

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was a hot and muggy day in Hilo, Hawaii, with tropical storm Fernanda and king tides bearing down on us. As we have done for over 97 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Greeted with a smile, and warm handshakes by Greeters **Bobby "not YMCA" Stivers-Apiki** and **Jenn "K&J" Tanouye**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Our fearless 97th President **Steve "Footlong" Handy** asked **Mike "slim" Meyer** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

So **Da Prez** reminded everyone that our International theme for the year under the leadership of Rotary International President **Ian Riseley** is "**Rotary Making a Difference.**"



Da Prez then brought up the Greeters to introduce our guests. Visiting from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was past District Governor-**Pete "Oktoberfest" Mueller**. **Ursula** and **Heidi Myers** - daughters of soon to be new members **Leo** and **Susan Myers**; **Sally "Reiki" O'Brien** brought **Skye Czember**, **Jen "K&J" Tanouye** brought her moopuna - **Brooklyn Springer**.

Wally "Hokulea" Wong announced the cleanup on Invasive Weeds on Maunakea was Saturday, and you should all join us at the Institute for Astronomy to carpool up to Hale Puhaku. There will be lunch after weeding and a short history of the area.

President Footlong made some announcements about projects, and events, including the concert of "Boys in Hats" featuring Rotarian **Eric "Rev" Anderson** next Friday at Church of the Holy Cross.



President Footlong then inducted 3 New members today - **Deana Scott** - (sponsor-

Connie Ichinose), **Leo** and **Susan Myers** (husband and wife)

(co-sponsors- **Charlene "mugs" Meyers** and **Randy "ADG" Hart**). Welcome to the world's best club you guys!

Marcia "Palace" Prose was called up by **AG Randy ("Past Prez") Hart** to accept a check from District 5000 for the Friends of the Children's Justice Center for **\$857.00**.

Mike "Slim" Meyer announced that this is the last weekend to catch the performance "Finian's Rainbow" at the KMC Theater in Volcano where he is one of the cast members!

President Footlong reported that progress is being made for global grants and partnerships are being considered, so let him know.

Gail "Mocha" Takaki announced that Inbound Youth Exchange Student- **Sarah Lou Phillippe** will be arriving next week. **Gail** was unsure of which country or planet she might be coming from, but guaranteed that we would love her!

HAPPY DOLLARS!

Genie "Birthday Girl" Phillips- was happy to be celebrating her birthday next week.



New Member **Leo "not Mike" Myers** was happy to be celebrating his wife's **Susan "not Mike" Myers** birthday and that their 2 daughters from the mainland are vacationing in Hilo with them.



Barb "Keola" Garcia - was happy that the July -August edition of Keola Magazine is highlighting Hawaiian Artists

Nancy "Cowgirl" Cabral - **\$150** happy to help Rotoract Members to become associated members and in celebration of the hubby's 70th birthday, her dad's 90th birthday and her dad got re-married last month.

She is also celebrating the approval to build 550 affordable housing units on the island of Kauai. WOW!



Lorraine "BJ" Shin was happy to be in the club for 8 years.

New Member **Dina "Great" Scott** was happy and **Sam "da" Butler** as well!



Connie "Membership" Ichinose was happy to start new member, **Deana Scott's Rotary Foundation** donations.



Gail "Mocha" Takaki was **\$10** happy for 4 year old, soon to be 5 years old moopuna, **Brooklyn Springer** to be visiting her Grandma **Jennifer "K&J" Tanouye** from Oahu.

Jen "K&J" Tanouye was happy and loving it that **Brooklyn** is visting in Hilo for 2 weeks before she has to go back to Oahu to attend kindergarten next week



Photographer: **Stew Hussey**

Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz July 3
Chris McNichols July 16
Jim Kennedy July 17
Gene Tao July 20
Eric Anderson July 23
Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
Genie Phillips July 28
Mitch Roth July 28
Treena Breyfogle July 30
Susan Munro July 30

Club Anniversary:

Charlene Meyers July 3, 2003 (14)
Bruce Blankenfeld July 10, 2015 (2)
Alberta Dobbe July 11, 2008 (9)
Connie Ichinose July 12, 2013 (4)
Lorraine Shin July 17, 2009 (8)
Mitch Roth July 19, 2013 (4)
Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (7)
Jim Kennedy July 24, 1998 (19)
Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (4)
Sally O'Brien July 27, 2012 (5)

Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1 (39)
Stew & Alessandra Hussey July 12 (31)
Randy & Lydia Hara July 17 (24)
Tom & Delia Brown July 29 (36)

Announcements:

July 28 - Surf Soccer Big Island
Tammy Silva / Misty Ambrosio
August 4 - STEM
August 11 - Kupu Care - Hospice of Hilo
Lani Weigert
August 18 - Chris Tamm - Borneo
August 25 - District Governor Nalani Flinn
September 8 - Teen Challenge of Hawaii Island

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 Silvers-Apiki**
- Club Service - **Kui Costa**
- New Generations - **Gail Takaki**

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation - **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation - **Malcolm Chun**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation - **Mitchell Dodo**

Patty "hula" Terada was happy that her halau was able to practice hula at the Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Rotary Park at Reed's Bay in Hilo.



Genie "Birthday girl" Phillips was happy that **Patty Terada** invited her to join her halau.

Newton "the Don" Chu was happy to be an **EREY, (Every Rotarian, Every Year)** donor, and donated **\$100** to be used for new members, due to his son, now an astrophysicist, is on island to do his research from the Keck twin telescopes on Maunakea.



Charlene "mugs" Meyers was happy to give **\$50** to **Polio Plus** and **550** of her own points toward the **Paul Harris Fellowships** for new members **Leo** and **Susan Myers**.



Cindy "not Cowboys" Boots was **\$150** for the **Rotary Foundation** due to the hard work of Rotarians, especially **Jeremiah Leonard** and **Malcolm Chun** for the installation of the 3 benches at the Rotary Park.



Wally "Hokulea" Wong was happy that the Halau was using the Rotary Park and will look into building a platform at the park for all Hula Halau to use.



Members **Mike "slim" Myers** was prepared to introduce our guest speaker, but first he demonstrated how to mount a bike and discussed traffic laws and **Nancy "Cowgirl" Cabral** shared how Oregon and Washington are developing



and implementing plans for roads for people and not for only cars



Our Guest Speaker was avid bike commuter and Bike Advocate, **Olivia Rounds** from Hilo Bike Hub. **Olivia** shared some of her life story of being a cross country bicyclist and her travels all over the United States. Raised in Ketchikan, Alaska, she always loved bicycling. She actually biked across the United States, starting at the Oregon Coast and to Florida Coast. Over 5000 miles! She only had 2 pairs of outfits, a super small tent and very little cash. In fact she's in the process of writing a book about her cross country biking adventure. She flew over to Hawaii with very little possessions and of course her bike. Once she started biking in Hawaii she fell in love with the Big Island and been here ever since. She formed the non competitive and paved road bicycling club called: **Joy Ride Hawaii**.



Tips Shared: there's a bike out there for everyone, make sure it fits and it is comfortable. If you have a bike and haven't ridden for a while,

make sure it is tuned up. She teaches classes on fixing flats and would love to see you out on the road, and on a bike!

Mahalo **Olivia**, keep on cycling!

He then asked **Tim "not Warren" Beatty** to lead us in the **4-way test**, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.

