

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



October 27, 2017

Chartered: December 1, 1920

Reporter: ??

Opening Act:

President **Steve Handy** called the meeting to order, & **Stew Hussey** led the patriotic group in the American flag pledge.



Helene Tajiri introduced her guest, **Don Millard**, a YOUNG retired air traffic controller here in Hilo. Leaving out unnecessary preamble, **Marcia Prose** was swift to question, "When is he joining?" **Don** cut to the chase by chiming in with... "After lunch. Got to eat first!"

On a roll, **Marcia Prose** introduced her guest, **Jill Jacunski**. **Jill** is the treasurer for Friends of Children's Justice in Hilo.

Past President - Wally Wong presented his visiting group, members of the Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School (LCPCS), to the jolly



crowd. Leading the troop was **Mr. Romeo Garcia**, **Kumu Kaulana** (**Wally's** sister -Interact advisor), **Reese**, **Jacelyn**, **Daniel**, & **Radley**. **Wally** also reintroduced **Nina Decker** to the crowd. **Nina** just returned to the Big Island after spending 3 long weeks on the mainland. **Nina** represented the school & introduced **Rachel Conder**, president of the Hui. Established in 2011, the Hui brings resources to the LCPCS through grant writing, fundraising, & networking with the community. **Nina** also presented the attending Rotarians with a mural project idea that our club may be able to sponsor.

Lisa Rantz familiarized the pack with members of Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency program.

Also... AB-I-G shout out to our handsome greeters: **Malcolm Chun** & **Dirk Yoshina**!!! Thank you for your time, hugs, & fine-looking smiles.

Upcoming Events:

10/28/17 – YMCA IS ON A MISSION: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

10/31/17 – The Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Palace Theater in Hilo - \$15 cost

11/09/17 – Annual Chicken Hekka Event at AJA Hall – 6:00p HAPPY HOUR / \$20 cost

According to **Corey Kawamoto**... "As Russ would say, 'What the heck's a HEKKA?'"



Agreeing with **Corey**, President **Steve** disclosed... "One heck of a time!" Groups of 6 will have their own cooking area for comradery & to have fun.

11/18/17 – Turkey Shredding - Salvation Army w/ Waiakea Interact - 11:00a

11/20/17 – Gift Baskets / Sock Wrapping - Salvation Army w/ Waiakea Interact - 6:00p

11/21/17 – Gift Baskets / Sock Wrapping – Salvation Army w/ Waiakea Interact - 6:00p

11/23/17 – Salvation Army Thanksgiving Luncheon Service at Aunt Sally Kaleohano's

Luau Hale w/ Waiakea Interact - 11:00a

11/27/17 – YWCA "Body Safety Program" for Pre-K – 5th grade - 9:00a – 3:00p

11/28/17 – YWCA "Body Safety Program" for 6th – 12th grade - 9:00a – 3:00p

12/09/17 – Bell Ringing at Macy's

Let's Celebrate the Lives of Our Rotarians!!!

Birthdays:

10/24/17 **Leo Myers**... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Wedding Anniversaries:

-**Chris & Barbara Tamm**... 10/26 (49 years)

-**Jim & Linda Kennedy**... 10/27 (33 years)

Club Anniversaries: NONE THIS WEEK :/

Happy Dollars\$:

We had many happy Rotarians who donated their financial resources to good causes:

-Past President - **Randy Hart** was \$100 HAPPY for his daughter's marriage this past Saturday; however, she returned back to Ohio already... His donation went to **The Rotary Foundation**... Congratulations, **Randy**!!!

-**Kathleen McGilvray** put in her \$20 donation online at ywcahawaiiisland.org for **Wally Wong**



& she pledged to contribute another \$20 for **Mike Meyers** since these 2 Rotarians are brave enough to WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES. This is an international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault, & gender violence... We salute you, **Wally & Mike** :)



-**Beverly Heikes** was delighted to reveal that she, too, would be going online to donate \$25 to support both **Wally & Mike** for the WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES fundraiser event



-**Marcia Prose** contributed 5 – HAPPY DOLLARS to **The Rotary Foundation** for the Hawaii International Film Festival event... This event features 10 films from

all over the world from 11/19 – 11/22

-**Alberta Dobbe** made her presence known with \$10 to the general fund. She was very pleased to have the Laupahoehoe School students at today's meeting since she's a graduate of Laupahoehoe High School.



Nevertheless, she refused to reveal her graduation year, but she did disclose that her school was still down at the point... Awww... C'mon, **Alberta**.

-**Susan Myers** offered HAPPY DOLLARS. She was happy because **Leo** was scheduled to return home today & she hasn't seen him in a month... YAY

-Welcomed guest, **Romeo Garcia** was \$20 HAPPY to see everyone at the meeting today. His contribution was designated to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**... He was also delighted to be able to spend time with the students at school & at our club meeting... MAHALO, **Romeo**!!!

-**Helene Tajiri** was \$20 HAPPY to support the general fund because of her friend, **Don**, who called her last night. She's also happy because she got to see SHOUT, & she exclaimed that it was wonderful

-**Lorraine Shin** was \$20 HAPPY for **Wally** & \$20 HAPPY for **Mike** for the Walk a Mile... Thank you, **Lorraine**

-**Gail Takaki** was HAPPY to see the Laupahoehoe students at our meeting. She suggested that they ask **Nina Decker** about **RYLA** because she would like to see them at the **RYLA** camp. She also announced that the Interact Club at the Waiakea Intermediate School will begin in November. She donated 5 – HAPPY DOLLARS to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**... Thank you for getting that ball rolling, **Gail**... You're awesome!!!

-**Jen Tanouye** was \$5 HAPPY for **Wally**, \$5 HAPPY for **Mike**, & \$5 HAPPY for the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**... She & her sister survived taking their grandchildren to Las Vegas & to Disneyland. She exclaimed that she is still "trying" to recover... LOL... Great job, **Jen**!!!

-**Nina Decker** supported the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** with 5 – HAPPY DOLLARS. She called upon her guest, **Reese**, because **Reese** went to **RYLA**... Way to go, **Reese**!!!

-**Nancy Cabral** was \$100 thrilled to see **Alberta**... Her donation went to the YWCA to support our 2 gentlemen, **Wally & Mike**, who planned to participate in the WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES annual event **BREWFEST Scoops!!!**

-On a terrific note, **President Steve** called upon our BREWFEST chairperson, **Misti Tyrin**, to recognize

Birthdays:

Chris Tamm October 5
Stan Fortuna October 10
Nancy Cabral October 12
Brittany Luna October 13
Beverly Heikes October 15
Tammy Silva October 15
Leo Myers October 24
Gerard Carter October 26

Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart October 1, 1989 (28)
Ron Dolan October 4, 1991 (26)
Gene Tao October 11, 1985 (32)
Treena Breyfogle October 12, 2012 (5)
Alan Kusunoki October 15, 1993 (24)
Dylan Shropshire October 16, 2015 (2)
Patrick Guillen October 21, 2016 (1)
Elle Lee October 21, 2016 (1)
Cowboy Kaneshiro October 22, 1999 (18)

Wedding Anniversary:

Malcolm & Cecilia Chun October 12 (12)
Craig & Linda Shikuma October 15 (37)
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16 (35)
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26 (49)
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27 (33)

Announcements:

November 3 - The secret life of a Rotarian
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

her great work & to provide the attendees with a quick event update. According to **Misti**, our event pulled in a little over **\$79,000**. Although, we did have a large expense year since we invested in our event by purchasing big ticket items to be used for future BREWFEST festivities. Hence, our event generated a profit of a little over **\$37,000**. As a recap, we did 1024 in general admission ticket sales, **\$24,200** in corporate donations, **\$22,000** of in-kind donations (a huge increase from previous years), & a little of **\$1900** in script sales this year. The people of Hilo are feeling the "BUZZ" of this event, & because of her fantastic work in organizing the event, **President Steve** asked **Misti** to remain on board & chair the event for another year. **Misti** indicated that she would be willing to remain in charge only if **President Steve** promises her a lifetime of sandwiches. With **Misti** agreeing to remain as chairperson, **President Steve** chimed in & said... "Everybody, you're very welcome." He also added, "Hey, you got a deal," in response to **Misti's** request for a lifetime of sandwiches. **Misti**... Let's get that in writing!!! Anyhow, the next BREWFEST is set for **6/23/18**.

Furthermore, checks were made out in the amount of **\$11,350** each for the Hilo Medical Center Foundation & the for the Friends of Children's Justice organization... Outstanding work, GANG!!! This is our 9th year of raising money; over the years, we have raised nearly **\$100K** for the Hilo Medical Foundation. A special thanks for the BREWFEST is credited to **Bob Hanley** for his beer event idea... WAY TO GO, **Bob**!!! Thank you for thinking outside of the bottle... LOL... **President Steve** thanked everyone for their hard work & contribution to the BREWFEST, & he identified that this is what Rotary is all about.

Bob Hanley was called up to distribute the checks to the representatives of the Hilo Medical Foundation & the Friends of Children's Justice. Rotarian **Lisa Rantz** expressed her appreciation; she also indicated that the monies that have been donated has resulted in better primary care in our community. The visiting physicians recognized the physician shortage & the importance of the residency program. They hope to attract more physicians to practice medicine on our island.

Jill Jacunski, represented the Friends of Children's Justice. This organization raises funds to support & aid abused children. They build bridges or fill in the holes for these children. For example, Toys-for-Tots collects toys for children; however, the teenagers usually do not want a teddy bear. It is because of your generous donations that this organization is able to provide teens with gift cards or gift certificates; something that they are truly grateful for.

Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School (LCPCS)

Nina Decker introduced the group to **Wally Wong's** sister, **Kaulana**, a teacher at Laupahoehoe School. **Nina** indicated that she got involved with the school through the Hui. The school is an integral

part of her Hamakua Coast community.

Director **Romeo Garcia**, a Rotarian from Oakland, plans to continue his services as a Rotarian, & he is looking forward to transferring his membership. He stated that the donated money helps, but time helps too. He is very proud of his students.

The visiting students shared a slide show with the crowd. Since becoming Interact members, they have engaged in a multitude of projects:

- Christmas to the troops
- Mauka to Makai projects
- Flag Service
- Makahiki games
- Hui Makua
- Painting disc baskets
- Give water.ord
- Beach clean up
- Blood drive
- Toys-for-Tots
- Laupahoehoe Music Festival

They are working to incorporate installation & use of lifesaving life tubes at local beach parks; life tubes are foam apparatuses used to aid a swimmer who is in need of help. Furthermore, the school has integrated a wood shop and an auto shop into the curriculum; they hope to offer an art class for elementary students & to bring dance back as a form of artistic expression. There are also plans for students of all age groups to collaboratively create a mural to tell the story of the Hamakua Coast.

As a result, & in true Rotarian style, **Lisa Rantz** offered the LCPCS staff with resources for recruitment... How's that for collaboration?!

Conclusion:

•In closing, **Nina Decker** was asked to perform the chicken dance in preparation for the upcoming Chicken Hekka festivity... According to **Nina**... There will be no chicken dancing without a swig or 3 of sake... LOL.

•**President Steve** thanked the students & administrative staff of Laupahoehoe School, & he wrapped up the meeting with **Tammy H. Silva** leading the group with 5-Way Test... Oops... **the 4-Way Test!**

•It is always a blessing to give... KEEP ON GIVING... Thank you, Fellow

Rotarians



Photographer: **Eric Anderson**



Photos above were not labeled with person's name...



SAVE THE DATES

November 3 - Mystery Guest ?? - The secret life of a Rotarian

While we might not have secret handshakes or wear elaborate headgear, a Rotarian in our midst has led an interesting secret life...

November 4 - Paint da Fence - Hawaii Island Home for Recovery (Wally Wong)

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