



O KA HALAWAI ROTARY CLUB OF PAHOA SUNSET NEWSLETTER JANUARY 4 AND 11, 2011

JOIN US
TUESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD AKEBONO THEATER
PAHOA TOWN, HAWAII

Meeting Notes

Pledge and Four-way Test led by:
Karolyn Lundkvist (1.4.11)
Doc Bobby Layman (1.11.11)

Guests 1.11.11:
Paul Divinski
Fred and Betty Blas
Dr. Armagjit Singh
Loren Avalon, Hilo Club

Word of Wisdom, contributed by Doc Bobby:
"Maybe we don't have time to do it right, but we
always seem to have time to do it over."

Happy Dollars: The following people were
happy because:

Ariel: she got to spend quality time with her
sister!

Bobby: he gets to do his continuing education in
Vegas this year!

Chris: Kela's here!

Fred: he was invited here tonight!

Jit: he is so welcomed here!

Karolyn: her cheese has been moved!

Kela: she's an A-student!

Lon: he got here in spite of the weather!

Paul: he's about to become a club member!

Ruth: Jit is here!



President Kefford and Loren
Avalon proudly exchange club
banners!

Announcements:

- 1/1/11 - Bobby Layman's birthday - 84 years young
- 1/11/11 – Brady Metcalf's birthday
- 1/15/11 – Lon Brown's 17th Wedding anniversary
- 1/15/11 @ 8:00 a.m. – Community service project at NPP: Painting, and Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Bookmark Assembly
- 1/29/11 @ 6:30 p.m. – Social event: THE TEMPEST at the Hilo Palace Theater



Doc Bobby Layman
84 and still serving our
community, practicing dentistry
and participating in Rotary!

Glen gave an update on the Kau International Project.

Alan announced that the website is fully functional; everyone has a user/login name and a password (which can be changed). Very classy, check it out!

1.4.11 MEETING

Discussion of dance and division of duties; Brady will be out of town for a few weeks but when he returns, we can start actively planning.

Discussion of budget – to be continued at Board meeting.



**Getting down to business at our
business meeting!**



**1.11.11 MEETING: DISTINGUISHED GUEST AND SPEAKER:
FRED BLAS, COUNCILMAN FOR THE 5TH DISTRICT**

We were fortunate to have Fred speaking to our club regarding projects he's done, and plans he has for our growing community. Fred is very dedicated, energetic, and hardworking – and has a great sense of humor. Here are some of the things he discussed (excerpted from his website - - <http://www.ffblas.com/>)

Fred built bus shelters for the children to use while they waited for the school buses. Before this, the kids had been standing in the rain, arriving at school wet, getting sick and then not being able to attend school.

Fred revitalized Pahoa Village, cleaned up graffiti; painted pedestrian crosswalks and berms with volunteers for safety; installed, at both entrances of village, ohia wood signs "Aloha Pahoa Village"; worked with merchants to clean and paint their buildings, worked with Police and Weed and Seed to clean up drugs and illegal activities in Pahoa Village.

Fred worked with elementary, intermediate and high school sports activities.

Fred participated in and donated child booster seats for Family Fun Days in Kurtistown, Mt. View, and Keonopoko Elementary schools.

Fred took back Hawaiian Beaches Park from the illegal drug dealers and turned it into a family park with playground equipment. Also, flag football and soccer games have been held here.

Fred took 3+ acres of county land that used to be the site of a lot of illegal activities and turned it into a park now called "Kahakai Park" (in lower Hawaiian Beaches). The neighborhood enjoys picnics, whale watching and relaxing in this park.

Fred has partnered with Ken's Towing, Police and Hawaiian Beaches Action Team in displaying an actual smashed/wrecked vehicle in the "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign. He also partnered with the "Help Keep Hawaii Clean" and Matson to clean up a house in the neighborhood that was piled with junk cars, car parts, refuse—filling a 40ft container and towing off 8 cars when they finished.



MORE FRED!

Jobs/Small Business: Fred supports small businesses, agriculture, and will work to bring employment opportunities to Puna.

Schools: Fred will work with community volunteers to tutor students after school and increase sports activities. He will work with the state to bring a football team to Pahoa High School.

Transportation: Fred will work with Dept of Transportation to increase the bus schedules for our students, seniors and the rest of the community so they can take advantage of the free cost.

Medical: Fred will work to bring drug rehab, dialysis and emergency care to our neighborhoods.

Parks and Recreation: Fred will work to upgrade facilities—get volunteers to form little league baseball, basketball, soccer and volleyball teams, We now have a Pop Warner Football Team which I was involved in starting; also find financial supporters for the teams (local business people need to be involved).

Roads: We need an emergency evacuation road in lower Puna in case of a disaster—either natural or man-made. County roads such as “roads in limbo” need to be addressed.

Drugs/Crime: Fred will continue to work with police, prosecutors and judges to enforce/stop crime and drugs, speeders and drunk drivers.

Environment: Form a volunteer task force to clean up our county roads, remove derelict vehicles, washers, dryers, refrigerators, TV's, and waste.

Community Associations/Organizations:

Fred will work with community associations wishing to bring fire hydrants and paved roads/water to their subdivisions; also form volunteer task forces for cleanup and neighborhood watch to make neighborhoods safer with a better quality of life.

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Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset

Mission Statement:

“In the spirit of Rotary’s 4-Way Test, our mission is to serve the local and global community and our club members by implementing dynamic programs emerging needs. Our goal is to achieve meaningful results in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and aloha.”



Fred and Christine mark the moment. THANK YOU FRED!

