



Rotary News *lava* FLOW

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94 Years of Service

Reporter: Jeanine

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President Kerry Glass gonged the bell and warmly welcomed one and all to the April 11, 2014 meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Jean Sugiyama shared an inspirational letter from a 15-year-old girl to her dad. Here's



the Reader's Digest version: *A father, walking by his teenage daughter's room, saw a letter addressed to him. "Dear Dad, I've eloped with Randy. I know you aren't crazy about his piercings, tattoos and his motorcycle, but we're crazy about each other. He may be older, but 42 isn't so old.*

He has no money, but has a mean CD collection, a trailer home and enough wood stacked for the winter. By the way, I'm pregnant. I know Randy has other girl friends, but he says he really loves me and wants this baby with me. Love, Rosie PTO (Please turn over)" He turned it over and read: "I'm not pregnant nor have I eloped. I'm next door. I just wanted you to realize that there are worse things in this world than a bad report card. Call me when it's safe to come home! LOL!



Greeters for the day were Jenny Johnson and Ian Hatch.

Guests, introduced by Jenny, included David De Luz, from Hilo Bay Club, and Phoebe Lambeth and Keith Marrack from the South Hilo Club.

Guests from Imiloa Astronomy Center who were our guest speakers included Sally Marrack, Margaret Shiba, Ka'iu Kimura and Sally Kanehe. Raul Castro was President Kerry's guest.

President Kerry thanked Susan Munro and Mitch Dodo for being last week's respective reporter and photographer.

President Kerry then proceeded to announce a plethora of upcoming events:

- ** April 16th SBA Awards Luncheon at Imiloa honoring Chuck Porter
- ** April 19th Rotary Work Day at Salvation Army starting at 8:30am
- ** April 24th Five Club Steak Fry with Aussie RFE
- ** April 26th Rotarians marching in the Merrie Monarch Parade
- ** May 2nd Business Visitation CANCELLED; Now a REGULAR MEETING
- ** May 4th South Hilo Rotary Club's Hilo Huli
- ** June 14th Hilo Brewfest II



Tom Brown proudly led everyone in the

Keiki ID Dates:

- ** April 12 Hui Ho'okupono Ohana Fun Day at Clem Akina Park
- ** April 18 (Good Friday) Easter Egg Hunt at Wong Stadium
- ** May 2 Pahoia Elementary School 20th Anniversary

Celebration Time! Rotarians celebrating recent birthdays



included Alan Kusunoki on April 7th (\$66 happy); Toshi Aoki on April 8th, (\$59 happy); Tom Brown on April 10th (\$20 happy) and Wally Wong on April 11th. Wally's hidden talents burst forth as he



broke out into dance and girated his way around the room to Pharrell Williams' "Happy" song! Wally's Birthday Dance Video has now gone viral over YouTube... over a million hits and trending to surpass



Psy's Gunnam Style! In addition to performing, Wally, donated \$100 to RF, \$50 to HRYF and \$21 in dance tips to our Hilo Rotary Club Foundation. Hana Hou Wally!



Happy Dollars! Chuck Porter was \$20 happy

because his dream of opening a Lex Brodie Commercial Tire Division has now become a reality and he found the right



person in Christina Dillion to run it for him;

Mitch Roth was \$5 happy because his daughter attended a Mentoring for Young Women Event in Honolulu and one of the mentors she met was Naomi Menor's daughter, Sherry Menor-McNamara, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; filling in for Gail Takaki, Susan Munroe gave



\$10 to HRYF and noted that Gail was making the donation to honor Matthew Therrien, a UHH English student and Big Brothers Big Sisters board member who was recently killed in a Hilo traffic accident. Newton Chu was \$10 happy



because it was so easy for him to purchase a Ford Explorer from Joe Hanley's dealership. (Even easier than buying tires from Lex Brodie? You be the judge!)

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
 Tom Olcott April 16
 Joe Hanley April 26
 Ted Dixon April 28
 Alberta Dobbe April 29

Club Anniversary:

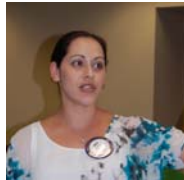
Jeanine Atebara April 1 (23)
 Sam Wallis April 2 (38)
 Craig Shikuma April 3 (22)
 Biff Kennedy April 12 (1)
 Gay Porter April 12 (23)
 Gerard Carter April 16 (21)

Announcements:

Fri. April 18 - NO Meeting (Good Friday)
 Sat. April 19 - Rotary At Work
 Salvation Army Painting
 Thurs. April 24 - East Hawaii 5 Club Steak Fry
 Wailoa Park (Official Meeting)
 Fri. April 25- NO Meeting
 Sat. April 26 - Merrie Monarch Parade
 Fri. May 2 - Bobby Stivers-Apiki
 Another Fun Program
 Fri. May 9 - Robin Benedict
 Friends of the Children's Justice Center

President Kerry Glass
 President Elect Richard Johnson
 Immediate Past President Alan Kusunoki
 Vice President Alberta Dobbe
 Secretary Susan Munro
 Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
 Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
 Membership Nancy Cabral
 Public Relations Robert Hanley
 Club Administration Tom Brown
 Service Projects Mitchell Dodo
 Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
 Club Service Tim Beatty
 International Service Jenny Johnson
 Community Service Wallace Wong
 Youth Service Glenn Harris
 Vocational Service Bobby Stivers-Apiki
 Hilo Rotary Club Foundation John McVickar
 Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Mitchell Dodo
 The Rotary Foundation Alan Kusunoki
 Attendance Judy Gibson
 Greeters Helene Tajiri
 Programs Treena Breyfogle
 Lava Flow Editor Tammy Silva

Tammy Silva was \$20 happy to the HRYF in honor of **Al Chang**, her husband's grandfather, a celebrated combat soldier and photographer of WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Wars and who was twice nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; **Joe Hanley** was \$20 happy because he had successfully moved his in-laws to a senior living community near Palm Springs; **Mysti Tyrin** was \$1 happy because (at the expense of giving her boss, **Nancy Cabral**, whiplash) she had managed to avoid hitting a cat with her vehicle, thus saving its life.



Our speaker for the day was **Ka'iu Kimura**, Executive Director of the Imiloa Astronomy Center of UH-Hilo. She shared a huge amount of information with us on what to see and do at the astronomy center that includes a planetarium, exhibit hall and gardens. **Ka'iu** educated us all by quizzing us with questions about the center. How many indigenous plants are in the gardens? (70) How old is Imiloa? (8 years old. Feb.20, 2006) Who designed Imiloa (our own **Russ Oda**) Where can you attend a music concert under the stars in Hilo and not get wet? Imiloa's Planetarium. How many students visit Imiloa on class field trips annually? (over 10,000/year)



Eighty percent of the visitors to Imiloa are repeat local customers. Imiloa's goal and challenge is to keep exhibits fresh and interesting. **Ka'iu** introduced **Margaret Shiba** who is in charge of development and strategic planning at Imiloa and **Sally Marrack** who is in charge of membership.

Imiloa Astronomy Center is an exciting center that brings together science and culture of the stars and the universe. It's a center we can all be very proud of to have in our community.



President Kerry reminded everyone that the next regular meeting is May 9th. HOWEVER, that has since been revised and our next regular meeting will be on May 2nd.

Birthday boy and Dancing with the Stars protégé, **Wally Wong**, led us in the **Four Way Test** and the meeting was adjourned.

