

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



September 15, 2017

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Meeting Upstairs

President **Steve Handy** called the meeting to order at noon. We were not in



our usual room, so many thanks to our stand-in SAA, **Dirk Yoshina**, for toting all the meeting supplies upstairs. **Elle Lee**, Corporate Member from Day-Lum, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Guests



The day's Greeters were **Elle Lee** and **Eric Anderson**. They had an easy assignment, since there were no guests at today's meeting.

Events and Announcements

•**Dictionary Distribution**. Community Service Director **Wally Wong** had a signup sheet for members willing to help distribute dictionaries to third-graders at local schools.



The Community Service committee attached donation bookplates to all dictionaries at the committee meeting last week. If you want to help, contact **Wally**.



•**Walk to End Alzheimer's** – September 16. **Mike Meyer** reminded everyone that walkers -- and sponsors -- are welcome.

•**Rotary "End Polio" Bike Fundraiser** in November. **Charlene Meyers** explained that riders will recruit non-members as sponsors, to raise visibility for the cause. There is NO group ride – instead,



Rotarians will ride on stationary bikes or on their own, and report their mileage. Every rider will get a nifty cooling towel imprinted with the event logo. **Treena Breyfogle** and **Newton Chu** were both impressed and signed up at the \$250 level.

•**East Hawaii District Assembly** – September 16. Assistant District Governor (and Past President of this club) **Randy Hart** said that this event will be at Hospice of Hilo's Waianuenue Avenue building. Speakers will focus on membership and The Rotary Foundation. New members are invited.

•**Fiji March 25 – April 1**. **Steve** announced a change in plans for this year's Fiji project. **Stew Hussey's** Global Grant microcredit project was approved by the folks at Rotary International, but we didn't find the right Fiji partner clubs. So instead, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lautoka, we will donate books to schools in outlying areas of Fiji that were decimated by the hurricane last year. **District Governor Nalani Flinn** will join **Steve** and interested Rotarians in Fiji to distribute the books. The trip is planned for March 25 – April 1, airfare is about \$850. If you're interested, call **Steve**.

New Member Minute

•**Maureen Poirier**.



Maureen joined our club last week, and today **Steve** gave her an opportunity today to tell us a bit about herself.

Maureen is from Arizona, and raised her three children there. She said her "empty nest" prompted her to search for new adventures here on Hawaii Island.

Welcome, **Maureen!**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

•**Cindy Boots** celebrated her birthday on September 14. President **Steve** noted that **Cindy** will be leaving the island, and our club, in mid-October. She's going back to Wisconsin, to be closer to her family and fellow Green Bay Packers fans. Editor's note: we will miss **Cindy**, a lot!

•**Jimmy Yagi** joined the Rotary Club of Hilo 52 years ago, on September 17, 1965. OMG --Coach **Yagi** has been in Rotary longer than President **Steve** has been alive!

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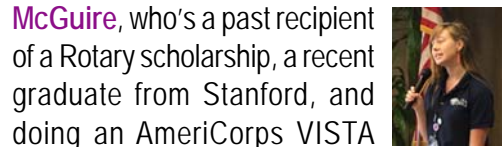
•**Elle Lee** was happy "just to be here," and **Kathleen McGilvray** hadn't been to a meeting for a while. Both made small contributions to the club's General Fund.



Kathleen also pitched the YMCA's "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event on October 28.

Today's Program

Mike Meyer introduced our speaker, **Gina McGuire**, who's a past recipient of a Rotary scholarship, a recent graduate from Stanford, and doing an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer stint at Mokpapapa Discovery Center in Downtown Hilo. **Gina** described some of the interesting things to be found at the center (the archeology exhibits are upstairs), and also talked about the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. (Good news: this national monument has survived the current administration's review – it will not be downsized.)



Birthdays:

Robert Fox September 5
Craig Shikuma September 9
Cel Ruwethin September 10
Cindy Boots September 14
Tim Beatty September 22
Sam Wallis September 22

Club Anniversary:

Joe Hanley September 4, 1987 (30)
Barb Garcia September 9, 1987 (1)
James Yagi September 17, 1965 (52)
Ian Birnie September 20, 1985 (32)
Newton Chu September 22, 1995 (22)
Jerry Watanabe September 22, 1989 (28)
Tim Beatty September 27, 2002 (15)
Corey Kawamoto September 27, 2002 (15)

Wedding Anniversary:

Tim & Kanoa Beatty September 2 (16)
Helen & Don Hemmes September 2 (50)
Misti & James Tyrin September 8 (10)
Alan & Zohra Kusunoki September 20 (45)

Announcements:

September 29 - DG Nalani Flinn
October 6 - Jack Wong, CEO
Kamehameha Schools
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.**
- Past President - **Randy Hart**
- President Elect - **Keith Okamoto**
- Vice President - **Mitch Dodo**
- Co-Secretary - **Treena Breyfogle**
- Co-Secretary - **Jan Tanouye**
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- 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 - **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation - **Malcolm Chun**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation - **Mitchell Dodo**

And that's all, folks!

New member **Skye Czember** led us in reciting the **Four Way Test**.

SAVE THE DATES

September 29 - District 5000 Governor Nalani Flinn visiting our club

September 30 - Waiakea High Interact Club "Get the Drift & Bag It" - Judy Gibson

October 6 - Jack Wong, CEO Kamehameha Schools

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 11 thru 18 - Polio Bike Ride

November 17 - Susanne Baca - Fire Ants Hawaii

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

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

December 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 13 - Kamana Senior Luncheon

December 15 - Chancellor Rachel Solemsaas, UH Hilo Community College

December 22 - Project Hawaii / Homeless Keiki Holiday Party

January 12 - Treena Breyfogle, an African encounter with Pan Troglodytes



Photographer: **Bob Hanley**