

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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The sun was shining brightly on beautiful Hilo Bay when **President Randy Hart** brought the Friday, July 29th meeting to order.

There were many new faces among the crowd, and greeter **Kathleen McGilvray** welcomed everyone. **Mitch Roth** was called upon to lead The Pledge of Allegiance, and **Treena Breyfogle** was credited for her help in selecting and setting up the special thought: If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together, which is how **President Hart** envisions the coming year's activities within the club.



Guest Speaker **Stephanie Nagata**, and her sidekick, **Laura Aquino** were introduced, along with **Marcia Prose's** guest **Officer Van Reyes** of the Hilo Police Department. **Nina Decker** was very happy to share her great friends **Barbara Garcia** (Ke'Ola Magazine) and **Lahela Parker** (Bytes and Pieces of Hilo) with club members **Reese Mates** brought along her mom, **JoAnn Knake**, and exchange student **Mathias Bergay** who will be housed at the Mates' home for about 6 months, so we'll hopefully hear more about him in the future. **Newton Chu** (dressed all in black with his great t-shirt showing off PUEO) was proud to introduce his guest **Keahi Warfield**. **Mary Begier** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, and **Lance Rae** from one of the Honolulu Clubs were our only visiting Rotarians. **Lance** is also the PR person for Rotary, and will be attending next week's meeting when **District Governor Clint Shroeder** will be on hand, to induct our new members and give his District address for the new year. **Lance** encouraged everyone to be sure to report on Rotary projects and forward to him, so our Rotary story can be told and shared with the public.

Speaking of sharing, a new idea was hatched by **Treena Breyfogle**, called Where's Waldo. As members travel around the world on exciting adventures, she's asking that we send her photos of ourselves and where or what we're doing (hopefully maybe even wearing our

Rotary pins) and she'll post on facebook, and make sure **Randy** has on his weekly presentation to share with the club. and as if on que, sure enough, there was a few photos of members **Kerry Glass** and **Richard Johnson** enjoying some awesome fishing in Sitka Alaska.



There was a table at the back of the room, stacked high with backpacks (84 total) which **Reese Mates** explained was a community project for the club, that was partnering with the Hilo Police Department. **Marcia Prose** did an awesome job of finding great deals on the backpacks, so the club was able to donate them to the Hilo Police Department for distribution to homeless and underprivileged children.

**Officer Reyes** had been invited to the meeting to accept the backpacks and represent the Hilo Police Department. A big mahalo to member **Mike Meyers** for bringing the project to our club last year, and for **Reese** and **Marcia** for coordinating it again this year.

### \*Upcoming August Event Dates\*

Friday August 5:

Visit with **District Governor Clint Schroeder**  
10AM Board Meeting

Saturday August 6:

8-12 BISAC Garden in Shipman Industrial Park -Lunch to be provided-

Friday August 12: Speaker- ??

Friday August 19:

Dark....also State Holiday \*Statehood Day\*  
Sunday August 21:

Greeting Hiroshima South guests at airport

Monday August 22:

Steak/Chicken Fry Party Hilo Yacht Club

5:30-8:30 PM \$25/person

No Host Cocktails ....

script will be sold for drink tickets...Hosting

Hiroshima guests..swimming is optional

### Onward to Happy Dollars,

and a very happy crowd it was!: **Chris Tamm** was happy to have just finally returned from lots of travels,. Gone since May, he and wife **Barbara** took in sights in Panama, Southern France, Yellowstone National Park and Salt Lake, and even included a family reunion along the way...nice to be back in Hilo!



**Mitch Roth** had happy dollars to see **Lance Rae** who is championing WalkWise Hawaii which has partnered with the State to make walking safer for everyone in the islands. **Lance** will be bringing more information with him and special LED safety lights for a well-lit Hawaii when he comes back next Friday with the DG.



**Lance Rei** also had happy money to contribute to announce August is Pedestrian Safety Month!



**Bob Fox**, had recently returned from interesting travels in Slovenia, Florence, Dubrovnic, and was very happy to see **President Hart** already in action!



**Marcia Prose** had lots of happy things to say about the upcoming events at the Palace, including that there are still tickets available to see Jake Shimabukuro on Friday August 5th....also she just want to show off how she understood the meaning of **SOP**, **TRF** and **EREY**. AND, on August 13th, election day, the feature will be "Roseanne for President" with Roseanne Barr on hand to greet folks, and free popcorn for those attending. AND, lastly, the Palace is officially a "Poki" stop, YAY!



**Susan Munro** was very happy to on the eve of celebrating her birthday, Saturday July 30th



## Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz July 3  
Jim Kennedy July 17  
Gene Tao July 20  
Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24  
Mitch Roth July 28  
Treena Breyfogle July 30  
Susan Munro July 30

## Club Anniversary:

Bruce Blankenfeld July 10, 2015 (1)  
Alberta Dobbe July 11, 2008 (8)  
Connie Ichinose July 12, 2013 (3)  
Lorraine Shin July 17, 2009 (7)  
Mitch Roth July 19, 2013 (3)  
Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (6)  
Jim Kennedy July 23, 1998 (18)  
Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (3)  
Sally O'Brien July 27, 2010 (4)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1 (38)  
Stew & Alessandra Hussey July 12 (30)  
Randy & Lydia Hart July 17 (23)  
Tom & Delia Brown July 29 (35)

## Announcements:

Aug 5 - DG Clint Schroeder  
Aug 12- Suzi Bond  
Kilauea Drama Entertainment Network  
Aug 19- No Meeting  
Aug 22- Hiroshima South visitation Steak Fry  
Aug 26- Paul Field  
Hawaii Volcano's National Park

## 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 - **Treena 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 Dado**

**Steve Handy** was happy to share that his newest Subway had successfully been blessed and opened in Keaau this past Wednesday...Now let the customers start rollin' in!



**Nina Decker**, had so much happiness to be able to be sharing Rotary with her friends, and then shortly taking off for her first baby shower being held for her in LA and..then travelling on to Paris, France ....should we be watching for some "Nina's New Adventures" coming soon? She loves that Rotary has become part of her life, working with the Board of Laupahoehoe School, and now her significant other is also going to be working at the charter school, all because of new contacts thru Rotary since she's moved to Hawaii....yes, Rotary does become your family too!



**Newton Chu** had happy money to share that his guest **Keahi Warfield** was a co-worker with him in the non-profit group PUEO ...Perpetuating Unique Educational Opportunities, Inc.



\*more on this later.

**Toshi Aoki** had happy dollars and special menus for his recently opened restaurant Aomatsu, which is located on Mamo Street temporarily operating in the Royal Saim location. The restaurant is only open on Sunday evenings, and if Rotarians bring in the menus he'd left on tables he'll offer a 10% discount for trying out his new business. Reservations are required: phone 825-1072, and it's BYOB. Best Wishes on this new venture **Toshi!**



Finally, after all that happiness, **President Randy** introduced **Stephanie Nagata**,



Director of The Office of Mauna Kea Management. The OMKM is the primary agency responsible for managing the Mauna Kea Science Reserve. In 2000 the UH Board of Regents the UH at Hilo to appoint seven community leaders to serve on the board along with seven Hawaiian cultural advisors on matters involving Mauna Kea. The group strives to preserve and protect the resources on the summit. Over the past years, research has been ongoing into the native flora and fauna, including how to sustain and protect it. Also, there has been research into invasive species and eradication. Established in 2001,

a Mauna Kea Rangers Program has been helping visitors to interact with health and safety on the mountain, along with answering questions regarding historical, cultural, scientific and environmental questions. The Rangers are also first responders for any emergencies up on the mountain. There are botanical, climate and erosion studies to accumulate historical data to compare with current conditions. A very important aspect of the OMKM is community outreach and involvement. Often volunteers help with projects, and they collaborate with PUEO (Perpetuating Unique Educational Opportunities) to share the experiences of



MaunaKea. **Keahi Warfield** then stepped forward and explained that PUEO was created for our local youth to learn more about Mauna Kea and the surrounding area, and PUEO's focus is to create awareness of the many educational and career opportunities that are offered other than just astronomy based jobs. There are all sorts of jobs which support the astronomy community, such as Rangers, construction and electrical positions, road and building maintenance and clerical assistance. By connecting our local youth with fields of interest, they are given an opportunity to work toward a fulfilling career and learn skills that will allow them to continue to live in the islands with family and friends. Anyone wishing to find out more about either OMKM or PUEO please check out their websites:

[malamamaunakea.org](http://malamamaunakea.org) or [alohapueo.org](http://alohapueo.org)

Pueo is looking for resource people who are willing to work with students. If you're interested please contact **Newton Chu**. Both **Stew Hussey** and **Newton Chu** had praise for the great work being done by the management team, and encourage everyone to support the efforts to help bring the TMT situation to the next level so construction can begin.

**President Randy** had Rotary mugs for both **Stephanie** and **Keahi**, and **Gail Takaki** closed the meeting with an exuberant **4 Way Test**, including HAVE FUN!



\*\*Please note to anyone who enjoys a little creative writing, the Lava Flow is looking for some additional reporters, so if you are willing to show off your skills please get in touch with **Tammy Silva**.

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