

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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It was a glorious bitchin' day in Beautiful Hilo, Hawaii (or something like that said **Da Prez**). As we have done for over 97 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in the quaint Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Greeted with a smile, and warm handshakes by Greeters **Pat "Vulcan" Guillen** and **Cel "Captain" Ruwethin**. We Hilo Rotarians happily accepted our badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Our fearless 97th President **Steve "Footlong" Handy** asked **Pat "Vulcan" Guillen** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So **Da Prez** reminded everyone that our International theme for the year under the leadership of Rotary International President Ian Riseley is **"Rotary Making a Difference."**

**Da Prez** then brought up the Greeter **Pat "Vulcan" Guillen** to introduce our guests. Visiting from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Carolyn Lundqvist** and **Tim Hansen**. Also visiting was **Carolyn's** assistant **Tia Cabral-Angel**. **Jen "K&J" Tanouye** brought guest **Kalama Carreira**, and **Anna "Happy Valley" Liu** brought guest **Lara Hughes**.

Announcements, **Charlene "Mugs" Myers** announced the **Ride for Polio** poster and the cooling towel prize for donating at least \$100, designed by **Bob "Brewfest" Hanley**.



**Wally "Hokulea" Wong** announced the school book delivery schedule.



**Gail "RYLA" Takaki** announced the beginning of the Waiakea Intermediate School Club.

**Prez Footlong** congratulated **Tim "not Warren" Beatty** and **Sam "retired" Wallace** both celebrated a birthday today! **Alan "retired2" Kusunoki** and his wife **Zora** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. **Joe "not Bob" Hanley** celebrated a Rotary Anniversary of 30 years!

**\$ Happy Dollars \$:**



**Beverly "YWCA" Heikes** happy for her spouse's successful surgery and her son's powerlifting championship. WOW!



**Marcia "Palace" Prose** happy about the Palace Theater and Friends of Children's Justice Center Mai Tai Masquerade coming up in

October.



Guest **Carolyn Lundqvist** was happy to be back walking after suffering a stroke and having a great assistant such as **Tia**.

**Pat "Vulcan" Guillen** was happy to be back from all his mainland travels and to see **Jimmy "Coach" Yagi** doing well.



**Jennifer "K&J" Tanouye** was happy about **RYLA**.

**Leo "not Mike" Myers** was happy about something to do with or without alcohol.

**Helene "Mocha" Tajiri** was happy to have closed on a big sale.

**Wally "Hokulea" Wong** was happy about a future community services project planned with **Randy "not West" Hart** and the military to clean up beach debris in South Point.

**Anna "Happy Valley" Liu** was happy about the Chamber's upcoming meeting on September 28 featuring the President of First Hawaiian Bank.

**Cindy "Packers" Boots** was happy and sad to be leaving Hilo, but moving to Packers Heaven somewhere in Wisconsin. Aloha **Cindy!**

**President Footlong** was happy to have won a football bet on Thursday night. Rare indeed.

**President Footlong** then inducted 2 New



members today – **Brook Higa** and **Brittany Luna** (co-sponsors- **Anna "Happy Valley" Liu** and **Gail "RYLA" Takaki**. Welcome to the world's best club you guys!

**Tim Hansen** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay gave an announcement about the upcoming "Dealing with Anger" Peace Conference workshop on October 20 at UHH Campus Center Room 301. Register at [majidah@hawaiimediation.org](mailto:majidah@hawaiimediation.org). You will be asked to leave your guns and other weapons at the door. You will be allowed to Twitter.

## 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 Fliinn  
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**
- 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 - **Nina Decker**
- The Rotary Foundation - **Malcolm Chun**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation - **Mitchell Dodo**

President Footlong then called up Shane "Rev" Okimoto to talk about Rotary Youth Leadership Awards ("RYLA") camp. RYLA is a high school leadership development program sponsored by Rotary International. Our RYLA Camp has been specifically designed by the 9 Big Island Rotary Clubs for High School students on the Big Island. RYLA encourages leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an "award" for their past and present leadership and service activities.



High School Students, primarily in their sophomore and junior years, are chosen for their leadership potential. Award winners, known as Delegates, attend an all-expenses-paid camp to learn advanced leadership skills. Delegates reinforce their skills by using these new leadership tools in many activities which enhance their leadership ability.

The 9 Rotary clubs here on the Big Island select Delegates and facilitate the event's curriculum. We hold our RYLA Conference at Kilauea Military Camp annually, usually the last weekend of February or the first weekend of March.



We viewed an awesome video made by our own Eric "Rev too" Anderson which featured all the attendees of the RYLA. This is an awesome video that you can see on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/7-uLS3ks6UE> and our club's facebook page.

Jennifer "K&J" Tanouye also gave a shout out to all the our our club Rotarians that helped with the RYLA logistics. The list was long but included, but not limited to Beverly "YWCA" Heikes, Patty "Hula" Terada, Shane "Rev" Okimoto, Judy "da Sheriff" Gibson, Charlene "Mugs" Meyers, Mary "not Edie" Bicknell, Kathleen "HMC" McGilvray, Maureen "newbie" Poirier, and Randy "not West" Hart. Of course, who could forget the real power leader, Gail "RYLA" Takaki

RYLA is coming up February 23-25, 2018 so get ready to help out! Contact Jennifer or Gail.

Next week's speaker, District Governor Nalani Flynn.

President Footlong then asked Bob "Brewfest" Hanley to lead us in the 4-way test, and then we were out of there.

And that's a fact Jack.

