

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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Welcome!

President Steve Handy, Jr. welcomed us all, with the microphone emitting some loud sound. "He's Hot," noted the Rotarian sitting to me. Within seconds, the problem was resolved. Past-President Alan Kusunoki led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greeter Beverly Heikes (who shared the welcoming joys with Kathleen McGilroy) called on Rotarians to introduce their guests. Lisa Rantz's guest was Anjolie Semenchuk, Tammy H. Silva introduced David Kuramoto, coach, Surf Soccer Club Big Island and main speaker, Misty Ambrosio, president of the Club, and daughter Kulia Silva, a soccer player. Charlene Meyer's guest was Sharron Faff, and Cindy Boots ("not Wally Wong") introduced Wally's guest Maureen Poirier, who joined Rotarians at the mixer on Wednesday.



### Announcements

President Steve expressed thanks to Wally Wong for his leadership on the Malama Maunakea Weed Pull at Hale Pohaku last Saturday, the first in a series of Mauka to Makai district service projects, and to Connie Ichinose, Membership Chair, for planning the Wai Oli Lounge Membership Mixer on July 26.

He then encouraged the Board, the Foundation chairs, new members, and all others interested to attend the District Assembly to be held at Hospice of Hilo

on Saturday, Sept. 16, time to be announced. The Club will cover the cost of the function.

Alan Kusunoki formally announced his farewell via a move from Hilo to Honolulu – to the tune of groans from members! A member of our Club since



October 1993, he plans to retain his membership in the Rotary Club of Hilo and will be back periodically. He served as Assistant Governor for the past three years and will remain active at the District level, especially with Peace Corps volunteers. We will miss you, Alan!

Charlene's guest Sharon Faff, race director for the Kona Marathon held in June and the upcoming Volcano Rain Forest Runs (half marathon, 10K, 5K, and zero mile event "on the slopes of Kilauea Volcano" on August 19, invited the our Club to join other Clubs in volunteering via staffing an aid station at the top of Wright Road and/or participating in the unique "zero mile" run, a fundraiser for the Friends of Volcanoes National Park. Seventy youth from Youth Challenge will be on hand to cheer on participants and present medals to those who finish that 20-foot run!



Mary Bicknell inquired about the navy blue Interact Shirt she left at the last meeting.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

President Handy congratulated Susan Meyers for her birthday on August 23 and Cowboy Kaneshiro for his on the 24th. Two persons are celebrating in absentia today, Genie Phillips and Mitch Roth.

There were no wedding anniversaries to announce.

Club anniversaries include Misti Tyrin (7 years), Jim Kennedy (19 years), Lisa Rantz (4 years), and Sally O'Brien (5 years).

### Induction of New Member

President Steve announced he "had a script" today for the official protocol of inducting a new member. He called on Rotarian Sally O'Brien, sponsor, to do the pinning honors. The Club welcomed Kathy Borer, a social worker with the DHS, with a standing ovation.



### \$ Happy Dollars \$

Sharron Faff said she was happy (\$5) to be here today, and that she was a former member of the Rotary Club of Volcano.



Eric Anderson donated \$50 to announce the "Boys in Hats" musical event with no admin fee this evening at Church of the Holy



## 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:

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 Stivers-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**

Cross. Encouraged by **Connie Ichinose** to sing, he did, "The water is wide...." Mahalo plenty, **Eric!**

**Connie Ichinose** then said that even though his singing was worth **\$500**, she was giving **\$5** - and did she say **\$500** if she heard the rap version?



**Tammy Silva** gave **\$10** (to **Pastor Eric's** church) for the "hot tune" and donated **\$20** for the Club's featuring the Surf Soccer Club on today's program.



**Sally O'Brien** gave **\$140** to **The Rotary Foundation**, thankful for her 14 years of membership in three Clubs, with **\$70** each in honor of the women she has sponsored for membership, **Mary Bicknell** and **Kathy Borer**.



**Past-President Randy Hart** gave **\$10** "sad/happy" dollars with thanks to **Alan Kusunoki** for his service to the Club over the years and for his coaching him on the duties of an Assistant Governor.



**Charlene Meyers** gave **\$5** to hope **Connie** came through with the **\$500** and had a way to do so - "If you donate **\$20** for the Polio Bike Ride in November, you will have **\$500** in sponsors."



**Sharon Faff** was then **\$10** happy to announce that **Past-President Kerry Glass** will help recruit members for the aid station on August 19. Thank you, both!



**Nancy Cabral** donated **\$100** to become an **EREY** ("Every Rotarian Every Year") and as part of her overall plan to contribute generously to the three Foundations over the year. The repartee was great for **President Steve's** jokingly announcing the Club's New Foundation ("**The Stevie Handy Foundation**") and **Nancy's** quick, fun response of "show me your (501(c)(3))!"



## Today's Guest Speaker.

**Daniel Kuramoto**, Surf Soccer Club Big Island

**Tammy Silva** had the honor of introducing the program. **Daniel Kuramoto**, one of five coaches, noted that the Club is part of a nationally recognized soccer organization with nine affiliates from Anaheim, Greater Seattle, Inland Empire, Murrieta, New York, Puget Sound League, San Clemente, Utah & Hawaii. Its mission statement, per the PowerPoint, is to "Build competitive soccer players with superior skills, teamwork and sportsmanship to compete at the highest levels of the sport."



The Club started in Hilo in 2014 with 40 regular players, with membership challenges at one point, but with 104 registered players for 2016-2017. It meets at St. Joseph's in Hilo, and the Club is opening a branch in Kona.

"What makes us different?" We offer "OPPORTUNITY" for players to build their individual talents and seek Exposure for players, plus seek to instill the principles of "becoming good people." Local style, he noted, "we like win" and "we take whomever."

The Club has sponsored a soccer camp, open to the public, at a cost of \$25 each, with one of the pluses being exposure to coaches from various educational institutions.

Club membership has worked well for Starcia Deponte, Kailo Ambrosio, Hevani Haunga, Tainana Tolleson, and Tammy's daughter, Kulia Silva, among others.

A new facet of the Club is "Lil Surfers," started in 2015 with 6 players ages 4-6 years old, and with 20+ players in 2017. There are also the U8, U10, the U12, and the U14 divisions.

Coaches, players, and parents believe in "The Gift of Giving Back," with the Big Island Surf Soccer Club helping out after Hurricane Iselle hit the Big Island, with the "Kokua no Navai" Family Fun Day in 2015, with the delivering of gifts to homeless families in conjunction with Hope Services, and many other worthy causes.

With time for questions, **Daniel** and the Club president **Misty Ambrosio** noted players have the honor of wearing clothing with the "Nike" logo via organized kits purchased every year. The logo makes the playing more "prestigious" and is thus helpful.



**Tammy** also shared that the Club is in need of equipment and that she supports the organization since it keeps her younger daughter active in organized sports. Yes, boys can play too!

### In Closing.

**President Steve** announced that the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** has ordered 100 backpacks for youth, to be distributed later.

**Nancy Cabral** led us in the **Four-Way Test** of the things we Think, Say or Do, plus the Fifth – Have Fun!



As the sun reflected off the King tides visiting our beautiful Hilo Bay, Rotarians and guests gathered for a "mixer" at the Waioli Lounge in the Hilo Hawaiian.

There were lots of new faces, some who had been volunteers, or attendees to the recent Hilo Brewfest, and some just new guests of Rotarians.

Once **Prez Steve** welcomed everyone, **Connie** "the ice-breaker queen" led the crowd in a few fun games of "getting to know you" with folks circulating from table to table so people got the chance to "mix it up!"

The buffet of "heavy pupus" was great food and continually replenished, along with lots of "happy hour" libations flowing! It was a fun and easy time for great conversations and creating new friendships.

Thanks **Connie**, for another great membership gathering!!

