

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was another beautiful voggy day in Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for over 95 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in a quaint Hilo Hotel.

Greeted with a smile, warm handshake by Greeters **Mike "not Wayne's World" Myers**, **Joe "not Bob" Hanley** and new member **Keith "not Mike" Okamoto**, the Hilo Rotarians happily accepted their badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



Our fearless leader, **President Wally "President W" Wong** came out as his usual excited self, ringing the historic bell and reminding us that we were part of a larger international family of 1.2 million Rotarians who join together and give to the **Rotary Foundation**, an organization began by **Paul "not Glenn" Harris** in 1905. So **Da Prez W** reminded everyone that our theme for the year under the leadership of **Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran** is to **"Be a Gift to the World."** Moreover, our club is known locally to be **"Malama Honua"** stewards of our island.

President W then called on our guest speaker **Reverend William Knight** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then **Da Prez W** invited us to join in and sing with him the Doxology in Hawaiian. After that harmonious rendition by the club, he reminded us that it is Literary Month, so he inspired us with the reading of a poem from the book, **"Teaching Poetry to 3rd Graders"** that he read that morning to the Laupahoehoe Charter School.

Da Prez W then brought up our newest member, **Keith "not Mike" Okamoto**, who introduced our guests.



Visiting from Madison Wisconsin was Rotarian **Karl Gutknecht**.



Visiting from Homer Kachemak Bay Alaska were **Brian** and **Karen Zak**.

Rotarians **Karolyn Lundkvist**, **Lorraine Davis** and **William Knight** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay also joined us. Also visiting were South Hilo rotarians **Noko Yoshida**, **Arabel Cambler**, **Steve Boucher** and **Dr. Kevin Wilcox**. Visiting from eClub land was **Steve Yoshida**. **Reese "pieces" Mates** brought her husband **Dr. Steve Mates**. **Da Prez W** thanked our greeters and last week's reporter **Bobby "not YWCA" Stivers-Apiki** and photographer **Mitchell "Morty" Dodo**.

Announcements!

March is Literary Month! So read plenty if you are able! Join **Da Prez W** and member **Nina "Glam" Decker** with the HOPE Services GLAM bag.

Relay for Life is March 11-12 so please join our UH Hilo Roteract with this.

Glenn "not Paul" Harris said to contact him if you need a book for your keiki read aloud day.

Steve "footlong" Handy was pleased as a Subway Sandwich to announce that the club donations were **\$3,631.00** and this was matched by the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to help send 2000 Shelter Boxes to Fiji after that devastating Hurricane. He also announced that star PGA golfer, **VJ Singh** has pledged **\$20,000** to help in the relief fund! Also, Rotary Club of South Hilo member **Peter Boucher** is helping at his club because he spent time in Fiji as a peace corp volunteer. Way to go **Footlong Steve** and team!



Kerry "not Munro" Glass came up to award a **Paul Harris Fellow** pin to **Kathleen "not YMCA" McGilvray**.



He then called up **Naomi "not Sherry" Menor** for her **Paul Harris plus 4** and one for her grandson **Colin**. And then he called up Past President **Stu "SEAL Team 6" Hussey**



received his **Paul Harris plus 6**, WOW, and we all smiled and took pictures. Remember, it is never a bad time to donate to the **Rotary Foundation**.

Also remember tomorrow is the Hilo Heart walk on Saturday March 5, and on March 15 we have Ohana Read Aloud, March 19 we will join **President Elect Randy "not Gary" Hart** at the District Assembly. Also on March 19 we will roll up our sleeves and help make over the Liliuokalani Park and do some Swing Dancing at the Elks club at 7:00 pm!

Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6
Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (19)
Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (27)
Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (28)
John McVickar March 19, 2010 (6)
Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (4)
Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (21)
Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (22)
Donnie Demuth March 27, 2015 (1)
Gail Takaki March 28, 2008 (8)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (47)
Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (11)
Jim Cheney & Xia Ying Sun March 18 (11)
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (27)
Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (48)

Announcements:

March 11 - Heather Rosario - Penn Fitness Ctr.
Diet, Fitness & Healthy lifestyle
March 18 - Dr. Angela Fa'anunu - Townscape, Inc.
Environmental Consulting
March 19 - District Assembly
March 25 - No Meeting
April 2 - Merrie Monarch Parade
April 8 - Marcia Prose -
Child Abuse Awareness Month
April 15 - Pat Guillen - UH Hilo Athletic Director
April 22 - Nellieshy Manuad - Youth Empowerment

President Wally Wong
President Elect..... Randy Hart
Immediate Past President..... Richard Johnson
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Mike Robinson
Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
Membership Connie Ichinose
Public Relations Marcia Prose
Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
Club Service ???
International Service Stew Hussey
Community Service Reese Mates
Youth Service Tammy Silva
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

Please join us at the Merrie Monarch Parade where we will celebrate **100 years of Rotary!** Also, you can support Pau Queen **Nancy "Rodeo" Cabral**.

A big Birthday will be celebrated by our famous Badge #1:

Bobby "HPM" Fujimoto on March 6!
Sam and **Sandy Wallis** celebrated 47 years of marital bliss on March 1.

Cindy "Packers" Boots celebrated 19 years of club membership on March 7.

President W moved on to **Happy Dollars**. **Rand "sorefoot" Mundo** was happy to announce that the Rotaract Club was going to wash all of our cars this Saturday at **Ed "not Glenn" Hara's** Instant Printing office. Guest **Peter Bouchev** was happy to help Fiji.

Newton Chu was happy that he was a member of this club and gave money for Fiji shelterbox fund. **Mike "not Wayne's World" Myers** was happy to lose another 30 pounds. Guest **Karolyn Lundqvist** was happy that **Mike**



"not Swiss Family" Robinson was a centennial President as she was back in 2003 so she had a shirt for him that was at least that old. Our guest **Barry** from Alaska suggested that we all get Rotary tattoos for our parade. Does he own a tattoo parlor somewhere?

Da Prez then introduced our guest, Hilo Bay Rotarian **Reverend William Knight** who



gave us a great "sermon" on Peace for all. It was truly inspiring, touching on the historic retreat in 1955 which spawned the song, *"Let there be Peace on Earth."*

He cited that Rotarians are natural ministers for peace and for resolving conflict. We are caring individuals who can do great things, as long as we first confront our own BS, which he defined as "Belief Systems."

Rotarians can be part of the solution if we become more caring, and more ethically and ecologically sensitive. So let's make peace a priority each and every day. Let's eradicate our own conflicts and join hands and sing! He then led us in an inspired rendition of *"Let there be Peace on Earth."*

And before you know it, **President W** thanked **Reverend Knight** and gave him some **Rotary Foundation** points.

He then called upon new member **Jessica Tolar** to lead us in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say and do.

And then we were out of there and that's a fact Jack. See you all next week when we will hear from guest speaker **Heather Rosario** of Penn Fitness.

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Photographer: **Kerry Glass**