

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was a dark and stormy night.....

Oops, this is the Lava Flow report I'm writing, not my novel, sorry. So let's begin again

On Friday, March 18th (which has no real significant label this week to it like Pi Day, Ides of March Day, St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day, First day of Spring Day) but is a day in Hawaiian History cause the U of H Rainbow basketballers won their 1st NCAA tournament game ever, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** assembled for its weekly Friday meeting.

GREETERS

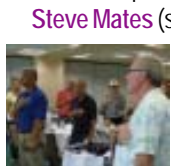


Welcoming everyone with open arms, smiles and good words were **Cindy Boots** and **Johnalyn Nosaka** along with quazi greeter in-coming Rotary

Club of Hilo President **Randy Hart**.

OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

With the room arrangement set up so we could see and gaze at Hilo Bay, **Pres. W. Wong** began the meeting at just about 12 noon sharp.



Steve Mates (spouse of **Reese**) was called upon to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag and then the grouping sang the Doxology shown on the screen, with accompanying music this time.

With the music we actually sound heart-rendering.

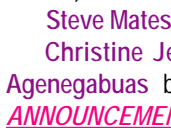
Pres. W. Wong reminded us that March is Literacy Month and National Nutrition Month, both items which we may not have been aware of before this. And he posted photos on the screen of Hokulea's Haiku voyage and stops.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

New member **Jesse Tolar** was called upon to introduce our welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians, who were:

Bob Hlina from the Rotary Club of Prince George, BC.

Ray Woods, around the world traveller (who says he has been to just about every country in the world – WOW!!) but from RC unknown.



Steve Mates, spouse of **Reese Mates**
Christine Jeremy, **Mark Jeremy** and **Vera Agenegabuas** by **Pres. W. Wong**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Rotary Club Foundation** made a substantial donation for book acquisition to the Naalehu School Library.

Hope Services Glam bags project was described by **Nina Decker**, which are to be used to helping women in the community. Anything appropriate, including cash, in donations would be appreciated.



After the fact announcements (since this report comes out later than these events) for March 19th are the District Assembly, the Merrie Monarch Park Makeover and the Swing Dance event at the Elks Club. Kudos to those who attended, volunteered time and enjoyed themselves.

Randy also made a quick announcement that his installation ceremony is currently scheduled for June 28th at the Yacht Club. More details will be forthcoming later as they are available.



No meetings are scheduled for the next two Fridays, 03/25 (Good Friday) and 04/01 (Merrie Monarch Week) but everyone is encouraged to send to **Judy Gibson** or **Pres. W. Wong** a selfie with your Rotary Pin prominently displayed and that will count as a make-up meeting for one of those weeks.

A quick listing of upcoming events:

04/01 – Volcano Wine Tasting (with rides available – just contact **Pres. W. Wong** and he can make arrangements for those wanting to go)

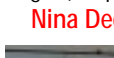
04/21 – Rotary State Fry at the park. Details to come later.

05/01 – Hilo Hui by the Rotary Club of South Hilo.

05/10 – Cinco di Mayo by the Rotary Club of Pahoa

For more details about all these events (and more), please check out our website www.hilorotary.org.

Marcia Prose joyfully announced that the Palace Theater has just about completed their funding for Solar Panels over the building due to a grant from our Club's Foundation. The theater is only short funds for about 1-1/2 panels yet and hopefully that can be raised soon so the project can begin (the panels run about \$10,000 each).



Nina Decker and **Mike Meyer** were honored as new **Paul Harris Fellows** thanks to point donations from many of our members, again trying to make our Club be a 100% er status. Congratulations guys!!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Pres. W. Wong was remiss in not sending the listing pages showing all those who are celebrating this week so this reporter is sorry for not being able to mention everybody and their dates due to memory loss. But some sort of stood out:

Jim Cheney and **Xiao Ying Sun's** wedding anniversary is today (and of course **Jim** forgot all about it until this meeting- Not Good!).

Helene Tajiri's triple jackpot week (every year she get hit with this) for all 3 events (B/D, Wedding and Club) is this week and gracefully celebrated by donating \$50.00 each to our 3 various foundations (**Paul Harris**, **Hilo Rotary** and **Youth**). Way to go **Helene!**



Naomi Menor's Club Anniversary is today and she contributed \$ for saying she is happy to be part of this Club.

Sorry about not remembering the others.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Chris Tamm also was \$21 happy for being a member of this Club.

Chuck Porter contributed \$20 for being fairly treated by the Hawaii and Big Island judicial system after he had to go to court about "shooting" someone. The Mediation system and our previous member, Past-President **Diana Van der Car** helped him get thru it by them and he abiding to the **4-Way Test**.



Treena Breyfogle made a substantial promised contribution (somewhat after the fact) celebrating the Denver Broncos winning the Super Bowl. Also she told a little joke about the difference in how to treat the Avian Flu and the Swine Flu (with Tweetments and Oinkments, ugh, almost as bad as **Russ Oda's** puns.)



Cindy Boots was \$15 happy for the aforesaid mentioning of the U of H win in the NCAA.

Steve Handy was grateful for all the press releases and publicity for the Shelter Boxes for Fiji.

Nancy Cabral gave \$50 for the Palace Theater project saying this is something that really needs to be done.



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 25 - No Meeting (Send Selfie)
April 1 - No Meeting (Send Selfie)
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

GUEST SPEAKER

Pres. W. Wong then did the introductions for our



Guest Speaker, **Dr. Angela Fa'anunu** to talk about The Kawelina Network as an alternative to our current mass tourism arrangement in Hawaii.

She started off by saying there are 10 group organizations in existence to help set up a host visitor program to give visitors to our state a meaningful experience. To see them and what they can do, we are encouraged to visit www.kawelina.net to see what is being offered and available.

In the old days (old old days) only the privileged could come to Hawaii as tourists. Now because of the mass availability of charters, tours and just more people having more money to plan on coming to Hawaii for a vacation, there are all kinds of services and products created to meet the needs. And all kinds of developments have grown to take advantage of the influx of people.

Honolulu is the 4th largest international port of entry into the USA and these visitors, along with all the mainland people, spend about \$40,000,000 per day here statewide. To help take care of these visitors, 168,000 jobs (in 2013) were dedicated to the tourist industry in the state.

Some of the sparks in creating this visitor influx basically started after WW1 with Hawaii being made attractive as a vacation destination. Statehood in 1959 helped along with the various advertised appeals of sun, surf and beaches, "cheap" air travel, etc. Ag lands (sugar and pineapple) became hotels, golf courses, resorts, etc. to accomodate everyone.

And because of all of the possible potential income, many (or most) of the companies and industries involved have become foreign-owned causing most of the proceeds to not stay in Hawaii. The exploitation of our culture and natural resources with colonial masters mentality still pervades.

Hawaiian history has been established from the various cultures of people and events here in our islands, from 1778 with Capt. Cook to Statehood, to the Sovereignty movement, Christianity and the overthrow of the Kingdom.

In 2006 Pasifika Foundation Hawaii was started to respond to the diminishing status of Native History. Basically what would the hosting/visiting market look like in the absence of capitalism? In other island nations in the Pacific, up to 70% of tourism is locally owned and proceeds are shared and used there.

To do that here, both the host and visitor should depend on reciprocity. The host should share with visitor experiences based on their relationships. This fosters a mutual exchange of feelings, cultural education and financial compensation (less expensive for the visitor and income for the hosts).

This results from focus on cultural knowledge and uses local products, workmanship, interpretive tours, volunteer opportunities, leadership/teambuilding activities and the exchanging of values with each other.

Presently mass tourism is a culture, NOT personal relationships. It needs to engage with the local community for both to learn about each other and what Hawaii is (or should) be.

Again, please go the website www.kawelina.net for more and extensive information.

Dr. Fa'anunu was asked to stay and answer any questions from our group since we were out of time.



To close today's session, **Alan Kusunoki** was called upon to lead us in the **4-way Test**.

As a quick reminder, no regular meeting in the next two weeks and send in your selfies.

And with that, the gong was rung and the meeting closed for today.

Pau.



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Be a gift to the world

Photographer: **Bob Hanley**