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Presiding: Barbara A. Hastings

Led Pledge: James Tyrin

Inspiration: Kim Auberson



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

—Charles Dickens, Author

Happy \$\$ Recorder: Steve Jacunski

4-Way Test: John Furstenwerth

Speaker:

Donald Straney, Ph.D., Chancellor UHH

Guests:

Rotarians: Dr. Craig Shikuma (RC of Hilo)

Guests: Llewellyn Young (transferring Rotarian)

Mike Carroll (guest of Chester Cabral)

Deborah Beaver (guest of Sharon Scheele)

Lance Forsythe (transferring Rotarian)

Larry Bittner (guest of Lorraine Davis)

Photos: Cedric Mitsui

Birthdays: Jay Curlee 7/30, Yu Yok

Stories

Speaker: Chancellor Don Straney

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Federal Grants/Contracts at UHH Mean 500+ Local Jobs



"Research at UH-Hilo is a significant economic driver for East Hawaii and the Big Island," said UH-Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney, Ph.D. at Wednesday's (7/30/14) meeting. He said \$14 million in federal grants and contracts have produced more than 500 jobs, many of them filled by UH-Hilo grads, and netting a \$42,000 a year average salary.

"Our core business is graduating students prepared for the workforce," Straney said.

The chancellor said UHH should be a model for energy and food sustainability. He said the university hopes to cut the utility cord by producing enough of its own power. He added that UHH wants to work with the utility. "We should be training the next generation of utility workers.

A major plan in that direction is the energy engineering degree program his administration is working to establish. Also in the pipeline is an aviation program. "We are taking it to the board soon," he said. It will be the only four year aviation program in the state. "This will open a new set of careers," Straney said, and with the rapid growth of Asia airlines, it will attract international students.

He said UHH continues "to attract powerful faculty."

Pearing 7/26

Club Anniversaries: Roy Takemoto (7/24/13), Tom Witthans (7/29/09), Lorraine Davis (7/25/12), Kevin Hopkins (7/28/10)

Mahalo for Gift:

Kim Auberson, for the \$50 gift certificate to Ace Hardware. Won by Alan Okinaka

Announcements

Sharon Scheele reminded all that Oktoberfest tickets are available through her. You can pay at the desk at weekly meetings, either by check or credit card, or you can pay online.

Chester Cabral, Grants Chair, said he'd be getting our Simplified District Grant application in for the YWCA before the Friday deadline.



Happy Dollars!

Richard Cunningham

\$2 —His tennis team beat out Oahu teams to take 1st place in the finals on Oahu. Now go to Nationals in Arizona..

Tom Witthans

\$10 —Daughter graduated summer school and is now in Switzerland visiting her host family from Exchange year. Tom also got building permits needed. And...he got his motorcycle license!

Sandra Wagner-Wright

\$5 —Just back from a writer's conference.

Alan Okinaka

\$5 —Gave blood for 68th time. Thinks of it in terms of potential lives saved.

Major areas of focus he mentioned included working "to protect our status as a premier indigenous-serving institution," and will include a new heritage management masters. Another was to promote 21st century facilities, which means upgrading, and getting the necessary permits for the College of Pharmacy.

He spoke about athletics, the high cost of travel, and that funding may not continue to be sufficient to maintain the strong competitive sports to attract students. He said this is an area where they may need community help.

Straney reminds faculty that UHH "exists because Hilo willed it to be," he said; plans are underway for a Village Phase 2, which will be mixed residential and commercial, with shops or services aimed to also attract local residents.

President's Corner

Barbara Hastings 2014-15

Yacht Club Breakfasts: The board has voted to **increase breakfast prices** to \$17 for full and \$12 for continental to accommodate the raise in prices and minimum charges for our weekly meetings.

Membership: **Sharon Scheele** and her team have been outstanding in outreach to potential members. Two participated in an orientation Wednesday, one as a new member and one as a transfer. **Paul Agamata** will be inducted at our next meeting.

Administration: **Rose Navalta**, our Sgt at Arms, has announced she must step down, effective 7/30/14. Travel time from Laupahoehoe and schedule prohibit her from continuing. Richard Cunningham has graciously agreed to fill in while we find a solution. We are looking to involve new members in a two-month rotation.

Twitter: If you tweet, please let me know. We are trying to determine who we might communicate with in this manner.

Oktoberfest: Check out our new Oktoberfest website at www.hilobayoktoberfest.com

Next Week's Speaker: DG Laura Steelquist. Please try to make it to hear her plans for the year.

Words of Wisdom: "*Few places in this world dare more dangerous than home. Fear not, therefore, to try to the mountain passes. They will kill care, save you from deadly apathy, set you free, and call forth every faculty into vigorous, enthusiastic action.*" —John Muir

Images from the Meeting

Marcia Sakai
\$280 —Pledged to Rotary Foundation
in honor of her seven grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting 7-30-14 (pre-pay)

*Jul 30, 2014
6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

Oktoberfest Committee Meeting

*Pauahi BOH conference room
Jul 30, 2014
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM*

Board Meeting with DG Laura Steelquist

*Aug 05, 2014
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM*

Regular Meeting: DG Laura Steelquist

*Hilo Yacht Club
Aug 06, 2014
6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

Regular Meeting 8-6-14 (pre-pay)

*Aug 06, 2014
6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

Regular Meeting 8-13-14 (pre-pay)

Aug 13, 2014 6:45 AM

Volcano Rainforest Run

*Cooper Center on Wright Road
Aug 16, 2014
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM*

Club Meeting: Chris Tamm: Africa Today

*Aug 20, 2014
6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

Club Meeting: L.Dombroski,



Happy Birthday, Yok!



Year's Performing Arts

Aug 27, 2014

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM

Volcano Club Lobsterfest

Cooper Center

Sep 01, 2014

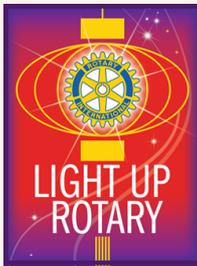
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Club Meeting: M. Oshiro,
Living Treasure

Sep 24, 2014

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM





Aloha. E komo mai.

***We meet Wednesdays • 6:45 a.m.
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