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Club of Hilo Bay



**Volume 16 — 2014-15**  
**October 29, 2014**

Presiding: **Barbara A. Hastings**

Led Pledge: **Kevin Hopkins**

Inspiration: **Kris Speegle**

"The best way to find yourself  
is to lose yourself in the  
service of others."  
—Mahatma Gandhi

Happy Dollar Recorder: **Lance  
Forsythe** 10/29, **Betty Williams**  
10/22

4 Way Test: **Tomo Saito**

Speaker:  
**Brandee Menino, HOPE Services**

Guests:  
**Rotarians:** Honorary member—**Jay  
Curlee**

**Others:** **Walt Thistlewaite**—  
potential member, guest of Nathan  
Hartman

Photos: **Cedric Mitsui**

Club Anniversaries: **Tim Young** (L.  
Tanimoto), **10/26/88**; **Yu Yok  
Pearring** (C Van Camp) **10/28/98**

Mahalo for Gift:  
**Kris Speegle**, for the gift of 2 tickets  
to the Halloween Horror Ball, (\$120  
value).

## Stories

Speaker: B Menino of HOPE Services

*Posted on Oct 29, 2014*

"It really bugs me when I see children, women, men, who feel they are not of value," Brandee Menino, CEO of HOPE Services told RCHB members. "We are here to inspire hope in our community—refeshe, reboot and move forward."



HOPE Services is the main organization on Hawaii Island trying to impact homelessness.

She says one of its jobs is to build a bridge between non profit and business sectors. Menino works with a staff of 50 and 170 volunteers, handling 10 facilities, including two homeless shelters. HOPE also manages six transitional units for the County of Hawaii.

"What we really need are leaders who have the political will" to deal with affordable housing, Menino said. Hawaii is 160 percent above the national average cost of living, but average income is low. "Without housing, we'll have poor health" and other issues, she said. "It is cheaper to move them into housing than it is to deal with homelessness."

She reminded us that 26 percent of the homeless are children.

Menino grew up in Hilo, got her bachelor's degree at UHH, and earned a masters in professional counseling psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology. She sits on the board of Bay Clinic Inc. and The Foodbasket, Inc.

For more information about HOPE Services, visit [its website here](#).

[UHH Holiday Lava Run](#)



## Happy Dollars! "Two Weeks' Worth"

### October 29 meeting:

**Lorraine Davis** - \$50 thanks for the successful "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event sponsored by YWCA.

**Bettye Williams** - \$5 acknowledging Steve Bader and the great job on the Blues and Jazz Festival.

**Jay Curlee** - Checks to foundations - Moving to Austin after 40+ years in Hawaii. Thanks to Rotary for being part of his life for the last 13 years.

**Steve Bader** - \$3 for the success of Jazz and Blues Festival.

**Paula Uusitalo** - many thanks to Jay for all his done for our Club and community; also thanks for the Jazz event.

**James Tyrin** - \$25 for his son's kindergarten report card, all good except for the 25 tardies.

**Miyuki Lee** - Happy that she will be going with students to Japan; some sadness about the Puna situation, where she had to leave her home.

**Tim Hansen** - Said folks could help with donations for the lower Puna students that are being transferred to new schools.

**Yu Yok Pearing** - \$3- explained Dale Tokuuke wasn't at the Jazz festival (despite buying tickets) because he was at a UHH golf tournament; also offered tribute to Jay Curlee for his service; invited all to participate in the Dec 6, 5K run/walk that will help Puna students.

**Mary Begier** - Aloha to Jay, and a reminder of the fundraiser Club had by

**Yu Yok Pearing** asks our support for the Dec. 6 5K Lava Run/walk. Part of the proceeds will help students affected by the lava flow. [Download the flyer here.](#)

## President's Corner

Barbara Hastings 2014-15

**Special guest speaker Nov. 5:** It's the day after election, but please try to make our meeting. **Masaru Oshiro**, designated a Hawaii living treasure, will be coming in from Honolulu (I am picking up airfare, he is paying for hotel). His visit is specifically to come to our meeting. He is a true, good person whose mana`o has influenced me for 20 years.

**Community Service: Weinberg Project:** We have issued a Request for Proposals from local non-profits for our work project and \$10,000 grant. Please give it to community service organizations that you think would make a good fit for our work project. If you didn't get a copy, I can provide either a hard or an electronic copy to you. Or, download it from hilobayrotary.com under the Weinberg tab.

**Ka'Uemeke Ka'eo Keiki Vision Screening:** Mahalo to **PP Cedric Mitsui** for organizing the screening last Thursday. **Sandra Wagner-Wright, Steve Jacunski, Alan Okinaka, Mary Begier, Mike Carroll, James Tyrin, Barbara Hastings, and Cedric**, with 2 Rotary Community Corps Volunteers **Kay and Laraine**, screened 33 students, 6 passed, 25 were referred, 2 were not testable, probably due unfamiliarity with the non Hawaiian letters. Total hours for project 10 hours, 0 cost, 33 individuals benefited. Cedric has recommended that testing be conducted using symbols, rather than letters, for this school as the children are familiar with Hawaiian language letters, but not English.

**Administration: Each member is expected to provide an inspiration and a gift, worth \$50, for our weekly opportunity drawing. Please see registration table sign up sheet.**

**Words of Wisdom:** "A prudent question is one half of wisdom." — Francis Bacon

## Upcoming Events

Club Meeting: M. Oshiro, Living Treasure

Nov 05, 2014

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM

Regular Meeting 11-05-14 (pre-pay)

Nov 05, 2014

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM

Keiki Dictionary Hilo Union

506 Waianuenue Ave

Nov 18, 2014

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting 11-19-14 (pre-pay)

shaving Jay's long hair.

**Sandy Sakaguchi** - Aloha to Jay; great memories of the shaved head affair.

**Pete Muller** - Aloha to Jay, who looked better, Pete said, with a shaved head.

**Barbara Hastings** - \$10, Alan Okinaka, assisted by Jane Gibson, shaved Jay's head back in 2008 and raised \$10,110 for Rotary.  
Alan Okinaka - \$20 thanks to Jay Curlee for his service; also for the lava flow planning.

**October 22 meeting:**

**Bader, Steve- \$2** - happy that daughter Alexa joined us for breakfast as she has been doing periodically for nearly 12 years; and for the upcoming East Hawaii Jazz and Blues Festival.

**Forsythe, Lance - \$2** for enjoyment of the performance of "The Guru of Chai".

**Wagner-Wright, Sandra - \$2** she also enjoyed "The Guru of Chai" play UHH.

**Sakaguchi, Sandra- \$2** - for being with such happy people seated at her table (Lance, Sharon and Gail who all contributed happy dollars).

**Scheele, Sharon - \$5** – happy to be back in Hilo after being on Mainland with temperatures from 103 in California to 50-60 in New Mexico and snow in Colorado.

**Gail Takaki - \$5** ( Rotary Club of Hilo) – for Big Brothers Big Sister's Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Hollywood Horror costume fundraiser at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

**Lundkvist, Karolyn - \$3** – for beautiful grandson Hunter Logan Briski, 11 months old on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Okinaka, Alan- \$5** for getting driver's license renewed and doing well in not being snarky on that day designated to not be snarky.

*Nov 19, 2014*  
*6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

**Keiki Vision Hilo Union\*\***

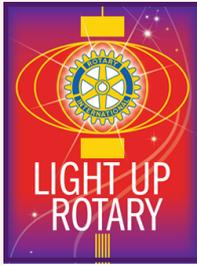
*Nov 20, 2014*  
*8:30 AM – 10:00 AM*

**Regular Meeting 11-26-14 (pre-pay)**

*Nov 26, 2014*  
*6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

**Club Meeting: Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project**  
**Hilo Yacht Club**

*Dec 10, 2014*  
*6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*



***Aloha. E komo mai.***

***We meet Wednesdays • 6:45 a.m.  
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