

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Reporter: Double H

On an absolutely gorgeous day Friday, for Hilo (and maybe that's why the meeting today was sparsely attended – only 7 tables (8 positions per table) and many of them had open spots. Terrible for a Club with a membership count of 101 (according to the directory on our website)) we gathered together for the 1st meeting in November at the luxurious Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

GREETERS

Greeting everyone with smiles and a handshake was **Past Pres. Ret. Col. Randy Hart**. His scheduled partner, **Tim Beatty**, unfortunately was absent so **Past Pres. Ret. Col. Randy** had to do this activity all by his lonesome self. Which he did admirably (get it?).

OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

Pres. Po-Boy, Jr. rang the bell and started the meeting right on time. Past President **Newton Chu** was called upon to lead us in the recitation of the Pledge to the Flag.



VISITORS AND GUESTS

The visiting Rotarian from another Club today was **David Hurd**, of the Rotary Club of South Hilo.

Sarah-Lou Philippe was **Mr. Hurd's** guest. **Joshua Countess**, of Merrill Lynch, was our 1st (this reporter thinks so anyway) online guest, as allowed now by new Rotary International bylaws. **Mr. Countess** is checking us out as he is interested in becoming a member of the Rotary World.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With our annual Chicken Hekka party coming up next week, **Corey Kawamoto** was asked to provide information about it. It is still scheduled for Thursday, November 9th (meaning there



will be NO meeting here at the Hilo Hawaiian on Friday the 10th the following day) at 6:00pm at the AJA hall (we've been there before but if you don't know where it is, contact **Corey** and he can provide you with directions) across from the Hilo Muni Golf Course. Past President **Russ Oda** will be on hand that evening to provide instructions as to how to make (create) your chicken hekka, which if done correctly, is absolutely tasty. And according to **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.**, we have 69 people signed up so far but are looking for more. It's a good time for all so please try to make it.

Tammy Silva has the current edition of the Read-to-Me books with her and would like to distribute them to the readers.

Mike Meyer said our Club won the 3rd place trophy last week for funds raised (over \$750.00) for the Walk-A-Mile event sponsored by the YWCA. Nice going gang! Also he and **Charlene Meyers** (no relation) are still looking for riders in the Ride for Polio project – either on a bike or on a stationary machine. Just log in all the miles done when you ride and get them recorded properly.

Malcolm Chun called up **Cowboy** to the front and presented him with his Paul Harris Fellow pin+4. That's 5 grand over the course of the years given to the **Rotary Foundation**.

Wonderful! Then **Malcom** mentioned that there are a good number of us close to getting a pin, and with November being Rotary Foundation month, there is a 2 for 1 special going on. Any contribution up to \$1,000 will be matched (contributions under \$100 will have additional awards) and points provided to help in attaining your Paul Harris Fellowship. Points can also be transferred from other members who may have plenty of them to help in attaining the additional pin status. AND all contributions are tax deductible (so far anyway depending on the current tax code revisions in Congress).



And with the Veteran's Parade tomorrow, this news is sort of after the fact but we have an invitation from the Rotary Club of South Hilo to join them in marching. And **Bob Fujimoto** has been honored as the Grand Marshall.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, the 8th and if you would like to attend (besides those who are required to go), see **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** and he will work it out for you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

No Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries among our membership this past week but there was 1 Club Anniversary – **Kathleen McGilvray** on 11/01 - 4 years.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Newton was **\$100.00** happy to hear all **Malcolm's** information about the **Rotary Foundation** and donated that amount in his friend **Eric Anderson's** name. And he is happy to still being able ride his bike up Mauna Kea, though he has yet to get past the visitor center there.

Nancy Cabral was happy about the Kuikahi Mediation Center having their Fund Raising dinner on Sunday the 12th and gave us a lot of information as to what this Center does.

Susan Myer was thankful for her friend, and fellow Rotarian, **Janet Montrose** helping her out when she needed it.

Tammy was **\$50.00** happy for all the volunteer readers.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today's speaker was our own **Gail Takaki** to talk about the NexTech 3-Day STEM Camp (STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). And at the same time, showing a plenty of slides and photos of many of the participants and our Club people involved.

Basically our Club co-sponsors the NexTech 3-day STEM Camp for high school students with high STEM knowledge, skills, and interest.



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 9 - Chicken Hekka Social
November 10 - No Club Meeting
November 17 - Fire Ant Eradication
November 24 - No Club Meeting
December 1 -
December 8 -
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
- Sergeant at Arms – Shane Okimoto
- Rotary Foundations – Malcolm Chun
- 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

From October 13-15, 2017, students from 6 East Hawaii schools worked together at KMC in the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Camp training was based on the application of engineering with hands-on activities in design thinking and solving national park issues, construction and competition of robots, programming and synchronizing the flight of quad-copters. The students also enjoyed the career one-on-one match-up with STEM professionals and lessons in leadership.

She mentioned and thanked the Rotarian volunteers (7 of them) from our Club and the career mentors (5 of them) also from our Club. These people helped these kids (17 of them) out a bunch helping making the journey and learning to be fun. The kids are learning to find different ways of solving problems and making a difference.

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

And after Gail's informative presentation, she called upon Sarah-Lou Philippe to come up and talk about her time so far in Hilo as our designated Exchange Student experience.



Sarah-Lou is going to Waiakea High School,

which had to bump her up a grade because she was finding the studies and work too easy in the class she was supposed to be in (a sorry commentary about the grade level studies in our schools compared to schools in other countries). She is also a very pretty girl, and with her french accent, must be driving the boys bananas at the school.

Sarah-Lou is from Boust, France, the middle daughter of three girls and the offspring to two doctors (that's surely where her brains came from). At Waiakea High she is a junior now and has joined the swim team and the Interact Club. She did attend the STEM Camp and is very people orientated (she likes people).. She has traveled to many places with her family and continues to love travel.

And with this, she also gave us a slide/photo presentation of many of her activities here in Hawaii and travels around the country. Thrilled with everything new, she is enjoying everything in Hawaii. She wants to learn to surf (good luck on that) and to experience more of what Hawaii has to offer.

Being a student and a young girl, you could see that she was not used to public speaking but still did a fine up there, especially with the photos to help.

In a short Q & A session after, we found out her town is right outside the border of France and Germany and can speak at least 4 languages (many of us have trouble with just our English). And on her jacket were buttons from many of the places she has visited in her trip to the U.S., Hawaii and the world.

MORE HAPPY DOLLARS

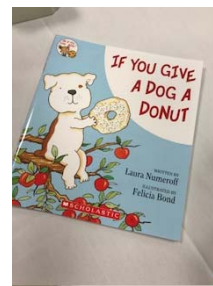
Pres. Po-Boy, Jr. now brought it up since he forgot to mention it earlier that today is National Sandwich Day (and this reporter knew that from reading about Dagwood in the Blondie comic strip today). He was \$20.00 happy because his firm donated about 11 million meals last year on this day from profits in the Feed America Program and was hoping that amount would be exceeded this year. And there was a free sandwich give-away (with restrictions) at his company today.

Atsuko Winston was asked to lead us in the recitation of the 4-way test (and for a newer member, this was a challenge as the banner was not on display) after which the meeting was called to a close.



And remember, no Friday meeting next week with the Chicken Hekka party on Thursday. See you all then.

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SAVE THE DATES

November 9 - Hekka Dinner, AJA Hall (Corey Kawamoto) 5:30 pm

November 10 - No Meeting in lieu of Hekka Dinner on November 9

November 11 thru 18 - Polio Bike Ride (Charlene Meyers/Mike Meyers)

November 17 - Susanne Baca - Fire Ants Hawaii

Susanne's presentation will primarily be about natural, non toxic way to eradicate fire ants

November 18 - 10:00 am Turkey shredding at Salvation Army with Waiakea HS Interact Club.

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

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