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From the President - E komo mai –
Welcome.

Hilo is an incredible destination with our beautiful Hilo bay front parks, our gardens, our quiet black sand beaches, such as Richardson Beach pictured below,



our helicopter and small aircraft tours for flightseeing over waterfalls and the volcano, and, of course, our MUSEUMS with events that occur throughout the year.

We are wrapping up our beautiful Memorial Day weekend with thanks to our service men and women. There were many special services around the Island. I attended a Memorial Day service at our Hakalau Baseball Park on the Hamakua Coast just 15 miles north of Hilo. It was sponsored by the Hakalau Jodo Mission. The bugle playing of “Taps” and “America the Beautiful” brought on that “chicken-skin” feeling, as we say here in the islands.

Destination Hilo continues to provide volunteers at the Pier to assist passengers as they arrive in Hilo. Some of our Aloha Ambassadors are pictured here, ready to greet our visitors just outside the Aloha Room.



Brochures and maps are made available for passengers and crew to help them decide on how they will spend their day in East Hawai'i.

The County bus and the morning Farmer's Market shuttle (both free of charge) are available to transport them to Historic Downtown. Check out the article on “Historic Hilo” in our member publication Big Island Visitors Guide. See the link on our website in the Visitor Publications section. Or go directly to their website at: www.bigislandvisitorsguideonline.com

Other free shuttles are available from the pier to the shopping malls and our members, Ross Dress for Less and IHOP. Imiloa Astronomy Center has a 9:45 a.m. van pickup at the Aloha Room for passengers signing in by 9:15 a.m.

June includes King Kamehameha's birthday! Check out the Kamehameha Festival on Saturday, June 11, from 10 am to 5 pm (free) at Coconut Island, off Banyan Drive in Hilo. Enjoy top local recording artists, hula halau, cultural presentations, food, and crafts.

Aloha and a hui hou, Dinnie Kysar