

- Call to Order: President Steve called the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of 2018 to order at 12:04pm. President Steve welcomed everyone and gave his best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year. Steve announced that an all time record was set by Nancy Cabral for arriving before the meeting started. Also that Cindy Boots sent a Season's Greeting Card to the club along with a \$100 check donation for the Club Foundation/Fuji Project.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by past DG Pete Mueller visiting from the Hilo Bay Club.
- Greeters were VP Mitch Dodo and Sergeant at Arms –Shane Okimoto
- Guests attending were: Don (Helen Hemmes), Don Millard (Helene Tajiri), J D Domizio (Lisa Rantz) & Pam Elders (Susan Munroe)
- Bobby – Voc Svcs reminded us that this is Vocational Services month and the Rotary Club Code of Conduct cards were placed on the tables and encouraged new members to take home a card.
- Wally asked for our participation in the Mauka to Makai cleanup at Kaiwao Farms is January 20. Also, we have Lilioukalani Park Cleanup on January 27. A reminder to sign up has been sent out on via our Rotary Club Runner. ADG Randy again reminded us to sign up for the Rotary Foundation dinner and seminar on January 23 at the Naniloa. You need to RSVP by January 19 with Connie.
- Marcia Prose – Public Relations encouraged members to wear their Rotary Pins and snap a selfie on Jan 26, 2018 since there will be no Friday meeting.
- Jen Tanouye – 2018 RYLA Logistics Chair asked that all RYLA Volunteers remember to fill out their volunteer applications.
- Connie announced that she is in the process of planning a post Valentine 's Day evening for Feb 15, 2018 at East Hawaii Cultural Center.
- Happy Dollars: Helen Hemmes for her hubby/Don for coming to the meeting and watch Treena's African Safari presentation, Susan Monroe was \$10 happy for finally being back home after weeks of travel. Nancy Cabral was \$26 happy and will be every week until Feb 17 when the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Panewa Stampede Rodeo will be held and hopes members would attend this exciting event. President Steve was \$40 in celebration of the New Year!

#### Guest Speakers.

- Guest Speaker #1 - Pam Elders Current Board Chair of Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School (LCPCS). She stressed the importance of having a well functioning board and how it is crucial for their success for their school and community for many years to come.. Their board is in the process of raising funds for the "Carver Model of Policy Governance. They have raised monies and received a Hawaii Community Grant already. They are just \$2800 short of their goal to cover the training costs and ask for our club support.
- Guest Speaker #2: Co Secretary – Treena Breyfogle shared her amazing adventure in Africa's Lake Tanganika. It was a very enjoyable and informational slide show presentation. We saw the beautiful lodging accommodations & meals made by their private cook, the beautiful beach, her fun times with friends, and their wonderful guide – Matias and staff. We love watching the videos of all of those close encounters with the chimpanzees. They were so cute yet intimidating. You can definitely see that monkeys are the bosses of the forest. Treena also shared that Chimps love snacking on ants by catching them with sticks, and ants eat the cockroaches. In the homes. Natives also keep snakes in their houses so they eat the rats. Yikes!! Treena said this is her second trip to Africa and that she was able to have seen the Big 5 (Lions, Rhinos, Elephants, Cape Buffalo, & Leopards. But on this trip she even got to see Cheetahs, Ostriches, Jackals, Impalas and Wild Dogs. That is some impressive trip. Makes us all want to go!
- The meeting ended with Cowboy leading us in the 4 way Test.