

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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After a few weeks without a meeting, Rotarians seemed to rapidly fill up the Male Ikena room on Friday November 18th, with lots of energy.

President Randy Hart welcomed

everyone as members and guests were greeted with hugs and handshakes by **Cindy Boots** and **Glenn Harris**.



Right after **Jen Tanouye** led the crowd thru the Pledge of Allegiance, **Glenn Harris** introduced guests: **Gary Ogin** from the Rotary Club of Kona, **David Hurd** with the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and **Reese Mates'** guest, youth exchange student **Mathis Bergay**.

Prez Hart quickly called on **Bobbie Stivers-Apiki**, who announced that the YMCA Christmas Tree Selling event is coming up and in need of volunteers to help out with taking in the money, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday, Nov 23,25,26 from 9AM-9PM. The location is at the parking lot at the Hilo Ben Franklin. Please **Bobbie** know if you can give a few hours of your time. e-mail: hoku67@hawaii.edu

Former club member, **Theresa English** passed away October 24th. A public memorial service will be held on Dec. 17th, at the Hilo Coast United Church of Christ in Honomu. Visitation is at: 10:30 with a service 12 noon, and fellowship luncheon to follow. **Stew Hussey** (absent), who had been **Theresa's** sponsor sent) shared some of his sentiments thru **Glenn Harris**, who had been brought into the club by **Theresa**, so it was in a sense, a full circle of the family of Rotary. Both **Stew** and **Glenn** commented on **Theresa's** always upbeat kindness, attitude and tireless and giving personality. She embodied truth, honesty and discretion, and will be always remembered for her sweet smile. We'll miss her greatly. **Theresa** believed whole-heartedly in the power of Rotary, and all it can do to impact our world and communities.

There will also be a celebration of life memorial service for **Dr. Cliff Kopp** to be held in Keeahou on Dec 8th at 10:30AM. **Dr Kopp's** work to bring awareness to the homeless situation here on the Big Island is well-known, and his passing is a great loss for everyone.



Unfortunately, **Charlene Meyers** had sad news that Past President (Rotary Club of South Hilo) **Rosemary Linden's** husband, **Dr. Chris Linden** passed away this week.

On a brighter note, **The Rotary Foundation** has been named as the 2016 Outstanding Foundation for its' support and contributions to Polio Plus by Association of Fundraising Professionals. This is a true testament as to how much the power of many Rotarians can truly make a difference in the world.

Barbara Garcia had news that **Nina Decker** had given birth to baby girl **Colette Marie** last week November 10th. Due to some complications, **Nina, Michael** and baby **Colette** are spending some extra time at the Kapiolani Children's Hospital on Oahu. Please include them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sign-up Sheets:

Judy Gibson has asked for some helpers with **Interact** projects....Monday Nov 21st from 6-9 filling/wrapping gift baskets at the main chapel at the Salvation Army, and also needs some add'l volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner at Aunt Sally's LuauHouse 11-2 on Thursday, Nov 24th. If you can help out, please email **Judy Gibson** at d18t7ret@msn.com or just show up on either date.

Reading in Kindergarten update.

The December book, Mooseltoe, was given out to all volunteer readers, if you were not at the meeting please email **Glenn Harris** at aloha1425@gmail.com to meet up and get your book. In January, there will be books for all students to keep for their very own.

Glenn Harris also announced that he and his wife will be relocating to the mainland sometime in the new year, and is asking for a volunteer to step forward and help out by storing all the cartons of books for the RIK program so he can clear his home and storage area. Please let **Glenn, Gail Takaki** or **Tammy Silva** know if you can help out with the storage.

Where's Waldo photos

of the adventurous **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro** found them still travelling around the mainland, west coast and most recently Palm Springs..Not sure when they're coming back either!...

Waldo also found a group of Rotarians who helped to distribute the last of the 3rd grade dictionaries to the 6 classes at Keaau Elementary School. A huge **MAHALAO** to **Wally Wong** to organizing the program this year. Job well done!

Waldo then found another bunch of "bubbly" Rotarians who were enjoying the tour and tasting at the Mehana Brewery on November 10th. It was a fun gathering with 23 members in attendance.

December 1st will be a Holiday Mixer Party, 5:30-9PM at the Wainaku Executive Center with a no-host bar, heavy pupus and deserts. Price is \$40/member \$40/spouse or guest, but if your guest is a "potential" new member, there will be no charge. We are encouraging members to bring a guest who has expressed interest in Rotary and what it is.

Seeing as this is a Holiday Event, it's a great time to dress up in your holiday "bling", so get your swag on, and join in the spirit of the festive season. If you haven't responded to the e-vite, please do so asap, or reach out to **Kathleen McGilvray** at

KathleenMcGilvray5@gmail.com

so we can get a firm headcount.

***Note, if you sign up and don't attend, you will still need to pay for your reservation. If you enjoy making deserts, please let **Kathleen**

know also as we can still use a few more decadent deserts for the evening.

Happy Dollars Abounded!!

A special round of applause for **Bobby Fujimoto's** club anniversary....57 years of membership, wow. The club will be honoring **Bob** and his contributions at our December 16th meeting. Not only for his long time Rotary membership, but also for all that his company HPM Building Supply has done for Hawaii island.

Marcia Prose was \$5 happy to announce the Hawaii Film Festival starting at the Palace.

Chris Tamm recently returned from a trip to Iceland where he was \$10 happy to have the opportunity to view the awe-inspiring Northern Lights.

Jim Cheney reflected that he'd sworn to move to China if he wasn't happy with the election results, but his wife said NO she really likes it here, so he's \$10 happy or sad, but will not be moving to China.

Connie Ichinose was an exuberant \$20 happy to show off her beautiful lei which she was wearing to celebrate her last day of work. As of Friday, she was retiring from Creative Arts.



Birthdays:

Rand Mundo November 8
Randy Hart November 12
Kerry Glass November 22
Malcolm Chun November 29

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (3)
Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (57)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7 (24)
Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13 (53)
Reese & Steven Mates Nov. 15 (1)
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22 (31)

Announcements:

Nov. 10 - Mehana Brewery Tour & Tasting
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Nov. 11- No Meeting
Nov. 18 - Andrea Furuli
Hawaii Community Foundation

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 – **Lisa Rantz**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

David Hurd had \$5 of happiness to be attending our "always fun and busy" meeting, and also proud to have Rotary Exchange student **Mathis Bergay** with him.



As East Hawaii Chair for the Republican Party, **Lorraine Shin**, was \$20 happy with the results of the presidential election.



Tammy Silva had 5 happy dollars of proud relief with her daughters' recent report card of 3.8, good job, mom and daughter!



Nancy Cabral had \$100 to be proud and excited to be off for the National Rodeo in Las Vegas starting Dec 1st, where her son **Cody** will be representing Hawaii in the competition, which is only the 2nd time in over 80 years that there has been a Hawaiian contestant. **Cody** will be displaying the Hawaii flag as he enters the ring each night, so great publicity for our state. Good Luck **Cody!!!**

Barbara Garcia was very happy that the most recent edition of Ke'Ola Magazine is the largest ever, and the wedding edition she's working will soon be ready for distribution. Her \$20 happy dollars were dedicated to the next Fiji trip/project our club is working toward. and last, but certainly not least, our **President Randy** contributed \$20 dollars for having survived another birthday, along hopeful thoughts for **Nina** and her baby.



New Member Induction:

President Hart was pleased to be inducting **Mary Bicknall**, owner of Big Island Book Buyers. **Mary's** sponsor is **Sally O'Brian** who was absent due to a recent fall, (our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery **Sally**) so **Connie Ichinose**, Membership Chair had the proud duty of standing in for **Sally**. **Mary** is very interested in

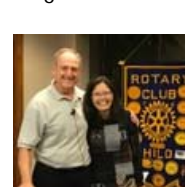


becoming involved in community and youth projects in the future, and getting to know other club members. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her at upcoming events and meetings. Welcome **Mary!**

Kui Costa stepped forward to introduce our guest speaker, Sr. Philanthropy Advancement Officer, **Andrea Furuli**. **Andrea** shared information about The Hawaii Community Foundation which is celebrating 100 years this year, as an awesome way for individuals, families, businesses to contribute to benefit local communities. The HCF was established to help those who can contribute, to make their donations help to make a greater impact on the lives of the people living here in the islands. HCF has resources to help organize and establish grants, scholarships, and programs for persons, and families who want to create a Legacy that will live on for future generations. Some of the programs that have benefited from the foundation are the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to support partnerships in teaching and learning styles for our youth, and inspire careers and opportunities in the islands.

The foundation has also supported Hope Services and The Boys and Girls Club, along with distributions that have assisted more than 300 teachers, and 7,000 students through the years. The focus is on community, and aims to make significant changes and help solve issues. There are offices on Kauai, Oahu, Maui and here on Hawaii, there is one in Kamuela, and most recently an office was opened in Hilo. Having offices on each island helps to target specific needs of each island and it's communities. HCF offers scholarships each year, and also vocational scholarships. To apply HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org, or scholarshps@hcf-hawaii.org and fill out a simple form. applications are open from Nov 15, 2016 until the deadline Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The vocational scholarships have an extended deadline. If you have questions, or want to learn more about making donation or creating a legacy for your donations to continue giving into the future, please a check out their website:

HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org, or check out the great article on page 71 in the newest Ke'Ola Magazine for additional information about all that the



Foundation has accomplished, and what it's offering for the future of our youth and communities island wide... **Andrea** was presented with a Rotary mug for her presentation and time.

To give a final highlight to the meeting, Youth Exchange student **Mathis Gergay** (from France)



gave the members a quick review of things he's been doing since he arrived in August. He's been enjoying his host family, **Reese, Steve** and **Hannah Mates**, and has had great fun participating in projects such as the Ironman, the Volcano Forest Run

and several of the WHS Interact community projects too. He's also been running cross country, and recently made the JV basketball team. He was sporting his Youth Exchange blazer, and talked a little about a USA Train Trip that he'd like to be able to also participate in at the end of his year here, in May. So, he's created a [GoFundMe.com/p/4z2px](https://www.gofundme.com/p/4z2px) account if members would like to help him achieve his goal of \$3,500 which is the cost per student for the month long trip. The trip starts in California and makes it's way across the country to end up in New York City. The will be 45 exchange students making the trip. If you'd prefer to make a

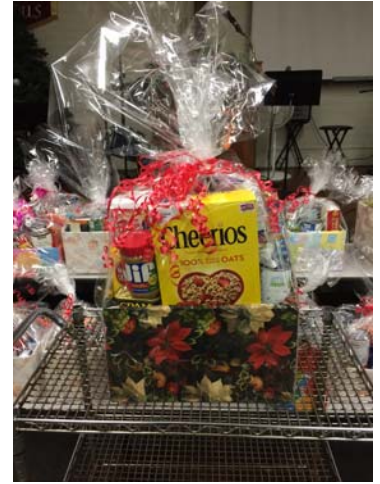


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donation thru our Hilo Rotary Club Foundation (tax deductible) you can designate Rotary Exchange Train Trip on your donation. **Mathis** is also selling Rainbow Cookies, \$7.00 per bag (5 diff varieties) to help accumulate funds. If you'd like to order cookies, email him at : mathisb9@live.fr or give **Reese Mates** a call.

President Randy called on **Barb Garcia** to lead the 4 Way Test.

It was a busy weekend for volunteer members who helped out with the Turkey Shredding at the Salvation Army, and then wrapped over 600 pairs of socks for folks in the local hospice, Veterans Hospital, and nursing homes...Then there were a few who helped out with the Rice Rally over at the KTA Downtown store (rice was donated to the Salvation Army) A big Mahalo for everyone who put in their time, or donated rice or cash to these community projects.



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. A time to reflect on the special people we have in our lives, and all the things we have to be thankful for each day.