

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



May 19, 2017

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Reporter: Cindy

Rotarians were greeted by a trio of Lovely Ladies at the Friday, May 19th meeting at the Hilo Hawaiian.. In the absence of President **Randy Hart**, Past President **KERRY GLASS** took charge of the gavel to bring the meeting to order.



**STEW HUSSEY**, as an honored veteran, was called on to lead the Pledge, and **KERRY** asked all to reflect on the upcoming Memorial Day, and be thankful for all our service men and women who have given so much to keep our country protected and honor our freedom.

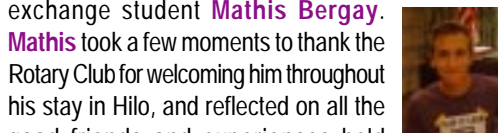


### Greeters

**KUI COSTA**, **JEN TANOUYE** and **ANNA LIU** were thanked for their help, and **ANNA** welcomed guests for the day. **REESE MATES** brought along her husband **Dr. Steve Mates**, and also our French exchange student **Mathis Bergay**.



**Mathis** took a few moments to thank the Rotary Club for welcoming him throughout his stay in Hilo, and reflected on all the good friends and experiences he'd enjoyed. He'll be leaving in about 2 weeks for the cross country road trip with other Rotary exchange students, and then onward back to his home in France. He was very thankful for all the support he's received, and hopes to return again in the future. **HELEN**



**HEMMES** was very proud to introduce the 2017 UH- Hilo Rotary Scholarship recipient, **Victoria Magana Ledesima**, and **CINDY BOOTS** introduced guest speaker **Michele Carvalho**, from Partners in Development Foundation, Hui Ho'omaluu.



**Mahalos** went to reporters **BIFF KENNEDY**, and **TAMMY SILVA**, and photographers **MITCH DODO** and **STEW HUSSEY** for their contributions to the Lava Flow newsletters on May 5th and May 11th. Great job by everyone!

"Acting President **KERRY**" took a few moments to become "Rotary Foundation Chair". **HELEN HEMMES** was given a **Polio Plus Bronze Certificate** for her special contributions, and then **KERRY** went on to make multiple **Paul Harris Fellow** presentations. It was like a "special Paul Harris Day!"



...**CONNIE ICHINOSE**, **GLENN HARRIS**, and **MISTI TYRIN** were all presented their **PH Pins** for **plus 1** contributions.



**Plus 2** pins were given to **JIM KENNEDY** and **DIRK YOSHINA**. **CINDY BOOTS** received a **plus 4** pin, and **STEW HUSSEY** was presented with a **plus 7** pin.



Wrapping up the Paul Harris presentation was **NANCY CABRAL**, who received a **plus 6**, **plus 7** and **plus 8** pin...Woowee!



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\*\* **GENIE PHILLIPS**, a member of the Community Service Committee, explained a hand-out survey for all members to fill in. The survey will help to make some future choices for projects of our club, that are within the five pillars of Rotary: Water Purification, Literacy, Economic Education, Peace Resolution and Fighting Disease. Members were asked to select their first choice out of the five and then make suggestions for projects within our community, and also internationally. When the forms were filled out, **GALEN ICHINOSE**, also on the Community Service Committee, collected the forms.



\*\*May 26, NO MEETING

\*\*June 15-Rotary Dues are due.

\*\*June 24-Hilo Brewfest.

**MISTI TYRIN** took a few moments to announce that all VIP tickets are gone. There are about 300 regular tickets still available, AND, Volunteers are still needed. Please contact **ANITA TATUM** or **MALCOLM CHUN** if you can help or know someone who wants to volunteer: [atum@lexbrodiestire.com](mailto:atum@lexbrodiestire.com) or [chunmalc@hawaii.edu](mailto:chunmalc@hawaii.edu)



\*\*June 28-Installation of new officers 2017-2018 Naniloa Hotel..Details to follow

\*\***Glam Bag Project** was a great success! About 60 bags (purses) were filled with toiletries and hygiene products and will be distributed through Hope Services to women in need in East Hawaii.

\*\*Club T-Shirts - an updated version of our club T-shirt is ready to be ordered. If you want to sign up for one please contact [mary@bigislandbookbuyers.com](mailto:mary@bigislandbookbuyers.com)

### Rotarians on the Go!

**BOB FOX** submitted a few photos of himself and wife **Nina** while sightseeing around Nice. **BOB** was posed beside a nude statue, and also hanging out in a huge wine cellar. Sounds like a great vacation!

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

**PATTY TERADA** recently celebrated a birthday on May 13th.

**BARB GARCIA** and hubby **Eric** celebrated 9 years of marriage on May 10th,

**TAMMY** and **Kala SILVA** just this week celebrated 22 years together on May 17th,

**CONNIE** and **GALEN ICHINOSE** celebrated 2 years of wedded bliss on May 17th also! **GALEN** even had **Happy \$\$** to tell everyone that Yes, he's the Lucky One!

Congratulations to all!

**IAN KITAGAWA** had his first club anniversary on May 13th.

### ONWARD TO MORE HAPPINESS!

**PATTY TERADA** was very happy for two special things...1st, she'd completed and enjoyed her year of Rotary Reading in Kindergarten, and had thank you letters from the class to share, and 2nd, **PATTY** is a member of the Hilo Exchange Club and was proud that the student, **Keola Ogawa**, who had been the recipient of the club's \$1,000 scholarship for challenged children, has also been selected to compete for a \$10,000 National Scholarship. The club will be sending him to Spokane Wa for the District Conference.



**ANNA LIU** was thrilled to have recently graduated from UH, and now feel like an adult. **STEW HUSSEY** was happy about **ANNA'S** graduating and that **ANNA** will be joining his appraisal team! Wow, graduating and getting a job all in 1 week, Woohoo, that's an awesome accomplishment!

**PAT GUILLEN** was happy for the 29 UH-Athletes who had graduated, and added 1 more **happy \$** to celebrate **ANNA** for a \$30 contribution.

**HELEN HEMMES** provided some **happy dollars** to celebrate her guest **Victoria's \$1,000** Rotary UH-Scholarship Award.



## Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2  
Stew Hussey May 2  
Connie Ichinose May 5  
Patty Terada May 13  
Richard Johnson May 16  
Anita Tatum May 24  
Donnie Demuth May 25  
Ian Birnie May 28

## Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1, 2009 (8)  
Susan Munro May 1, 2009 (8)  
Ian Kitagawa May 12, 2006 (1)  
Stan Fortuna May 20, 2016 (1)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (34)  
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (28)  
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1 (33)  
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (19)  
Barb Garcia & Eric Bowman May 10(9)  
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (2)  
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (33)  
Jen & Stefan Tanouye May 29 (12)

## Announcements:

May 26 - No Meeting

## 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**

**JEN TANOUYE** added more **happy dollars**, as she'd be attending the District Convention on Maui this weekend...what happens at District stays at District...and we're sure incoming President **STEVE HANDY** will take **JEN** under his wing while there..



**NEWTON CHU** was proudly happy to share that his daughter **Stephanie** had just graduated from medical school and can now be called **Dr. Stephanie Chu**, and yes, no more tuition payments!



**CATHY GRAY** also had **happy dollars** for the nice Mother's Day she'd shared with her 2 daughters on the mainland last week.



Wrapping up the donations of happiness,

**Nancy Cabral** was glad to be back home in Hilo. She'd had an exciting trip to the mainland, spending a few days travelling with her son and his horse trailer (only stops for gas every 5-6 hours, yikes!) and then visiting with her other son and 2 year old grand-daughter. **NANCY'S** donation (**\$100**) was targeted for the **HRCF**-to be donated to Partners in Development, Foster Care Program.



## Our guest speaker

**Michele Carvalho**, a liaison for the Partners in Development Foundation, Hui Ho'omaluu, then took the crowd on a "virtual bus ride"...asking us to imagine being picked up at our home with only the clothes we're wearing, leaving on a bus with a driver we don't know, going to a place we don't know, sitting down for a meal with more people we don't know and spending the night in a bed that's not ours, not sure if we have to sleep in our clothes and what we'll wear



when we get up in the morning. Wow, not a comfortable feeling at all!. That's a pretty good example of what a foster child goes thru when they're rescued from their home due to neglect or abuse. When children can't remain in their own family setting, licensed resource caregivers (foster parents) provide a safe and nurturing home until the child can be reunited with their families. In the State of Hawaii there are approximately 1200 children in foster care on any given day, with about 33% of those children residing here on the Big Island, and 2/3 of that number are right here in East Hawaii. The number of foster homes in East Hawaii is not nearly enough to take care of the children in need. Michele had flyers sharing the basic information about becoming a Resource Caregiver (Foster Home) and also an incentive program for referring prospective resource families which offers a \$200 gift card to the person who does the referral if the referral results in a new Resource Family. In 2006, Hui Ho'omaluu was contracted by the State of Hawaii, Dept of Human Services, Child Welfare to recruit, train and access resource caregivers. Partners in Development also works closely with Friends of the Children's Justice Center, and has many other programs here on island. For more information call E. Hawaii: 987-5988 or email : [hui@pidfoundation.org](mailto:hui@pidfoundation.org)

There was a flurry of folks who contributed funds to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to be earmarked for Hui Ho'omaluu Foster Care East Hawaii program. Thanks to **SUSAN MUNRO, KUI COSTA, CINDY BOOTS, BOBBIE STIVERS-APIKI, BOB HANLEY, COWBOY KANESHIRO, AND NANCY CABRAL** for their generosity to total **\$700** for this program.

A Rotary cup was presented to **Michele** by **KERRY GLASS**, and then **ANNA LIU** led the club in the **4 Way Test**.



Photographer: **Bob Hanley**

