

# Rotary Club of Hilo



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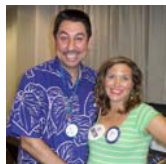
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The atmosphere in the Moku'ola Room at the Hilo Hawaiian on Friday Oct 14th was a unique blend of "old meets new" for the Rotarians and guests. While old friends were renewing friendships and new members and guests were getting acquainted, a continuous loop of photos from the most recent Chicken Hekka Social and shots of Japan and Hiroshima trip taken on the Rotary club visit in March 2016, were playing on the screen for everyone's pleasure to review.

Greeters **Nina Decker** and **Tim Beatty** were kept busy logging in all the visitors and members. **President Randy Hart** called the meeting to



order and quickly asked **Reese Mates** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **Nina** and **Tim** shared



the duties of guest introductions, starting off with **Russ Oda** who was hosting a bunch of folks. **Russ** had a whole table full, his wife **Aki**, good friends and fellow Japan travelers'



**Harris Hirata** and his wife **Joyce** (Harris is also a Past President 1970, and member for many years), and lastly, everyone was

happy to see **Eliot** (skids) **Merk**, visiting after 6 years of living in Arkansas with his wife and very close to his children and grandchildren. **Eliot** is



also a Past President, he thought around 1989 or so, and member until he moved to the mainland. And yes, he was wearing one of his hats which was quickly placed in the center of the table for donations. There was lots of laughter as the story was told how in the past people would avoid sitting with him due to the ever present hat. After making the rounds of all the tables, "the HAT" had collected **\$120** to be donated to the **Rotary Club of Hilo Foundation**, who hoo, it still working it's magic! **Biff Kennedy** introduced his guest, **Pastor Eric Anderson**, from The Church of the Holy Cross. **Nina Decker** hosted **Malu DeBus**, from Hope Services. **Chris Tamm** had brought his lovely wife, **Barbara** to share in the fun of the meeting and lunch. **Helene Tajiri** had invited **Pastor Shane Okimoto**, from the Waieka Uka Bible Church as her guest. Visiting from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay were **Karolyn Lundkvist** and **Mary Begier**. And new member **Barbara Garcia** brought along two guests, **Steven Harris** with Goodwill Industries, and **Sharon Landry** from Heartland Payment Systems.

A big Mahalo and round of applause were in order for reporter **Jim Cheney**, and photos by **Kerry Glass** who covered the "HEKOFVA" Hekka Party. **Corey Kawamoto**, the social committee, and **Connie Ichinose** were also recognized for their efforts to make the gathering such a fun event, highlighted by a real "chicken dance".

**Kathleen McGilvray** announced the YWCA "Walk A Mile" event on Oct 22nd,



which will feature **Mitch Roth** as one of the "lead walkers" ..Last year he was

challenged to walk the mile in those lovely red patent pumps by **Kerry Glass** to the tune of a **\$100** bet. After accepting and winning the bet last year, **Mitch** has upped the challenge to anyone who would pay **\$1,000** for him to walk the mile again...so far, no takers. There were jars on all the tables for donations, and a sign-up sheet was also passed around to make up a Rotary Team of walkers. The event starts at the YWCA at 7:30 AM and is over by around 10AM...Everyone is welcome to come and support the event which is to help stop sexual violence and assault. Per **Kathleen**,



"the more feet, the merrier!" If you don't want to wear heels to walk, comfortable and/or decorated slippers (there will be prizes for best decorations) are acceptable.

On Friday evening, Oct 21st. there will also be a vigil and walk to end Domestic Violence. This is being sponsored by **Mitch Roth** and the



Prosecuting Attorney Office and the Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, and any of our members who want to walk, please make it a team event and wear your Rotary Club of Hilo shirt.

## Birthdays:

Chris Tamm October 6  
Stan Fortuna October 10  
Nancy Cabral October 12  
Tammy Silva October 15  
Gerard Carter October 26

## Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart October 14 1994 (22)  
Ron Dolan October 4 1991 (25)  
Gene Tao October 11 1985 (31)  
Treena Breyfogle October 12 2012 (4)  
Alan Kusunoki October 15 1993 (23)  
Dylan Shropshire October 16 2015 (1)  
Cowboy Kaneshiro October 22 1999 (17)  
Rand Mundo October 22 1994 (12)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Malcolm & Cecilia Chun October 12 (11)  
Craig & Lindsay Shikuma October 15 (36)  
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16 (34)  
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26 (48)  
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27 (32)

## Announcements:

Oct. 21 - Susan Maddox  
Envision Mauna Kea  
Nov. 4 - Brigadier General Ray Gandy (Retired)  
Nov. 10 - Mehana Brewery Tour & Tasting  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Nov. 11- 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 – **Treena 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**

On Thursday Oct 20th, watch for a full page of Rotary Club of Hilo information in the Hawaii Tribune. Thanks for **Marcia Prose** and her PR expertise, she has been able to work with 6 of our Rotarians to sponsor 1/2 of the page with business advertisements, and the other 1/2 of the page will highlight projects our club has undertaken in the last month around the community. This will become a monthly submission to the paper, and if you would like to sponsor an ad for your business contact **Marcia**. The rate is great, and your business will also receive the recognition as being associated with Rotary.

**Nancy Cabral**, as one of the sponsors, had **\$150** of Happiness Dollars to add "that Rotary recognition also brings credibility also to your business ethics within the community". ...the other part of her happiness, was that her son had made it into the National Rodeo in Las Vegas (like a SuperBowl of Rodeos) which will take place Dec 1-10. YeeHaw! And **Nancy** also had another birthday to celebrate, and as she said "the more you have, the Happier you are".



**Cindy Boots** reminded everyone that October 28th is Business Visitation day. There is NO MEETING at the Hilo Hawaiian on that Friday. Instead, Rotarians should sign up for any of the 4 business sites on the sign-up sheets, and she will also be emailing the list out as next week is the final time to sign up. If you do not attend one of the business sites, you will need to do a make-up meeting sometime in the future as Business Visitation is considered a regular Friday meeting.

There were lots of photos for Where's Waldo worldwide. The **Chu's** were in France and Switzerland and visiting wineries, biking and hiking and even attending a Rotary meeting. **Chuck**



**Porter** shared time spent in the Grand Canyon and New Mexico, while **Treena Breyfogle** traveled through the midwestern states of Minn, Wi, the Dakotas and Illinois, and then on down to join **Jenny** and **Richard Johnson**, and **Kerry** and **Susan** who were wandering around in New Mexico. Wow **Treena**, lots of miles on your RV!!

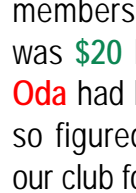
**Cindy Boots** spent a Sunday at Lambeau Field cheering the Packers to a win, and **Charlene Meyers** and her hubby were in England enjoying some "pub hopping". A very busy few weeks for many happy wanderers.

**Happy Dollars** seemed to be plentiful.

**Karolyn Lundkvist** had **\$20** to announce she had tickets to sell for an upcoming Jazz Festival, and was also happy to just be enjoying the meeting with our club members.

**Harris Hirata** was **\$20** happy that **Russ Oda** had bought him lunch so figured he'd donate to our club foundation. **Mitch**

**Roth** donated to the YWCA jars because he is happy to have good friends within Rotary who are supportive of the community.



**Lisa Rantz** had happy and sad announcements. Her twin sons who aspire to become veterinarians, are both going for interviews this week, and the sad news was that she asked for prayers for her step-father who had been critically injured in an auto accident .. She had a check for **\$22** which is her lucky number having given birth to her twins sons on the 22nd.



**ADG, Alan Kusunoki**, also treasurer for **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, gave a short overview of how our Brewfest Fundraiser of 5 years, started off as a "discussion over a couple beers" between he and **Bob Hanley** as a possible club fundraiser. And the rest is History!!! The first year, funds of **\$20,000** plus were donated to the Hilo Medical Center for the Residency Program. Since then, funds raised have increased each year, and by this year our foundation was able to make donations of **\$13,850** to both The Friends of the Children's Justice Center, and Hilo Medical Center Foundation. Representing the HMCF were **Lisa Rantz** (Chair of the Foundation) **Dr. Kay Nordling** (Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program) and **Dr. R.K. Puaa** who is in the first residency class which will be graduating this coming June. **Dr. Puaa**



shared a story of how he first became aware of Rotary and what awesome things Rotary can accomplish when he was doing research on vaccines in the Congo. While there, he noticed specially engineered refrigerators that had been donated by Rotary to maintain a stable temperature to store the vaccines. These vaccines were temperature sensitive, so it was imperative to keep them at a constant temperature, and many of the countries in the Congo had unstable power sources. Having the refrigerators to maintain the medicine enabled thousands of people to be inoculated, and Rotary's contribution had a direct impact on all those lives in the Congo. **Dr. Nordling** then followed up with a very heartfelt Mahalo to our club for the continued support of the Residency Program.

A very quick review of Community Services projects, already completed and some upcoming projects was given by Director of Community Service **Reese Mates**. Volunteers are still needed to help with 3rd Grade Dictionary distribution, so contact **Wally Wong** if you can help. There will be a new project, a Rice Rally Challenge, where we'll be asked to create teams to collect as many bags of rice as possible on November 19th. **Reese** has a list of stores our teams can set up at. Teams will compete so contact **Reese** to get your team together. The



event will be from 10AM-2PM, and each team can decide where they want to donate the rice. We'll be doing Salvation Army bell ringing again this year, and in April will be teaming up with CERTS (Community Emergency Response Team) to reach out to our elementary schools to go over procedures for disaster preparedness. **Wally Wong** will also be working again with Matson to do a clean-up using our club members to do the work, and Matson will make a \$1000 donation to our Club Foundation.

As the meeting was winding down, **Nancy Cabral** announced a Recognition Dinner at the Hilo Yacht Club on Sunday, November 13, 5PM no-host cocktails, 6PM dinner. \$90/ person (\$45 is tax deductible). Ku'ikahi Mediation Center and the Hawaii Bar Association will be honoring **Judge Glenn S. Hara**, and also presenting "The Peacemaker Award" to **Barry Taniguchi** and **Newton Chu Esq.** If you want tickets, please contact **Nancy**.

Please make a note that there will be a Veteran's Day Parade in Hilo on Nov 5th. It will start at 10AM, and our **President Randy** will be walking in the parade. He's asked that members of our club join him in the walk, and please wear your Rotary shirts as support of our veterans.

**Ian Kitagawa** got to lead the crowd in the **4 Way Test**, ending with a very rowdy, "5th-HAVE FUN! "

