

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



November 17, 2017

Reporter: the "Don"

It was an absolutely bitchin' day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii (or something like that said **Da Prez**). As we have done for over 97 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 Greeters **Kerry "not Munro" Glass** and **Susan "not Glass" Munro**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our fearless 97th President **Steve "Footlong" Handy** asked **Toshi "Aomatsu" Aoki** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So Da Prez reminded everyone that our International theme for the year under the leadership of Rotary International President **Ian Riseley** is "**Rotary Making a Difference**." And that he was almost halfway through his presidency. Not quite, Prez!



**Da Prez** then brought up the Greeter **Kerry "Not Munro" Glass** to introduce our guests.



Visiting was **Anna "Happy Valley" Liu's** friend **Krystal Pilor**,



**Randy "not West" Hart** brought **Joshua Countess**.



Our Guest Speaker **Susanne Baca** brought her son **Barrett Baca**.

## Announcements

**Wally "Hokulea" Wong** reminded us that we have a lot of projects coming up, Rotary Give Thanks projects, including a clean up and painting project this weekend. Don't forget to come to the Upcoming Thanksgiving dinner preparation at the Home for Recovery and all are invited.



**Maureen "newbie" Poirier** reminded us that there are still opportunities to sign up to teach kids about boundaries and habits to stay safe. She was joined by **Kathleen "HMC Foundation" McGilvray** to



explain the fun ways you can help teach kids to stay safe from abuse. Training will be November 27 and 28th. Mahalo you guys!

**Judy "Da Sheriff" Gibson** invited all to help with the turkey preparation at Aunt Sally's Luau House for Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless with the Salvation Army.

Also get ready for Bell Ringing and Toys for Tots coming up in early December.

## Birthdays and anniversaries

**Randy "not West" Hart** celebrated turning 64 years old. Happy Birthday Past Prez!

Badge #1 **Bobby "HPM" Fujimoto** celebrated his 58th year as a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo! WOW that is a long time!

**Mary "not Edie" Bicknell** celebrated her first year in Rotary. Time Flies!

## Happy Dollars

**Genie "not Al" Phillips** was happy she is a member of Rotary and pledged to donate a percentage of her real estate sales to Polio Plus. She was also happy that she attended the Kuikahi Mediation Center dinner where she got to see **the "Don"** in action. Thanks **Genie!**



**Kerry "not Munro" Glass** was happy to be back from Utah, and is happy again to be going away to San Diego for the holidays.

**Biff "not Jim" Kennedy** was happy that he writes for the Lava Flow and thanked **Tammy "Hi Ho" Silva** for her work in coordinating the writers.



**Tammy** was also happy for Waiakea Soccer Team's success this year.



**Barbara "Keola" Garcia** was happy that the latest edition of her magazine Keola is now out on the stands.



**Kathy "newbie" Borer** was happy to be a member.



**Trena "50 Shades of" Breyfogel** likes being a Grinch but was happy for the Salvation Army.

**Gail "RYLA" Takaki** was happy to give to Polio Plus!

**Chuck "Lex Brodie" Porter** was happy that they are building his new car wash, and was happy that he is back from Utah, Kansas and Nebraska where he got to race corvettes and chase wild women throughout the entire trip because his wife was in Hilo. He even brought his 3rd place medal to prove his prowess, and the lipstick on his neck was still there.



But we were not done yet! **Stew "navy seal" Hussey** was big time happy that **Rotary** and **the Rotary Foundation** does so much for the global battle to conquer this disease.



**Newton "the Don" Chu** was happy that the "Ride so they can Walk" bicycle campaign was going on and that his ride up Mauna Loa raised over \$800 so far.



**Kathleen "HMC" McGilvray** was happy that the Walk a Mile in her shoes was so successful.



**Nancy "DayLum" Cabral** was also so happy about so many things that she donated a bunch of money to give thanks to Rotary.



**Charlene "Past ADG" Myers** was happy to give a summary of all that Rotary is doing to fight Polio. She reminded us all that we should strive to become **Paul Harris Fellows** and help in the fight against polio.



**Marcia "Palace" Prose** reminded us that there will be a craft fair from December 7-9 at the Butler building and that our Interact Club will be involved. Whew! Aren't we a happy bunch?



## GUEST SPEAKER

**President Footlong** then introduced our guest speaker **Suzanne Baca** from Hawaii Fire Ant Lab.

**Suzanne** informed us that the Little Fire Ant ("LFA") invasive species is a uniform yellow-red to light brown in color, all workers are 1.5 mm in length (half the size of a sesame seed, or as long as a penny is thick, about 1/16"). Little fire ant does NOT build mounded dirt nests, and nests in a variety of habitats including in trees, around potted plants,



## Birthdays:

Randy Hart November 12  
Keith Okamoto November 19  
Kerry Glass November 22  
Malcolm Chun November 29

## Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (4)  
Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (58)  
Mary Bicknell November 18, 2016 (1)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Chris & Janiece McNichols Nov. 6 (13)  
Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7 (25)  
Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13 (54)  
Reese & Steven Mates Nov. 15 (2)  
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22 (32)

## Announcements:

November 24 - No Club Meeting  
December 1 - Club Meeting  
December 8 - Mystery Speaker  
December 15 - UH Hilo Community College

## Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2017 - 2018:

- President – Steve Handy, Jr.
- Past President – Randy Hart
- President Elect – Keith Okamoto
- Vice President – Mitch Dodo
- Co-Secretary – Treena Breyfogle
- Co-Secretary – Jan Tanouye
- Treasurer – Corey Kawamoto
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- Membership – Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations – Marcia Prose
- International Service – Stew Hussey
- Community Service – Wally Wong
- Vocational Service – Bobby Stivers-Apiki
- Club Service – Kui Costa
- New Generations – Gail Takaki

## Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – Tim Beatty
- The Rotary Foundation – Malcolm Chun
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – Mitchell Dodo

irrigation lines, and in electrical boxes. They are slow-moving and easily dislodged from leaves, plants, and trees. They often sting on neck, arms, and torso (LFA infestations are often discovered when ants fall on people from above).

## Impacts

Delivers a painful sting when disturbed. Welts can last for weeks. Infests agricultural fields and farms, where they damage crops and sting workers. Promotes plant pests such as aphids, white flies and scale insects, which secrete plant sap that the ants eat. In turn, the ants protect these insects from natural predators and parasites. Can also infest houses, beds, furniture and food. They may sting, and even blind, pets such as cats and dogs.

Here on the Big Island: LFA infestations are widespread throughout the windward side, including in Hilo, the Puna district, and along the Hamakua Coast, in/around nurseries and properties that purchased plants from infested nurseries. Smaller infestations have been found in the Kona-Kailua area. To battle this LFA you need to use bait, not sprays, and keep it up.

## **Remember, LFA are “hitch-hiker” ants**

Check anything you bring to your home to make sure you are not accidentally bringing LFA as well. Prevention is the first line of defense against LFA. It's not difficult, but does take vigilance and knowing what to look for. You can do this by checking high risk item such as potted plants, mulch, cinder, and other landscaping materials using the chopstick method.

The Hawai'i Ant Lab (HAL), a UH Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit Program, is based in Hilo, but assists in LFA matters statewide. HAL works with the community to spread knowledge on prevention and treatment methods which can be employed by residents, small plant vendors, and nurseries.



**Steve and Suzanne**



**Kerry and Steve**  
Correcting Flag Position

Photographer: **Bob Hanley**

The Hawai'i Ant Lab's mission is to:

Protect Hawai'i from new intentional and unintentional introductions of invasive ants

Prevent the inter-island and intra-island spread of existing invasive ant species

Provide sound, practical treatment methods for homeowners, natural resource managers, and industry

Eradicate new incursions whenever possible

For more information visit: [www.littlefireants.com](http://www.littlefireants.com).

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Scary stuff **Suzanne**, but thanks for the information!

Let's be careful out there friends!

**President Footlong** then asked **Connie “Membership” Ichinose** to lead us in **the 4-way test**, and then we were out of there. And that's a fact Jack.



**Charlene Meyers** with Bike Ride Towel



# ***SAVE THE DATES***

Nov. 20 & 21 - 6:00 pm Salvation Army gift wrapping of Food Baskets, Socks, Toys  
with Waiakea HS Interact Club

November 23 - Rotary Gives Thanks. Hawaii Island Home for Recovery luncheon

November 23 - 11:00 am Salvation Army Thanksgiving Luncheon, Aunty Sally's with the Waiakea HS  
Interact Club serving lunch

**November 24 - No Meeting**

**December 1 - Rotary Club Meeting**

**December 8 - Mystery Speaker - The Secret Life of a Rotarian**

December 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 13 - Kamana Senior Luncheon (Corey Kawamoto)

**December 15 - Chancellor Rachel Solemsaas, UH Hilo Community College**

December 22 - Project Hawaii / Homeless Keiki Holiday Party

**January 12 - Treena Breyfolge, an African encounter with Pan Troglodytes**

February 23 to 25 - RYLA at KMC (Gail Takaki)

**April 19 - Chili Cook-off competition/Social AJA Hall** (Corey Kawamoto) 5:30 pm

April 20 - No Meeting in lieu of Chili/Social on April 19