

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Two months have already gone by in **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.'s** term (1/6th already, wow!). The time goes by amazingly quick.

GREETERS

Greeting all of us attendees today, at the front entranceway, with smiles and glad tidings were **Cathy Gray** and **Kerry Glass**.

START OF THE MEETING

Before the meeting actually began, one could see **Past District Governor Pete Muller** (without his stylish cap) sitting in the back corner peddling tickets to his Club's upcoming Octoberfest event. Get them while they are still available.



Then with no ado and right on time, **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** started the meeting and asked **Chuck Porter** us lead us in the Pledge to our flag.



VISITORS AND GUESTS

Kerry had the honor of introducing all our visitors and guests:

Pete Muller from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay

Marilyn Sheffield, guest of **Charlene Meyers**, who wanted to come to a meeting to see what Rotary was all about.



D. Garcia, guest of **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, from Roswell, N.M. (difficult to read **Bobby's** handwriting).

Melanie Wobig and **Dawn Aviguetero**, guests of new member to **Maureen Poirier**.

Atsuko Winston (a prospective new member), guest of **Genie Phillips**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcia Prose stated that our final Rotary Info page in the *Tribune-Herald* will be in next weeks edition and if we want to continue having this appear in the paper we need to buy the discounted ads the paper is offering us – only \$227.00 for a 2 x 5 ad (a big savings over their regular rate) on this page..



Charlene made a pitch about Kau Hospital needing volunteers for their Ultra Sound test training in October. No real Ultra Sound would be given but people would



go thru the routine of having one, for their staff and interns to learn. Also, she made a pitch about getting bike riders and sponsors for the Polio Riding campaign. The poster shown up on the screen was well drawn up and created by our own **Bob Hanley** "Ride so they can walk – Hawaii, end polio now!"

Pres Po-Boy, Jr. mentioned 2 upcoming activities, on 9/30/17 the "get the drift and bag it" clean up project and the District Assembly. Contact him for more details for both of these events.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/05 Birthday for **Bob Fox**
- 09/02 Wedding Anniversaries for **Tim** and **Kanoa Beatty** and (not in a double ceremony) **Helen** and **Don Hemmes**.
- 09/08 Wedding Anniversary for **Misti** and **James Tyrin**
- 09/04 Club Anniversary for **Joe Hanley**

HAPPY DOLLARS

Marcia provided her usual blurbs about the upcoming at the Palace Theater.

Mike Meyer was happy about riding miles and miles on his bike.



Barbara Garcia celebrated the 53rd edition of her *Keola* Magazine.

Gail Takaki was happy that **Jim Cheney** helped out on her Success Factory project.



Nancy Cabral was happy to be finally making a meeting after all her travelings, especially to her son's rodeos.



Genie Phillips was happy because her friend **Atsuko** has decided she would like to become a member of our Club.



Chuck Porter (who proclaimed he is not as weird as **Bob Fox**, though that's debatable) talked about his 25th wedding anniversary cruise with **Gay** to Alaska and his adventures concerning getting a massage on the ship (an R rated story).



Charlene, again, happy that 3 people signed up to **\$1,000** sponsors in the **Polio Bike Ride** campaign.

And finally, **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** himself was **\$20** happy that the NFL season is officially starting up.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Wally Wong was called upon to introduce **Maureen Poirier** to us, after which **Pres.**



Po-Boy, Jr. happily performed the installation ceremony making her the newest member of our

Club.

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

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2 TRUTHS AND A LIE

Bob Fox and **Kerry Glass** were summoned up front to mention things about their lives to us, some of which was true and 1 thing was to be false. And we, the audience, has to try and figure out the falsification. **Bob** has been married 4 times, not 3 and **Kerry** does not have a great, great famous uncle.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Meyer was called up to introduce a man he met soliciting for items from shoppers for his organization outside our local Wal-Mart store, **Mr. Joe Jackson**.

Mr. Jackson heads up Teen Challenge, an organization here helping people trying to rid themselves of alcohol and drug addiction problems. Teen Challenge is a state-wide program with offices and homes on all islands (except Maui so far) working to help give users a clean break from their addictions.

Part of the program's functions is going to various schools to talk with the kids and groups about the dangers involved in excessive drug and alcohol usage. And mentions to them that they have a rehab program set up for those committed to cleaning up. Its a 1-year project and their staying clean success rate for those completing the rehab is higher (82%) than the national average.

The rehab program is free but the participants have to be committed to it. They will live in a shelter (one for men and one for women) and must meet goals and standards throughout their year there. This program provides 2nd chances and gives hope to many who thought there was no hope or chance on a good life.

Funding is provided by sponsorships, solicitations and fund-raisers (like a banquet coming up soon at Nani Mau).



Mr. Jackson talked about his experiences with addictions and in running Teen Challenge here on the Big Island. He also introduced one of the successful graduates of the program, **Mr. Willis Kauahaki**, to talk a little of what the program did for him and what he is doing now.



Teen Challenge, like any organization of this type, faces a lot of doubters and **Mr. Jackson** told a story about a man in a pit and various opinions about it, which reflected well the thoughts of many about this program.

Lots more information was gleamed from questions and answers. Teen Challenge originally started in New York City a few years ago and a lot of financing comes from churches. On the Big Island, they can take care of 10 men and 15 women in their facilities currently. And its not just for teens despite the name.

Internships can be provided and the reduction in drug usage tends to be tied to the reduction in the crime rate.

With this **Pres. Po-Boy, Jr.** thanked our speakers for coming today and provided then with our award winning coffee cups.

Newly inducted member **Maureen** was asked to lead us in the 4-way test to close out the meeting (and she did actually fairly well considering - this was not her 1st meeting here so she was aware of the way it went).

See you all next week.

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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 Breyfolge, an African encounter with Pan Troglodytes



Photos from September 8, 2017 meeting