

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Welcome!

President Steve Handy welcomed us all to the meeting held in the Mala Ikena Room, calling on Past President and now **Assistant Governor Randy Hart** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Cindy Boots, a greeter along with **Genie Phillips**, had the honor of introducing visiting Rotarian (and past member of our Club) **Nate Chang** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. He, in turn, introduced the speaker (**Jack Wong**) and guests from Kamehameha Schools, **Alapaki Nahale-a**, **Kilohana Hirano**, **Narissa Harman**, **Crystal Kun**, and **Justin Pequeno**.

Rotarian **Helene Tajiri** introduced her guest, **Rob Kelso**, director of Pisces.

Announcements

Marcia Prose thanked Rotarians who are donating costs for the Club's page in the newspaper, with a special plea to help with the coverage: "Take a photo and send it to me!" (That's Marcia at mmprose@hawaii.hawaiiantel.net.) Continuing donors include **Dodo Mortuary** (Thanks, **Mitch!**), **Sun Construction** (Thanks, **Jeremiah!**), **Day Lum** (Thanks, **Nancy!**), and new include **K & J Tire** (Thanks, **Jen!**), **Subway Sandwiches** (Thanks, **Steve**, sharing with Ford), and **Friends of the Children's Justice Center**, with the caption noting the Center is proud to be a recipient of the Club's Brewfest.

Rotarians will be volunteering tomorrow (Oct. 7) for the "**Mauka to Makai**" for the planting of 40 trees from 8 to 12 noon. Yes, each Rotarian is asked to plant a tree this year!

Hm! Who was it that remarked that **Wally** looked "so sexy in those red shoes"?

Kathleen McGilvray then invited **Wally** to model his shoes while she encouraged participation the YWCA of Hawaii



Island's "**Walk A Mile In Her Shoes**," the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, with registration at 7:30 a.m. She noted that the YWCA's Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) program deals with 1000 calls per year, with 200 open cases, and with children being 50 percent of the population. Donations and walkers are welcome!

Let's Celebrate!

Chris Tamm was wished "Happy Birthday in absentia, as was **Ron Dolan** for his Club membership of twenty-six years on Oct. 4. **Randy Hart** donated **\$28** to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** for his twenty-eight years of membership on Oct. 1.

\$\$Happy Dollars\$\$

Helen Hemmes donated **\$50** to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to share the joys of celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary (to **Don**) and her 50th college reunion in September.



Wally Wong gave **\$50** to recognize **Treena Breyfogle's** newsletter featuring community events. Way to go!



Tammy Silva donated **\$20** to announce she got her MECAT results and was now applying to the John H. Burns School of Medicine. Plus, she has the October books available for Rotarians reading to kindergartners.



Treena Breyfogle gave **\$50** to TRF in celebration of her five years of club membership next week, and **Kathleen McGilvray** gave **\$20** to TRF for the YWCA's happy transition to computer and telephone services with Hawaiian Tel.



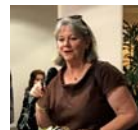
Bev Heikes smilingly announced that she turns twenty-five this month, donating **\$25** to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**, plus share the great news that her son won first place in the bench press.



Connie Ichinose gave "happy but sad" dollars to say this might be **Cindy Boots'** last meeting (for a while), as she is moving back to Wisconsin. The "**Aloha Cindy**" get-together will be held at the Muni restaurant on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. **Cindy Boots**, "also sad but happy," said she was starting a new chapter in her life and generously contributed **\$100** for the YWCA's upcoming walk. (**Cindy Boots**, who has parasailed in Mexico, will be moving closer to her five siblings—information from the fun "2 true and 1 lie" guessing game!)



Nancy Cabral donated **\$100** to the Walk to celebrate in advance her birthday next week, and **Nate Chang** said **Wally Wong** could put his name for a **\$10** check on his pledge form.



Photos of the Fiji Project

President Steve Handy narrated photos and thanked the "Angel Table" for the time, funds, and fun that the **Rotary Club of Hilo** has sponsored and/or assisted with over the past decade, including the building of the special education school (45% of the cost over three years, with a room for hearing loss, resulting in a gift of hearing aids valued at **\$1000** each from a different donor).



The Club has donated reading books for students who need to travel by foot or horse three to four hours one way, with students living

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:

October 13 - Dr. Akina
Joint East Hawaii Club Meeting
October 20 - Shannon Drumm
Ohia Healing - A simple solution
October 27 - Romeo Garcia
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2017 - 2018:

- President - **Steve Handy, Jr.**
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- The Rotary Foundation - **Malcolm Chun**
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on campus and learning how to be self-sustaining by growing crops, etc. The Club has purchased a tilling machine to help with the voc ag program, and most recently students were helped by a grant to help buy six computers for a computer lab. And there was more....all in Fiji, some 2800 miles from Honolulu. **Mahalo plenty!**

Program

Nate Chang, once one of the Rotarians of the month during **Gene Tao's** presidency, shared that he used to work with **Dr. Richard Crowe** in Astronomy. He then introduced the speaker, **Livingston Jack Wong**, CEO,



Kamehameha Schools (KS), since September 2014. He went to Punahou, graduated from UCLA, and was an attorney and vice president for Kamehameha Schools prior to becoming CEO.



An engaging speaker, **Jack Wong** introduced the topic of **Kuhanauna**, A Generation on the Rise, and then invited the Hawaii Island staff leader, **Alapaki Nahalea**, to introduce members of the Hawaii Island team.



Jack Wong noted that people have different ideas about Kamehameha Schools—some love it, some hate it, but very few are indifferent. He queried, "What is the relationship? What do you know?" and then shared basic facts. Some 5400 students are enrolled in the three campuses (located on Maui, in Keaau, and on Oahu), with 700 in charter schools, and with 1600 keiki in 30 preschools. KS helps with community education through scholarships, has land development (173 K in diversified agriculture, with KS land producing 70% of the coffee grown in the State), has commercial development (3.5B in real estate) and has financial investments worldwide (some 40 of the top 65 "unicorns").

Who are we? The focus of KS stems back to "our princess" **Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Bishop**, whose will had guided the strategic planning of the trustees. During her lifetime, she saw a population decline in the number of Hawaiians from 150,000 to less than 40,000, and she sought change to restore people.

How are we doing? He provided the statistics for Native Hawaiian learners, from 54% being ready for kindergarten, to 62% reading at grade level or higher in Grade 3, to 49% academically prepared in Grade 8, to 25% graduating from high school on time and prepared



for the next step, to only 14% completing postsecondary education training. The Native Hawaiian population on campus and preschools is now around 7,000 of around 152,000 learners.

Projects for the future include Vision 2040 with a Strategic Plan 2020 featuring five goals: network of world-class students, improved statewide education system, strong Native Hawaiian identity, high performance organization, and resource management.

He then shared the story of his early research with the goal of saving the endangered species, the alala, Hawaiian crow, noting that the making of more birds was not the answer—rather, saving/restoring the habitat. For Native Hawaiians, the focus too needs to be on having a thriving community.



How do you approach enhancing the "habitat" for all? The challenges are those of culture, community and leadership! The focus on Hawaiian culture or academic success needs instead to be the culture driving academic success, i.e., learning through the culture. The discussion on community or individual success needs to be community and individual success for each ("How can we believe we're succeeding if a Native Hawaiian is suffering?"). KS wants to focus on local and global leadership. (If you were in attendance, we would have appreciated his eloquence!)



Jack Lord then entertained questions. Nancy Cabral shared how much we appreciated having Dr. Stan Fortuna (former headmaster of Keaau) in our Club and encouraged KS to again partner with our club, among other questions and thanks for the scholarships that KS provided. The definition of Native Hawaiian requires some percentage of Hawaiian, with no specific blood quantum, and admissions is challenging, as only 1 in 15 applicants is accepted. Students in preschools need to “start again” in the process of trying to get admitted.

In Closing.

Keana Scoot led us in the Four-Way Test of the things we Think, Say or Do, with the Fifth test (“Have Fun!”) cited as well.



SAVE THE DATES

September/October - Dictionary Distribution (Wally Wong)

October 13 - Dr. Akina (Joint East Hawaii Club Event)

October 14 - Rotary Park Cleanup (Wally Wong)

October 20 - Shannon Drumm - Ohia Healing

Simple solution for healing Ohia afflicted with Rapid Ohia Death.

October 27 - Romeo Garcia, Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School

October 28 - YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

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 - Turkey shredding at Salvation Army with Waiakea HS Interact Club.

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

November 23 - 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 - Treana 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