

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# Lava Flow



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## Welcome

President **Randy Hart** welcomed all to today's meeting, a Club Assembly, calling on **Jeremiah Leonard** to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Thanks were expressed to the greeters, **Jen Tanouye** and



**Jeremiah Leonard**, with the introduction of visiting Rotarians **Richard Cunningham** and Past District Governor **Pete Muller** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, along with **Nalani Flinn**, District Governor Elect from the Waianae Coast Club and **Winton Schoneman**, District Governor Nominee, from Honolulu Sunset. **Helen Hemmes** introduced her guest **Dave Hirano** from Chiba, Japan, **Barb Garcia** introduced her new editor for "Ke Ola", **Ilihia Gionson**, and **Nancy Cabral** introduced **Laurie Bass**, a former Rotarian of our Club. **Nina Decker's** daughter **Colette**, around four months old, was introduced later in



the meeting.

## Announcements

Thanks were expressed to **Barb Garcia**, reporter, and **Bob Hanley**, photographer, for the March 9th issue of the Lava Flow.

President **Randy** encouraged Rotarians to sign up for the YWCA's "friendraiser and fundraiser" Remarkable People Award on April 13, hoping that the **Rotary Club of Hilo** can sponsor a table of six. **Kathleen McGilvray** noted that funds raised would go to support four programs, including the preschool, Teen Court, and the sexual assault support program. **Dr. Linda Dolan** and our Club's **Mitchel Roth** will be honored this year.

**Nina Decker** invited Rotarians to contribute glam and hygiene items for the second annual Glam Bag Drive in coordination with Hope Services. More info will be forthcoming.

There is no meeting Friday, March 24, as the Club has its Chili Cook-off on Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m., at the AJA Hall.

## Recognition for 100% EREY



President **Randy**, Foundations Chair **Kerry Glass**, DG-Elect **Nalani Flinn**, and Past President **Wally Wong** posed for a photo with a banner noting

the Club's 100% membership participation in 2016 for **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)**. (Also recognized as part of the **EREY** effort was Past ADG **Charlene Meyers**, who, we learned via the "Where's Waldo" fun approach, is currently traveling in Oregon.)

## New Member Induction

**Helene Tajiri** introduced new member #87, **Christopher McNichols**, of Stellar Solutions (classification of engineering-professional), and **Bob Hanley**, new member #88, **Matthew Dykes**, who returned to Hilo to open the restaurant, Jackie Rey's (classification of restaurant management), with **Nalani Flinn** doing the honors of formally welcoming both as Rotarians. Welcome to our new "awesome members"! **President Randy** encouraged us all to get to know our new Rotarians! Who enjoys craft beer? Who likes fishing and scuba diving? Did you know that **Bob** and **Matthew** grew up together in Hilo? DG-elect **Nalani** congratulated the new members, noting there are 1.2 million Rotarians around with world and that together Rotarians can grow, develop, and change lives.



## Recognitions and More Announcements

Recognized via photos were **Wally Wong** along with volunteers cleaning for the Ka Ipu Aina cleanup for the Laupahoehoe Point Charter School, a project that will net the Club \$\$ from Matson, and **Glenn Harris**, founder of our Reading in Kindergarten program.

The Club's calendar on the website has key dates, including the April 8 Laupahoehoe Interact Music Fest (contact **Wally Wong** to help), the upcoming American Heart Association walk on April 1 (photo at 7:45 a.m. with walkers and \$\$ encouraged (see **Kerry Glass**), the April 15 Rotary Park cleanup, with the May 11 dedication ceremony with the planting of three palm trees to honor our Club's top three (in tenure), **Bobby Fujimoto**, **Jimmy Yagi**, and **Russ Oda**.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Bob Fujimoto** had a birthday on March 6th, and **Cindy Boots** a club anniversary on March 7 (#20!). Celebrating anniversaries are **Charlene** and **Amos Meyers**, **Mitchell** and **Karen Dodo** (12 years), plus **Jim Cheney** and **Xia Ying Sun** (12 years).

## Happy Dollars

**Barbara Garcia** donated \$50 to celebrate the 50th issue of "Ke Ola" (along with incentives for advertising), with **Wally Wong** and the Hokule'a featured on page 66.



**Glenn Harris** donated \$20 to announce he and his wife would be spending a month on the Oregon coast.

**Cindy Boots** donated \$100 to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, designated for the Fuji project.

DGN **Win Shoneman** gave \$5 for the Club's increase from 86 to 88 members.

**Nina Decker** gave \$5 to announce that she's now the Chair of the Club's Foundation, and **Richard Cunningham** gave \$3 as well to announce the koa incentive for donations to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**.



**Janet Montrose's** \$20 "because I woke up this morning" was cheerful to us all, and **Nancy Cabral** was \$500 happy that **Lori Bass** was visiting from Washington (and did I hear receptive to moving back here if the right job opportunity arose?), the **Nina Decker** was here with daughter **Collette**, and that she liked the koa box (10 entries per the amount of her donation). **Matthew Dykes** gave \$20 "just because I'm new," and **Kathleen McGilvray** donated \$10 for a worthy cause (cannot read my handwriting!). ADG **Alan Kusunoki** gave \$5 to announce that President-elect **Steve Handy** is now trained thanks to **PETS**, and **Jeremiah Leonard** donated \$20 for **Polio Plus** since it is St. Patrick's Day!

## Club Assembly

**Kerry Glass**, Chair, Foundations, shared fabulous results to date for annual pledges (\$14,239 at 129% of goal) and **Polio Plus** (\$3,542 or 134% of goal), with the challenge until June 30 for **EREY** (currently at 87%). The **Richard & Jenny Johnson** "2 for 1 points" match is still on. (Did you see their photo making up at the Healdsburg, CA, Rotary Club via "Where's Waldo?")

## Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6

Helene Tajiri March 25

## Club Anniversary:

Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (20)

Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (28)

Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (29)

Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (5)

Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (22)

Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (23)

Donnie Demuth March 27, 2015 (2)

Gail Takaki March 28, 2008 (9)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (48)

Charlene & Amos Meyers March 7 (46)

Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (12)

Jim Cheney & Xia Ying Sun March 18 (12)

Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (28)

Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (49)

## Announcements:

March 23 - Chili Cook-Off - AJA Hall

March 24 - No Meeting

March 31 - Dr. Lisa Keith - Rapid Ohia Death

April 1 - Heart Walk - (Kerry Glass)

April 7 - Marcia Prose - Child Abuse Month

April 15 - Rotary Cleanup Day (Wally Wong)

April 28 - Barbara Garcia - Keola Magazine

May 5 - Chris Tamm - Borneo

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

**Connie Ichinose**, Chair, Membership, regaled the Club with **President Randy's** recruitment strategy and numerical goals, and then called on committee members to share their joy: **Cindy Boots**



(orientation), **Kathleen McGilvray** (retention via help of mentors), **Tina Jimenez** ("Blue Badge"), **Nina Decker**, **Jen Tanouye**, and **Treena Breyfogle** (planning membership mixers and developing new strategies such as corporate and associate members, and getting spouses to join). The take home lesson? "Make it a point to chat with a new member."

**Gail Takaki**, Chair, Youth Services, encouraged members to sign up for next year with a handout on each table and then had the Club recognize with a quick clap each for Rotarians involved in the seven programs: Reading in



Kindergarten (the "brain child" of **Glenn Harris** and his wife, **Annie**, with coordination by **Tammy Silva**); the Dictionary Project (to third graders); Adopt a School; Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA), Interact at both

Waiakea High (numerous volunteers) and Laupahoehoe (**Wally Wong** and **Reese Mates**); Rotaract at UH-Hilo; and Youth Exchange (**Mathis Bergoy** from France, active in WHS cross country). Goals include working with the Rotary Peace Fellowship and having the district promote its Youth Protection Policy. The Rotary in Kindergarten program alone has a broad reach of Rotarians interacting with some 398 kindergarten students involved, and around 82,386 contacts!

Visiting Rotarian **Richard Cunningham** made the pitch for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation led by **Mitchell Dodo**. The Foundation gives away scholarships of \$250,000 annually (\$5000 to each student). For each \$50 donated, a Rotarian has a chance to win the beautiful koa box he displayed.



**Nina Decker**, Chair, the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation's** Chair, noted that she had served as secretary but was now chair instead of **Lisa Rantz** of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation to enhance transparency. **Tim Beatty**, **Alan Kusunoki**, and **Dr. Craig Shikuma** also serve on the Foundation's Board.

**Stew Hussey** stressed the "need for the non-political nature of Rotary International" and shared the news of matching grants for literacy programs in Thailand and in Taiwan. Due to time constraints, stay tuned for more info!

**Marcia Prose**, publicity chair, asked Rotarians to team up to share a one minute elevator speech. (Did you get a copy of the handout, "How To Tell the Rotary Story" with the contact site of [hilorotary.org](http://hilorotary.org)?) Thanks were expressed to Rotarians advertising on (and thus sponsoring) the Club's page (monthly) in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald.

It was now 1:10 p.m. with enthusiasm and energy still going at a neat pace. **Marcia** asked Rotarians to tweet, like the Facebook page, and put up posters to enhance our public image.

The list of Club leaders who had not yet had a chance to speak or be recognized included **Cindy Boots** for Vocational Service (business visitation sites and announcement that during Merrie Monarch week, on April 21, **Wally Wong** would be talking about the Hokule'a trip at the YMCA), **Wally Wong** for Community Service, **Judy Gibson** as Attendance Chair, Lava Flow (**Ed Hara** and **Tammy Silva**), **Corey Kawamoto** as Treasurer, **Dirk Yoshina** (Sergeant at Arms), **Tim Beatty** (greeters), **Kui Costa** and **Mike Meyers** (Club Service), **Treena Breyfogle**, outstanding secretary, and **Steve Handy**, president elect.

In Closing. **Cathy Gray** led us in the **Four-Way Test** of the things we think, say or do, along with the Club's 5th test, "Have Fun!"



Photographer: **Kerry Glass**