Church. **Helene** noted **Shane** grew up in Hilo, playing basketball for Waiakea High School. She



noted he was upbeat, cheerful, and so helpful to her with the passing of her parents. Welcome, **Shane!**



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. 14 - Kamana Sr. Center Luncheon
(Corey Kawamoto)
Dec. 16- Roberta Chu
Celebrating Bobby Fujimoto's 57 years in
Rotary and HPM's contributions to our
community
Dec. 17 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Macy's (Alan Kusunoki)

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**

Program –EnVision Mauna Kea – A Community Conversation – with **Susan Maddox**, speaker

As promised, at 12:30 p.m. (or a minute earlier!), **President Randy** invited **Mike Meyer** to introduce Friends of the Future Executive Team Leader **Susan Maddox**, who was our recruited guest speaker back in October when time ran out for her talk.

Susan stated it was nice to be back to share more about EnVision Maunakea. Among the circumstances leading to the program were the demonstrations atop the mountain on Oct. 7, 2014, with social media taking the issue of the TMT beyond our shores, and with not all persons understanding the issues. Four individuals in their own circles of influence – Doug Simons (Canada-Hawaii-France Telescope, Greg Chun (Kamehameha Schools and now with UH-Manoa), Stephanie Nagata (Office of Maunakea Management), and Ka?iu Kimura (Imiloa Astronomy Center)—came together and subsequently approached Friends of the Future to help convene discussions with the goal of finding common points of view and changing the tenor of the conversation. The Board could see how passionate the four were and how the purpose of their proposed program aligned with the mission of Friends of the Future – to have a “safe place for hard conversations.” (**Susan** provided pertinent information about the founding of the not-for-profit organization by Mr. Kenny Brown and noted the organization generally works behind the scenes to provide a safe place for speaking and listening.)

The EnVision Maunakea process has three components: 1) the notion of “civil conversations” about the future of Mauna Kea in 100 years, via facilitated meetings islandwide, 2) the enlisting/enrolling/cajoling of a leadership group of ten with islandwide representation and varied perspectives to attend these sessions over the next seven months and to listen “very deeply” and then transfer their listening to a public document, and 3) a published document about what was heard in the listening sessions in terms of common themes/narratives about what types of uses could co-exist in the future. The draft document will be shared at a series of community meetings to share the information. Ultimately, the document will be given to Governor Ige, Chair Case of DLNR, President of UH-Manoa, Chancellor of UH-Hilo, the Office of Maunakea Management and other groups that have planning processes and are involved in caring for Mauna Kea.

She noted Friends of the Future had no control over the timing of the process, which is happening simultaneously with the contested case hearing over TMT. Among the foundation questions the process hopes to answer is, “What will Maunakea look like 100 years from now?”, “What is the mountain’s significance?”, “What must never be lost?”, and “What

are the conditions under which multiple uses can operate?”—a far broader approach than the topic of the contested case. The EnVision Maunakea is a “heart/people” approach.

There was time for her to respond to questions, such as naming the persons in the Aha Kuka (listening group), the funding sources (two – RCUH for Friends of the Future and Imiloa from the Moore Foundation, plus in-kind donations). Listening sessions will be a combination of small groups of invited guests, larger community groups such as Civic Clubs, etc. The make up of the sessions is still evolving. There will also be an online survey during the process to allow an ever-greater number of people to share their hopes and thoughts. The facilitated discussions will begin with clear guidelines for participation to avoid venting and other public meeting pitfalls. Asked whether there is a connection to the pipeline protests in North Dakota, **Susan** said both include cultural issues and both are

being influenced by outsiders. The EnVision Maunakea process is grounded on this island.

In closing, **Susan Maddox** noted that the goal is to find points of commonality, and she thanked the Rotary Club for inviting her to share about the process.



Upcoming Happenings

President Randy put in a plug for the UH-Hilo Vulcans, thanking **Pat Guillen** for the tailgate party last week. Attending games is “a lot of fun.”

On **Friday, Dec. 16**, come prepared to honor **Bobby Fujimoto**, owner of badge #1, with membership of 57 years, and HPM for their contributions to the community over the years. Joining him will be **Roberta Chu**, his daughter, and son, **Mike Fujimoto**, a former member of our Club. Please also come prepared to donate to the holiday gift for our fabulous servers.

In Closing

President Randy called on the Club's newest member, **Shane Okimoto**, to lead the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do, (plus #5, Have Fun!) and the meeting was adjourned.



Photographer: **Mitchell Dodo**