

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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WhooHoo, ta doot do dooo! Anyone arriving to the May 20th Rotary meeting was in for some good fun and fellowship.

Greeters **Tim Beatty** and **Mitchell Dodo** were assisted with hoots and twirling dervishes **Nina**



Decker, Connie Ichinose, Cindy Boots and Tina Jimenez.

Members and guests found their tables labeled as **Wally**, Member or Brewfest, complete with kazoos and horns. **President Wally's** first attempt to bring the crowd to order prompted a 2nd loud clang of the bell.

Stew Hussey was quickly asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and then **Wally** called upon one of his guests, **Malu Rebus** of Hope Services, to assist him and the members in singing not one, but two, verses of the Doxology. Gosh just when everyone was thinking they finally knew all the words, a new twist!

There was a roomful of guests visiting so the mic was passed around as members introduced their friends, family and guests. **Reese Mates** introduced her hubby as, "studmuffin" **Dr Steve Mates**. **Lisa Rantz** brought along a "just off the plane" **DeSiree Dye** who will be interning at the Hilo Medical Center thru September. **Keith Okamoto's** guest was **Susan Lee Loy** (also one of his bosses at the Hi Water Dept, and County Council District 3). **Chuck Porter** had invited one of his facility managers, **Dustin Aidel**. **Chuck** made a

point also, that now that corporate memberships are being offered to the club, he thinks it's a great idea to entice other businesses around Hilo to look at corporate memberships. If you need more information,

please contact **Connie Ichinose** at connie@creativeartshawaii.com for more details. **Jessica Tolar** was happy to introduce **Jonathan Wong**, Democrat for State House District 2, and also **Jessie Molina** of Creative Interiors and **Domini Molina** with Promotions Hawaii. **Mitch Roth** hosted **Patty Terada** for her 2nd club visit, and **President Wally** welcomed **Malu Rebus** and **Dr Stan Fortuna**. **President Elect Randy Hart** had invited **Julie Mowrer** and **Luisa Castro**, both with the UH Hilo Dept of Continuing Education Office.

Rotarians from other clubs who joined in the fun were, **Karolyn Lundkvist** of RC of Hilo Bay, and **Arabel Cambor** from the RC of South Hilo.

Once all the introductions were pau, **President Wong** shared a thought for the day: *Live the life you love, love the life you live!*

Kudos went out to **Helen Hemmes** and **Tammy Silva** for a job well done on last week's newsletter. And a few great shots of Laupahoehoe and Waiakea Interact Clubs, and Nspyre...**Cindy Boots** at her last Kinder-Read for the year...all brought cheers and applause. Somewhere in all this, **Connie Ichinose** told members what to do with their table toys. For those at tables with the Member cards, they were to blow horns or kazoos and punch up their hands every time the word member came up. Those at tables marked **Wally** were to toot their horns and yell out **WALLY**, and the Brewfest Folks got to hoot or toot and

yell DRINK BEER every time Brewfest was mentioned. Needless to say, a whole lot of "hootin', tootin' and hollerin'" ensued throughout the rest of the meeting. Key words being, MEMBER, WALLY, BREWFEST, and all the tables joined in whenever ROTARY or ROTARIAN popped up. **Wally** had a short and very fun power point of The Top Ten Reasons to Join the Rotary Club of Hilo...very awesome job well done by **Treena Breyfogle**. Upcoming events were covered:

Brewfest June 18, all Rotarian should be signing up to help in some way. **Installation Dinner** June 28th at the Hilo Yacht Club, if you're not signed up yet please contact **Judy Gibson** as seating is limited.

Stew Hussey took a few moments to report that he'd visited **Theresa English** since her recent surgery and she's doing well. A nice card was passed around for signatures, and if you want to visit you should call her husband **Bob** to check ahead if she's up for some company.



Happy \$\$ abounded. **Richard Johnson** was \$72 happy to celebrate that he's alive and kickin' for his 72nd birthday, and **Jim Cheney** had happy dollars to NOT sing as he is somewhat "offkey". **Keith Okamoto** was \$20 happy to have his boss with him, and **Mitch Roth** had happy/sad dollars to be saying aloha to his **Darian Nagata** who will be leaving his office to become a Judge in Family Court. And he also had good news that the case of the missing spear from the Kamehameha Statue was ruled guilty on all counts. **Kerry Glass** had 10 happy dollars to applaud **Nancy Cabral's** office

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Stew Hussey May 2
Connie Ichinose May 5
Donnie Demuth May 25
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 01 2009 (7)
Susan Munro May 01 2009 (7)
Mike Robinson May 21 1993 (23)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 01 (33)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 01 (27)
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 01 (32)
Steve & Shari Handy May 03 (18)
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (1)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (22)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (32)
John & Anja McVickar May 29 (41)

Announcements:

May 27 - Ilana Stout
Hawai'i Heritage Seed Project
June 10 - Christine Roach
Helping Transitional Youth
June 24 - Magin Patrick & Cliff Kama
Project Hawai'i Summer Camp
June 28 - Rotary Club of Hilo Installation

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

management crew for very quickly resolving a broken waterline issue in his subdivision.



Nancy Cabral boosted the happiness funds with \$100 for the opportunity to work with the North Hilo subdivisions, and also to announce that she has tickets for the Orchid Society's Preview Party, Thursday evening June 2nd..regular price is \$65, see **Nancy** if you want to buy your ticket for just \$50 if you buy it from her! **Randy Hart** had \$20 in hopes that his guests for the day, would be able to take able to take advantage of a corporate membership.



Visiting Rotarian, **Karolyn Lundkvist** had \$10 to say how much she enjoys our club, and **Wally Wong** had a \$40 contribution from Pahoia Club President **Robert Johnson**.

New Member Induction: **President Wally**

was very pleased to sponsor and induct one of our past members, **Dr. Stan Fortuna**. **Stan**, who is a retired as Headmaster of Kamehameha School in Keaau, had moved with his family several years ago to Michigan where they still reside. **Stan** often travels back to Hawaii, and rather join a club in Michigan, he wanted to rejoin **Rotary Club of Hilo**. **Wally** issued **Stan** with a challenge and 12 our club flags so **Stan** is to visit 12 clubs and exchange our flags as our very own Ambassador of Aloha for the club. Unfortunately, the use of the words Rotary in much of the induction speech brought about many hoots and hollers, **Stan's** induction wasn't quite as distinguished as inductions usually are. Everyone was very happy to have **Stan** back in our club Ohana again!



A Vocational Few Moments: **Keith Okamoto**, one of our newest members shared a little bit about himself. He was born and raised in Kaneohe, Oahu. In 1996 he and his wife made the move to Hilo to primarily avoid the "rat-race" and be able to raise their son, **Tristan** on the Big Island. **Keith** works at the Department of Water as Manager, Chief Engineer. He enjoys spending time with family and outdoor pursuits such as hunting and fishing. Putting a little "fun" into Rotary was **President Wong's** objective, so he then turned things over to **Connie Ichinose** who engaged members in a game of reverse Charades. Selected tables had to all move up to the front of the room and act out words to their 1



lonely tablemate who had been left behind to try to figure out what the words were...each group had 5 words to act out in just 60 seconds...it was good fun to watch everyone see how engaged in the action they were. It was an exercise in teamwork and just having fun, so there were no real winners and everyone received candy bars as treats for just enjoying some good lighthearted laughs together.

Dr. Fortuna was called upon to help lead the group in **the 4 way test**. Mission: to enjoy fellowship and have fun.....Accomplished!

