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Presiding: **Barbara A. Hastings**

Led Pledge: **Paula Uusitalo**

Inspiration: **Mary Begier**

"There is no 'I' in team but you
will find 'us' in success."
—Harvey Mackey

Happy Dollar Recorder: **Julie Hugo**

4 Way Test: **Miyuki Lee**

Program:
Club Assembly

Guests:
Rotarians:
Katsuji and Atsuko Takazama,
Tsesaki Chuo Rotary Club
Mike Robinson, Hilo Club
Others:
Prospective Member Lance
Forsythe

Photos: **Cedric Mitsui**

Club Anniversaries:
Cedric Mitsui, 9/21/05, K
Lundkvist sponsor
Bryan Lindsey, 9/23/09, C
VanCamp, sponsor

Mahalo for Gift:
Mary Begier donated the \$50 gift
certificate from KTA, won by new
member **Kim Auberson**.

Stories

Little Known Facts about Club Members

Did you know that member **Llewellen Young**, principal of St. Joseph's School, grew up on Kauai and was one of the little kids running through scenes of TV's *Fantasy Island*?

That was just one tidbit we learned during part of our regular meeting this week that was dedicated to getting to know each



other better. Table mates interviewed each other and then one reported out for each group.

Here's a smattering of the info we learned (Please note: **Marcia Sakai, Tom Witthans** and **Chester Cabral** tried to duck sharing, but we'll get them later!)

John Furstenwerth admits to being a bit of a 'geek', with heavy interest in math, physics and computer science.

Dale Tokuu is involved in nine community service organizations, but alleges that he took care of things for the first 30 years, and is leaving the next 30 to his wife, Sandra.

Paula Uusitalo was born in Finland, moved as a children to Australia, then to Los Angeles, where she went to high school. She's lived in Hawaii for 33 years. **Alan Okinaka**, born on Maui, likes creating stories about strangers. He writes short stories documenting events and may some day publish.

Allen Novak, is originally from Illinois and had wolves in the backyard. He initially wanted to go into pharmaceutical research, but thought sitting in a lab all day might not be appealing. Became a locomotive engineer. Eventually settled on psychiatric nursing. Tim Young, excellent reporter for his tablemates, reported he'd been to all the places mentioned at his



Happy Dollars!

\$5 from **Paula Uusitalo** for the honor of spending time with special visitors from Japan.

\$5 from **Preston Barnes**, also, for the honor of his son escorting special visitors from Japan to Volcano. Preston noted that all 3 visitors, father, mother and son, were dentists.

\$5 from **John Furstenwerth** because he's glad to be back in Hilo from travels.

\$5 from **Katsuji Takazawa**, visiting Rotarian from Tokyo, Japan club, who was glad to be with us at breakfast, as translated by member **Miyuki Lee**.

\$5 from **Tom Witthans** for Hilo Bay RC support to Kamehameha cross country dozen runners, including his son, to travel to Oregon running event today, a \$ for each day his nest is empty.

\$3 from **Llewellyn Young** for the \$50,000 Atherton grant St. Joseph just received to renovate bathrooms.

\$10 from Hilo RC member **Mike Robinson** for the savings he is enjoying by attending Oktoberfest with us at Sangha Hall. His son spent \$2000 to travel to Germany for Oktoberfest.

Announcements

We've been asked to pass this information along:

Child and Family Service

Volunteers on the Big Island are needed at the Child and Family Service, Hilo Domestic Abuse Shelter for survivors and their children. The mission of Child and Family Service is to strengthen families and foster the

table this morning, except Illinois.

Kevin Hopkins reported that new member Deborah Beaver provided interesting details about her work in the art world, her love of snorkeling with honu, and then painting them, and her lack of understanding of the public's appetite in art.

Kevin reported that his caviar was sold to the Fairmont and his sturgeon are doing well, but he may have to stop raising them, or atleast new ones, since the federal Fish and Wildlife folks say sturgeon are endangered, even though his have been farm raised since the 1980s and could no way make it out in the wild. One of those Catch 22 situations.

Karolyn Lundkvist is leaving for the Mainland for a tango exhibition.

Pete Muller will go later in October to Florida and from there, to the Panama Canal 100 anniversary commemoration.

Sandy Sakaguchi is going to an America concert.

Gerry Hollins, the table's able reporter, is leaving in mid October to see his granddaughter once again.

Sharon Scheele is leaving next week for a trip to the Southwest, where she and spouse, Al Inoue will make plans with family for US river barge travels. Sharon has taken up golf again.

Kim Auberson has a book published for 8 to 11 year olds, *Eddie the Electron Goes Solar*.

Lance Forsythe is interested in libraries and supports the Laupahoehoe Library. He also rides two motorcycles, but not at the same time.

Sandra Wagner-Wright has amassed 200 hours in Purna Yoga—concept is to teach people, not poses. She is also writing a book on a Hindu reformer.

Miyuki Lee moved her family to Hilo to avoid the Puna lava. Her kumu hula told her to tie a red handkerchief on her home; she did; the lava stopped.

Marie Bothof and her spouse, Del, have owned Volcano Winery for 17 years, but only in the last few years, have been actively managing it. Prior to that, oldest son (former RCHB member) was in charge. Younger son, just graduated art major, is looking to teach here.

Katsuji and Atsuko Takazama, our visitors from Tsesaki Chuo Rotary Club, are here because they own property in Puna.

Mike Carroll, retired military, raises lambs with his wife.

Anita Cunningham used to do construction work and was a Love Boat cruise director.

Julie Hugo graduated from Kamehameha Schools and went to Stanford.

Mary Begier reported how amazingly easy it is to make up meetings on Oahu.

Preston Barnes was once known as the "Giant of Pahala." He also talked about how his generation was familiar with the "iron lung", which treated polio victims.

healthy development of children
Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 8am – 12 pm

The property is a home in Hilo that is in need of painting, landscape work, and donation sorting. You will receive a volunteer t-shirt, snacks, drinks and lunch. All tools will be provided for you.

Please wear clothes that can get dirty. Some volunteers will be painting, so please dress accordingly. Drinks will be provided, but it's a good idea to bring your own refillable water bottle.

How to get involved: If you would like to help please RSVP to:
hawaiiseedsofservice@asbhawaii.com asap.

Important Note: volunteers will be required to sign an agreement that they will not disclose the shelter location. Once the form is signed, you will receive the address.

Upcoming Events

Dark Day

*Oct 01, 2014
6:45 AM – 8:00 AM*

Oktoberfest Committee Meeting

Dr. Cedric Mitsui's office - Big Island Vision Center
*Oct 01, 2014
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM*

15th Annual Oktoberfest! Sangha Hall

*Oct 03, 2014
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM*

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Interact Workshop Day - Waiakea HS Waiakea HS Library

Trevor Rodrigues grew up in Waimanalo. Lorraine Davis, who was considering a relocation to the Mainland, is staying with us!
Roy Takemoto, James Tyrin and Kyle Kawano were busy reconciling Oktoberfest ticket sales, so were excused.

Sister Club's PP Shimasakisan at Centennial Rotary Park Tree

Posted on Sep 24, 2014

In 2008, members of our Japanese sister Club of Higashi-Hiroshima visited Hilo and, with our Club, planted a tree at Kuhio Kalanianaʻoli Park, known as Rotary Centennial Park, along Bayfront. On September 22, Takashi Shimasaki, who was president of the Sister Club during the planting visit, returned to see the tree and talk to mullet fishermen in the area.

Special thanks to **Kenneth Barnes, Preston's** son, for being tour guide to Volcano, and to **Paula Uusitalo**, who led Shimasakisan and his son to other sites.



It's especially interesting that Shimasakisan's visit comes immediately after a visit from Anamaria Maraboli-Smith, PP of our other Sister Club of La Serena Oriente in Chile.

Again, we are fortunate to have these international connections, and that we live in such a wonderful place that brings them to visit.

President's Corner *Barbara Hastings 2014-15*

Oktoberfest: First, I want to thank the incredible crew of Oktoberfest, led by **Cedric Mitsui**, who are working on the final preparation for a well-orchestrated event. Please get your donations for auction and your ticket money in to Sharon and/or Carol as soon as possible. The committee will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Cedric's office. (see calendar.) Remember, there's a **costume contest**— \$50 gift certificates for best dressed man and woman. **Tim Young** has contributed a flat-screen TV to the auction. We also have a round of golf at Nanea.

*Oct 09, 2014
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM*

Keiki Dictionary Ka'Umeke
Ka'eo

222 Desha Ave

*Oct 14, 2014
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM*

Work Day: Centennial Park --
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Kuhio Kalanianole Park

*Oct 18, 2014
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

RCHB Board Meeting
Palms

*Oct 21, 2014
5:00 PM – 6:15 PM*

YWCA Walk A Mile in Her
Shoes

YWCA Ululani Campus
Oct 25, 2014 7:30 AM

Keiki Vision Ka'Umeke Ka'eo

*Oct 30, 2014
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM*

Club Meeting: M. Oshiro,
Living Treasure

*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*

Keiki Vision Hilo Union**

*Nov 20, 2014
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM*

Rotary Work Day-Centennial Park: Mahalo to **Mary Begier** for volunteering to coordinate our Club efforts on sign up and assistance getting organized for the Oct. 18 work day at Rotary Park. She will assist **James Leonard**, who is our Park committee liaison. Please sign up to give a couple hours to help create this future for East Hawaii.

Thank You Note: We received a delightful thank you note from **Tom Witthans'** daughter: *"Thank you all for your generous donations. Because of your support, I am now headed off to the running capital of the nation: Eugene, Oregon to race on the Nike Pre-National course. I will also be touring the Nike HQ, the University of Eugene, and the University of Portland. Thank you again for helping me achieve the funds to go on this life-changing trip. Sincerely, Bryn Witthans."*



Miyuki Lee introduces Rotarian Katsuji Takazawa and spouse, Atsuko, guests from Japan.



Katsuji Takazawa gives happy dollars.



Mary provides inspiration.



Julie Hugo.



The Writers' Group.



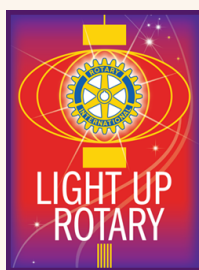
Tom Witthans.



Paula Uusitalo reports on her time as a tour guide with Takashi Shimasaki, past president of Sister Club of Higashi-Hiroshima.



John Furstenwerth returned from Mainland trip.



Aloha. E komo mai.

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