

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was a typical beautiful sunny day in Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over 95 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 **Greeter Tammy "Sterling" Silva**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our "veteran" fearless 96th President **Randy "not Gary" Hart** asked **Chris "McNuggets" McNichols** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So **Da Prez** reminded everyone that our Club's theme for the year is *"If you want to travel fast, travel alone, if you want to travel farther, travel together."* Also, under the leadership of Rotary International President **John Germ** our Rotary International theme is *"Rotary Serving Humanity."*



Da Prez then brought up **Tammy "Sterling" Silva** to introduce our guests. Visiting from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Karolyn Lundkvist**. **Barb "not Jerry" Garcia** brought **Bob Wiley**. Also visiting were a whole bunch of speakers from Camp Agape **Charley Kama**, **Emma Chong**, **Dawn Tavares**, **Kamani Cazemera**, and **Jezzarie Susa**.

Da Prez thanked **Cindy "not Cowboys" Boots** and **Bob "not Joe" Hanley** for last week's lava flow. And also Mahalo to our fearless lava flow coordinator **Tammy "Sterling" Silva** and **Ed "not Portia" Hara**

for the publishing. Also, we need more lava flow writers, so contact **Tammy** and sign up today!

Announcements!

Please check in with **Malcolm "not X" Chun** to be a volunteer for June 24 Brewfest.

Please sign up to help with the Rotary Park bench installation coming up.

Also remember to pay your dues, they are due on June 15.

Past Prez **Kerry "not Munro" Glass** gave a quick summary of our **Rotary Foundation** status and awarded a ton of Paul Harris Fellowship Pins.



Jennifer "KJ" Tanouye and **Keith "not Mike" Okamoto** received their **FIRST Paul Harris Fellows Pins**. Welcome to the Club!



Tim "not Warren" Beatty and **Randy "da Prez" Hart** received their **PH +1 pins**.

Jim "not Dick" Cheney received his **PH +3**, and

Chris "not Barbara" Tamm received his **PH +4**. WOW you guys rock!

Rotary travelers included **Mike "nonfat" Meyers** for completed his first Century, a 100 mile bike ride. I remember those days!



Former members **Richard** and **Jenny Johnson** say hello from Coronado, California.

And **Treena "Weena" Breyfogle** was on Route 66 somewhere in Texas.

Tammy "Sterling" Silva showed us photos of her champion soccer daughter **Kulia** and fellow Big Island kids at the Manchester Soccer Cup in San Diego! Way to go girls!

HAPPY DOLLARS!

Nancy "Cowgirl" Cabral was happy that Camp Agape was here. So was **Stew "Navy Seal" Hussey**, **Cindy "not Cowboys" Boots**, **Genie "not Al" Phillips**, **Lorraine "BJ" Shin**, **Russ "Body" Oda**, **Jimmy "Coach" Yagi**, **Eric "not Pamela" Anderson**, **Tammy "Sterling" Silva**, **Jim "not Biff" Kennedy**, **Chris "not Mike" Robinson**, **Keith "not Mike" Okamoto**, **Tim "not Warren" Beatty**, **Tina "not Jose" Jimenez**, **Steve "Subway" Handy**, **Jennifer "KJ" Tanouye**, **Susan "not Glass" Munro**, **Mitch "D.A." Roth**. Many were happy to support the **Rotary Peace Park** project in Waikiki as well.

Marcia "Palace" Prose was all giddy for the boys from Thunder Down Under coming to the Palace Theater on June 12. Look but don't touch Girls!



Guest **Carolyn Lundvquist** was happy to be visiting our great club. Sorry if I missed your donation!

Da Prez Randy then called up **Mitch "D.A." Roth** to introduce our speakers from Camp Agape.

Next week kid campers will come from all around Hawaii Island to attend Camp Agape. They all come for one reason: to just be kids for a few days.



Birthdays:

Chuck Porter June 4
Judy Gibson June 6
Kathleen McGilvray June 7
Nina Decker June 9
Charlene Meyers June 10
Jeremiah Leonard June 11
Dirk Yoshina June 14
Jen Tanouye June 19
Biff Kennedy June 21
Lorraine Inouye June 22
Glenn Harris June 26
Ron Dolan June 4
Russ Oda June 30

Club Anniversary:

Patty Terada June 3, 2016 (1)
Mitchell Dodo June 4, 1999 (18)
Johnalyn Nosaka June 5, 2015 (2)
Pete Muller June 20, 2016 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2 (6)
Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (36)
Ketura & Duke Waiki June 12 (5)
Cel & Shoshanna Ruwethin June 14 (11)
Cindy & John Boots June 21 (31)
Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23 (65)

Announcements:

June 9 - Chris Tamm, World Travels
June 16 - Tammy Silva/Misty Ambrosio
Surf Soccer Big Island
June 24 - Hilo Brewfest
June 28 - Hilo Rotary Installation
Grand Naniloa Hotel
July 14 - Chris Ridley, Alzheimer's Assoc.

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**
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- 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 - **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation - **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation - **Mitchell Dodo**

On the surface this is a straightforward goal, but for the kids at Camp Agape, run by the New Hope Hilo church and now in its fifth year on the island, it's not one that necessarily comes easily. Every camper has a parent who is in jail or prison.

There's no accurate statewide count for how many children have incarcerated parents. But in the meantime, services directly addressing this population are lacking. **Roy Yamamoto** of Pearl City, a former inmate whose daughter was three when he entered prison, founded Camp Agape on Oahu over ten years ago.

"God cut me loose," **Yamamoto** has said. Since then, he's been doing everything he could for inmates and their families. Besides the Big Island program, camps have been established as close by as Maui, and as far away as Arkansas. The program is free for campers, funded by grants and donations. According to **Mitch Roth**, Children here have been through the same things, having a group like this helps them to realize they're not the only ones going through this.

A 2014 study by the University of California-Irvine found that children of inmates are more likely to experience mental health conditions such as ADD/ADHD and anxiety than children who did not have an incarcerated parent. The same study found children of incarcerated parents three times as likely to suffer from depression.

The camp is about "breaking down walls," said **Emma Chong**, who oversees Camp Agape's mentor and junior mentor group on the Big Island. "They've been hurt."

Pastor **Charlie Kama** of New Hope Hilo worked at the Oahu camp before founding Hawaii Island's program five years ago. He gets in touch with campers through their parents, whom he meets through the prison ministry. **Kama** has been a pastor for over 15 years

and involved with the prison ministry for the past 15.

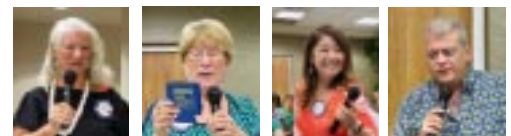
"When I go in and talk to the inmates, they're always saying, 'Would you pray for my children?'" **Kama** said. "You (the prisoners) are doing time in here, but they're doing time on the outside."

Kama himself has been out of prison for 18 years. His children were teenagers when he first went in. "When I came out of incarceration, I know how it felt, realizing 'Oh, I hurt my family and my kids,'" he said. "They saw everything that I was doing, and they followed some things I was doing, [like] drugs. They thought it was part of life." Camp Agape seeks to show kids that there is more to life, and more to strive for, when they go rock climbing, we encourage them to get to the top. "What we're saying is that you don't have to follow your parents who are incarcerated. We're trying to break that, just trying to find these kids and give them back their future, which was taken from them."

Wow, awesome presentation Camp Agape, we can't wait till you tell us how the camp went this year!

Da Prez Hart then announced that our next speaker on June 9 will be **Chris "not Barbara" Tamm**, and then don't forget the Installation Dinner on June 28! He then asked **Beverly "Newbie" Heikes** to lead us in the **4-way test**, and then we were out of there.

And that's a fact **Jack**.



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**