



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Here it is Friday noon and time for our meeting and it seems like we've been away from the banquet room at the Hilo Hawaiian for like eons. One would think that after being away all this time the room would be full and our entire membership would be present. Well guess again!! It appears that many of our Club had other things on their calendar today because the total turnout was actually quite small.

GREETERS

For those who did turn out, they were greeted enthusiastically by incoming president **Wally Wong** (who stood virtually right at the door entrance and welcomed you even before you stepped into the room – What a greeting!!) and **Toshi Aoki**.



OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

With the tradition of sounding the gong, **Pres. Richard** called today's meeting to order (along with the usual Rotary history info about our Club – you know 95 years of service in Hilo, blah, blah blah) and asked **Chris Tamm** to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. After which, new member **Lisa Sweeney** provided us with words of inspiration (actually a quote from the book that **Mitch Dodo** conveniently has available for those desperate enough to really need it)



which, of course, those of us in the back couldn't hear because for some reason our "new" speaker system was not working correctly (come on guys, we've got to do something about the sound system – every week it seems like we have problems).

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Greeter **Wally** was called upon to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests, who were:

Richard Cunningham and from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Doug Adams from the Rotary Club of South Hilo

New Member **Reece Hart** (who for some reason is not listed in our Club Directory on our website so if her name is not spelled correctly here, its not this writer's fault) brought her daughter **Hannah**.

Mike Meyer hosted our Guest Speaker **David Lillis**.

ROTARY YOUTH FOUNDATION

Visiting Rotarian **Richard Cunningham** did his thing in culminating the contest that has been in effect since January for the **Rotary Youth Foundation**. All the Clubs in East Hawaii have been very generous in their contributions to the **Rotary Youth Foundation** (over **\$12,000.00** total for the 4 Clubs and over **\$3,500.00** for ours alone – nice job guys) and **Richard** was ready to hold the drawing for the winner of the hand-crafted Koa box that he created for this specially for those generous contributors.



Nancy Cabral was called upon to draw a name out of the "hat" (actually the koa box itself and it would have been awkward if she drew a slip with her name on it since



she had lots of entries in the box due to her many donations to the **RYF**) with the winner being **Charlene Hiboshi** from South Hilo. Congratulations to **Charlene**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to **Helen Hemmes** and **Jean Sugiyama** for their version of last few week's Lava Flow and **Kerry Glass**, **Joe Hanley** and others for the photographs.

Then the upcoming events slides where shown, which are:

- 04/26 - South Hilo Tree Planting
- 04/29 – Waiakea Interact Paint the fence Project
- 05/03 – Hilo Huli
- 05/08 – Hawaii Island Honors Dinner
- 05/09 – District Assembly
- 05/13 – RC of Hilo Board Meeting
- 05/26 – Steak Fry Social for Taiwan RFE
- 05/29 – No Meeting (due to the Steak Fry Event)
- 06/13 – Brewfest
- 06/28 – Club Induction Dinner at Imiloa

Pres. Richard is still offering various inducements and incentives for us to bring in new members. His goal is to get us up to 77 before his year is pau, and we are close with a current count of 73 active members.

The **District Conference** this year is on our Big Island and at the Hilton Waikoloa Village at the end of May. This is the event we should attend to meet the big guns in our District 5000 and see all the things that Rotary does. With it being on our island, the financial outlay is basically at a minimum. And to help, **Alan** is working up plans for coordinating drivers to the event and for getting around while there.

We will have an incoming Exchange Student coming in a few months and we need a Host Family (or 2) for about 3-4 months for the 2015/2016 school year. See **Pres. Richard** if you are willing, and have the capability, to be a host. More info will be forthcoming later.

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Jeanine Atebara (the shortest person in the photo) for a United Way Contribution.

Marcia Prose reading in Kindergarten (with a funny mask to bond with the kids).

Kerry Glass and **Susan Munro** along with **Newton Chu** and wife **Roberta** for the RFE in Taipei.

The Three (count-em – 3) participants in the Merrie Monarch Parade from our Club.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

A lot of birthdays in the last few weeks (apparently there's not a lot to do in August or people just tend to get rowdy):

- 04/07 – **Alan Kusunoki** (\$100 to the **Rotary Foundation**)
- 04/08 – **Toshi Aoki** (\$60.00 to the **Rotary Foundation** - \$1.00 for each year alive)
- 04/10 – **Tom Brown** (not present today)
- 04/11 – **Wally Wong**

Birthdays:

- Alan Kusunoki April 7
- Toshi Aoki April 8
- Tom Brown April 10
- Wally Wong April 11
- Sally O'Brien April 14
- Jenny Johnson April 15
- Bob Hanley April 16
- Joe Hanley April 26
- Alberta Dobbe April 29

Club Anniversary:

- Jeanine Atebara April 01, 1991 (24)
- Sam Wallis April 02, 1976 (39)
- Craig Shikuma April 03, 1992 (23)
- Biff Kennedy April 12, 2013 (2)
- Gay Porter April 12, 1991 (24)
- Gerard Carter April 16, 1993 (22)

Wedding Anniversary:

None for April

Announcements:

- April 17 - David Lillis - Toshiba America Technological communications
- April 24 - Club Administration Day Club Activities and Updates
- May 1 - Gail Takaki - RYLA 2015 Recap and Mitchell Dodo - Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship Presentation
- May 8 - Megan Lamson Marine Debris & Plastic Pollution & Reduction
- May 15 - Marco Mangelsdorf Big Island owned utilities company proposal
- June 13 - 3rd Annual Brew Fest

- President Richard Johnson
- President Elect Wally Wong
- Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
- Vice President Mitchell Dodo
- Secretary Susan Munro
- Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
- Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
- Membership Connie Kurohara
- Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
- Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
- Club Service Tom Brown
- International Service Jenny Johnson
- Community Service Misti Tyrin
- Youth Service Glenn Harris
- Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

- 04/14 – **Sally O'Brien** (not present today)
 - 04/15 – **Jenny Johnson** (\$67.00 to RC of Hilo)
 - 04/16 – **Bob Hanley** (not present today)
- No Wedding Anniversaries but a lot of Club Anniversaries:
- 03/27 – **Gail Takaki** (7 years)
 - 04/01 – **Jeanine Atebara** (24 years)
 - 04/02 – **Sam Wallis** (39 years – wow!)
 - 04/03 – **Dr. Craig Shikuma** (23 years)
 - 04/12 – **Biff Kennedy** (2 years)
 - 04/12 – **Gay Porter** (24 years)
 - 04/16 – **Gerard Carter** (22 years)

HAPPY DOLLARS

Chris Tamm is \$20.00 happy to be back home after traveling for 6 weeks.

Richard Cunningham was \$5.00 happy for our Club's generous contributions to the Youth Exchange campaign.



Glenn Harris was also \$20.00 happy to be back from all his traveling too.

Reese was \$2.00 happy to

be here in Hilo at Rotary rather than Chicago (where she is originally from).



Lorraine Shin was \$10.00 happy for her grandson's performance in a Kid's Martial Arts contest.

Doug Adams was \$5.00 happy to be able to talk about his Club's fundraising dinner (the Hilo Huli).



Pres. Richard (himself) was \$5.00 happy for being able to participate in a Mardi Gras Float in New Orleans later.



Nancy was \$20.00 happy after spending a few days in Honolulu with fellow Rotary member **Lorriane Inouye** and seeing her open door policy (which apparently is unusual for politicians in Honolulu).



GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Meyer had the good fortune to introduce his boss **David Lillis** as our guest speaker to talk about how technology has changed the way we work.



Mr. Lillis works for Toshiba, which most of us have heard of, and his title is "Sales/Engineer" which seems like an oxymoron – the two just don't go together – and is from the Fort Worth, Texas area (GO COWBOYS!! - something **Cindy** really didn't want to hear). His job is basically making communications and tasking easier for us in our mobile workplace.



He talked a lot of comparing how jobs have evolved now from the way they used to be because of phones, Iphone, Ipads, computers, WIFI, etc. and how everyone now is accessible almost everywhere. Basically he unifies communication

within companies. Before you had to travel a lot to meeting all over the county, which was time consuming AND expensive. Technology has brought everyone together to complete the work environment.

We now basically have long distance access to everywhere as if we were in the home office. No need to feel isolated. Our customers need answers and technology offers solutions.



Mobility applications allow keeping in touch virtually a sure thing. VOIP (voice over in put) helps companies retain employees because everyone can be reached and utilized wherever they are. The world is becoming "Flat" world as accessibility is available.

Of course you still need to personally keep in touch face to face (customers still tend to like that) but technology keeps you instantly available to them if they need you like right away.

With this, he answered a few questions from us and then **Pres. Richard** presented him with our Rotary coffee cup and miscellaneous items as our traditional (now traditional) way of saying "Thank You".

Stew Hussey honored us by leading us in the recitation of the 4-way test and then **Pres. Richard** gongged the meeting to a close


See you all next week.
Pau.





Hiroshima South Rotary
Celebrating their 60th Anniversary
April 2016
"Sister Relations"
Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

Naomi is planning a super itinerary. Save your \$\$\$ - approx. cost \$ 4,500 per person

'Ae Hiki Nō!

What does community mean to you?

Hawaii Island United Way believes a healthy community reaches out to everyone in need. Supporting human service organizations that serve all areas of our 'ohana is how HIUW says, "Everyone counts on our Island."

'Ae Hiki Nō!
Yes We Can help people in need!

DONATE \$1
 every STUDENT and TEACHER!

DONATE \$1
 for every member of your family so they count too!

See You in the Quad!
THURSDAY, April 16
Bring your dollars!

*A Project of the Interact Club of Waiakea High School
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Maria and her aunt.
Maria is a Junior.

Rotarians **Yoko Hayano** and **Ed Hara** has chosen two Waiakea High School Interactors to visit our sister club Hiroshima South in June. Their "homestay" will be with Rotarian families for 5 nights. Upon returning, both will do a presentation at our club meeting on their "adventures".



Arren and his father and step-mom. **Arren** is a Freshman.