

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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"If you want to travel fast, travel alone.  
If you want to travel far, travel together."  
– An old African proverb

## CALL TO ORDER:

At 11:59 pm on this Malakai 31, 2017 in beautiful Hilo, **President Randy Hart** called to order the last Rotary Club of Hilo meeting of the month. Today and at every club meeting, **Dirk Yoshina**, Sergeant-at-Arms arrives well before most members and singularly sets up the massive audio equipment for all to hear and see the proceedings of the day and still has the energy to run around collecting and tracking Happy Dollars! Job well done **Dirk** and thank you for your service!

## PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

At every club meeting and event we recite the Pledge of Allegiance and today, with no exception the Pledge was led by **Tim Beatty**. But did you know, The Pledge of Allegiance is an expression of allegiance to the Flag of the United States, originally composed by Colonel George Batch in 1887 and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942?

**President Randy** acknowledge and thanked Malaka 17 Lava Flow reporter, **Jim Cheney** and photographer, **Mitch Dodo**.

## WELCOME GUESTS:

Warmly welcoming members and guests were today's Greeters **Shane Okimoto** and little under the weather, **Cindy Boots**. **Shane** introduced **Connie Ichinose** who had three special guests: **Galen Ichinose**, **Reed Takaaze** and **Dr. Lisa Keith**, today's guest speaker. **Tina Jimenez** also had a special guest, her husband **Tom Jimenez**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YWCA Remarkable People Awards Luncheon April 13. **Kathleen McGilvray** invited everyone to this special fundraiser luncheon to honor our very own club member, **Mitch Roth** and community leader **Dr. Linda Dolan**. Invitations were emailed through Clubrunner.

**HOPE Services Clam Bag.** Members are asked to contribute glam and hygiene items for this non-profit organization that works for and supports homeless individuals and families.

**Rotary Club of Hilo Brewfest** June 24, 2017, 8 am-9 pm. **Anita Tatum**, Brewfest coordinator of volunteers enthusiastically reported that a lot of volunteers will be needed to have another successful Brewfest. She is seeking five (5) members to serve on her committee. Online volunteer sign-up will begin next week. A mandatory (NO SHOW. NO VOLUNTEER.) volunteer orientation will be held on Thur. April 22, 5-7 pm at Dodo Mortuary. This meeting is to orient all volunteers about the fest rules, After-Party protocol, duties and responsibilities. Bring driver license and t-shirts will be distributed.

## RECOGNITIONS:

**President Hart** and Foundation's Chair, **Kerry Glass** recognized **Treena Breyfogle** as **Polio Plus Champion Silver Level** – a **\$500+** contributor.

## NEW SPOUSE MEMBERSHIPS #89 & #90.

**President Hart** and Membership Chair, **Connie Ichinose** was proud to introduce and induct the New Spouse Membership Rotarians. These members are the first to be inducted in the new membership level. **Gaylen Ichinose** of HELCO is sponsored by his wife, **Connie** and **Tom Jimenez** of Kaiser Permanente is sponsored by his wife, **Christine**. **Christine** and **Tom** has been married for 35 years and **Connie** states **Galen** will be an 'awesome Rotarian'.

## WHERE'S WALDO?

Each week **President Hart** shares where members are traveling to different states or countries. This week he showed us a bike parked in the front of the KMC Office. So, who's traveling by bike to KMC? Well, our very own healthy member **Mike Meyer**, who has lost over 100 pounds rode his bike from Hilo to KMC, a 30-mile track.

Also featured was the Hilo Marathon volunteers who more likely volunteered for **Susan Munro** and **Kerry Glass** fabulous breakfast!

**Corey Kawamoto** and his 'back table bad boys' were thanked for their excellent work of this years well attended "Chili Cookout" held on Thursday, Malakai 30 at the AJA Hall. 14 chili dishes were entered and the 1st Place "Best Chili" was awarded to **Tim Beatty's** dad. **Judge Tim** had no influence on the outcome, so he says. The 1st Place "Best Dessert" was awarded to **Connie Ichinose** for her coconut layer cake. Leave Waldo home **Connie** and bring the coconut cake to the next meeting!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SIGN-UP!

**Rotary Club of Hilo** is so active doing good for our community.

**April 1.** Hilo Heart Walk. Meet **Kerry Glass** for club photo at 7:45 am in front of Hilo Bay Café.

**April 1.** The Hilo Women's Club Wine & Cheese Tasting. 4-7 pm at the HWC Clubhouse. \$35.

**April 8.** Laupahoehoe Interact Music Fest. Volunteers needed, please sign-up with **Wally Wong**.

**April 15.** Rotary Park Clean-up. Volunteers needed to cut down trees and clean-up the Rotary park. Bring equipment and supplies. Matson Navigation is sponsoring the clean-up and will donate to the Rotary Club of Hilo. Sign-up with **Wally Wong**.

**April 21.** No Regular Meeting due to Merry Monarch Weekend. Rotary Club of Hilo will host a special meeting featuring Hokulea's Voyage Malama Honua. Past club president **Wally Wong** will present his extraordinary experiences as crew watch member of Hokulea as he traveled through the Panama Canal. Hawaiian lunch at \$19 will be served and meeting will be held at the Hilo YMCA, 12 noon. RSVP with **Cindy Boots**, Vocational Services Chair. You will get credit for attending.

## 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:

April 7 - Marcia Prose - Child Abuse Month

April 14 - No Meeting (Good Friday)

April 15 - Rotary Cleanup Day (Wally Wong)

April 21 - YMCA at Noon Wally Wong

Hokulea Voyage

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 – **Treana 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**

April 28. Princess Cruises' Sea Princess Cruise Ship Luncheon for the Hilo Medical Foundation \$100 per ticket. Contact **Lisa Rantz** for tickets.

## LET'S CELEBRATE.

Nine (9) members celebrate birthdays and anniversaries the last half of Malakai (March). Special note to **Helene Tajiri** who celebrated a birthday (Malakai 25); wedding anniversary of 43 years (Malakai 23) and club anniversary of 23 years (Malakai 25). **Wedding Anniversaries: Jerry & Sandy Watanabe**, 28 years; **Club Anniversaries: Tom Brown**, 28 yrs. Malakai 17; **Naomi Menor**, 29 yrs. Malakai 18; **Tammy Silva**, 5 yrs. Malakai 23; **Chris Tamm**, 22 yrs. Malakai 24; and **Gail Takaki**, 9 yrs. Malakai 28. Thank you all for your years of service! Rotary Strong.

## HAPPY HAPPY DOLLARS!

Happy Dollars from Happy Members. Leading off today's Happy Dollars was **Charlene Meyers (\$50)** who recently visited Rotary Clubs on the continent and exchanged club flags. She was especially ecstatic that two clubs paid **\$70** and **\$140** for her Rotary volcano glow coffee mug of which the proceeds were donated to Polio Plus her choice of charity. **Connie Ichinose (\$50)** for her awesome husband, **Galen; Galen Ichinose (\$50)** as a new member; **Jeremiah Leonard (\$20)** for recent article in the Tribune Herald; **Nancy Cabral (\$200)** for the passing of **Bruce Hansen** and Heart Walk which she won't be attending; **Steve Handy Jr. (\$10)** for his daughter being accepted to Washington State University & Waikiki Park Project; **Randy Hart (\$100)** for Waikiki Park; **Corey Kawamoto, (\$11)** for Waikiki Park and **Jim Kennedy (\$11)** for Waikiki Park; and **Joe Hanley (\$125)** for EREY and his new grandson.

## Waikiki Rotary Park.

**President Elect Steve Handy** made a request to support the **Rotary Club of Honolulu** to raise **\$450,000** for a community park in Waikiki. The 35,840 square-foot vacant lot is owned by the City and with the Rotary Club the joint adventure is expected to have trees, benches, and design features highlighting historical Waikiki and Rotary. **Steve** challenged the **Rotary Club of Hilo** to raise **\$1,000** for the Park. **Steve Handy, Randy Hart, Corey Kawamoto** and **Jim Kennedy** begin the fund with their own contributions.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM.

**Dr. Lisa Keith**, USDA Agriculture Research Service gave a comprehensive presentation of the Rapid Oh'i'a Death. Oh'i'a lehua is the backbone of Hawaii's native forest and watersheds which are our source of fresh water in the islands. Oh'i'a trees cover more than 1 million acres statewide – they are perhaps the most important tree in Hawaii. A disease that is new to science and new to Hawaii has killed hundreds of thousands of oh'i'a trees across almost 50,000 acres of Hawaii Island.

Known as RAPIOD OHI'A DEATH (ROD), it is caused by a fungus called *Ceratocystis fimbriata*. We can help minimize further spread of the disease or the disease has the potential to kill oh'i'a trees statewide.

## 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Don't move oh'i'a.
2. Don't transport oh'i'a inter-island.
3. Clean your tools.
4. Clean your gear.
5. Wash your vehicle.

For more information contact

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[www.rapidohisdeath.org](http://www.rapidohisdeath.org)

[www.facebook.com/rapidohiadeath](http://www.facebook.com/rapidohiadeath).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 7. **Marcia Prose**, Palace Theater

April 14 DARK, Good Friday. NO MEETING

April 21 **Wally Wong**, Hokulea Voyage  
Malama Honua

April 28 **Barb Garcia**, Ke Ola Magazine

## FOUR WAY TEST:

The Rotary Club of Hilo meetings are informative, interactive and filled with lots of fellowship and so we end today's meeting with **Connie Ichinose** leading us in the **Rotary 4 Way Test** "of the things we say and do."

## ADJOURNMENT:

**President Randy** adjourned the meeting at 1 pm.

