

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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Its **Chili Cook-off** day and what an evening it was. You had to be there to believe it.

This social event was to have started at 6:00pm and even though this reporter got there early at the AJA

hall (right across the street from the world famous Hilo Muni Golf Course) to make sure to cover the happenings properly, there were scads of people already there. WOW!!

The **Gatekeepers**, **Judy Gibson** and **Kui Costa**, greeting everyone with enthusiasm and smiles, collected all the moneys and signed everyone in. They later reported that 72 of us were in attendance. Naturally this included a lot of spouses and guests, like **Mr. Hemmes**, husband of **Helen**, **Mr. Tajiri**, husband of **Helene**, **Ms. Chu**, wife of **Newton**, **Ms. Muller**, wife of **Pete**, and **Mr. Beatty**, father of **Tim**, just to name a few. **Nina Decker's**

little daughter was there too, though she didn't eat much chili (have to develop a taste for this stuff I guess). And from out of town, **Mike Meyer's** guest **David** came all the way from Texas to



sample the offerings (though not commenting on how the chilis compared to the Longhorn varieties). Even **Nancy Cabral** showed up (and on time too)!

And to top things off, tonight had to be one of the shortest Rotary Club of Hilo official meetings ever. **Pres. Retired Colonel Randy**

"gonged" (sentimental reference to the recently passed infamous Chuck Norris) the meeting to order at 6:05pm and officially closed it at 6:35pm. A 30 minute meeting! (Hey incoming President **Steve Handy**, any guideline suggestions?) Guess this helped make up for last Friday's meeting which ran well overtime.

**Mike Meyer** was called upon to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag (where ever the flag was) and **Alan Kusunoki** signed us out later with the **4-way Test** (which he did by heart, not bad considering all the years he's been a member of this Club).

But in-between this 25 minutes and after the official close, what an evening. **Corey**, **Tim**, **Steve** and the



rest of the Social Committee really did themselves proud.

There were 14 (!) submitted entries



in the chili category and about 8 or 9 entries in the d e s e r t

categories (though there were some unofficial store-bought item also for everyone to enjoy). Various beers (including real beer, not just the "Lite" variety), wines and sodas along with munchie snacks were available.

W h i l e e v e r y o n e socialized and snacked, a large delegation of

judges began tasting the chilis (including this reporter) and rating them. With 14 different

offerings out there, it was difficult as some were very good with lots of assortments of ingredients and appearances. Some sort of had

a passing resemblance to chile but they tasted good too. Everyone's results were passed on the Social Committee for computation and selection of the winner.



## 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 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**

And at 6:25pm, chow time for everyone. And its funny how the room got so much quieter after this (remember, the acoustics in this room are not good at all, nothing on the floor or walls to absorb the noise), with everyone starting to enjoy everything.



Cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 selections of the judges with the eventual winner being chile #10, submitted by **Mr. Beatty, Tim's** dad. And the deserts also were judged, based on comments from the group in general and the winner was the Coconut Cake submitted by **Connie Ichinose**, though **Roberta Muller's** Rum Cake garnered a lot of "Hey – this is good and with a lot of rum", good enough for 2nd place.



And the chilis must have been good cause by 7:15pm or so, many of the pots were empty and people were scooping dregs out of those they liked. By 7:30pm many of the contestants were cleaning up their submissions to take them home and a lot of attendees were leaving already

There was still a lot of socializing going on and snacking on deserts and just enjoying the evening. This has to be one of our top social events of the year. This reporter enjoyed it thoroughly and over-ate just like most everyone else (my stomach and heartburn made me remember this event "all night long" but it was worth it). Everyone was encouraged to take home any leftovers too if they wanted (chili dogs made a nice lunch the next day).

**Nice going guys on the social committee!!**





