



# Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

April 12, 2013

92 Years of service

Reporter: Tammy Silva

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

### Opening Act



The Rotary Club of Hilo welcomed Friday, April 12, 2013, with greeters, **Helen Hemmes** and **Stew Hussey**. President **Alan Kusunoki** promptly called the weekly meeting to order, and true to his regimented patriotic routine, he humbly asked that **Cindy Boots** replace **Alberta Dobbe** in leading the focused group in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag. Following the pledge, **Alan** beseeched that the pledge be honored by the patriotic song, America, to demonstrate our respect for our country.

### Inspiration

The thought of the day, also known as words of inspiration, was to be shared by **Marcia Sakai**; however, she was faced with unforeseen circumstances at work and was not able to attend the meeting. Nevertheless, her planned words of inspiration for our weekly meeting are by the well-known Mahatma Gandhi:

\* Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words

- \* Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions
- \* Consider and judge your actions, for they have become your habits
- \* Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values
- \* Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny

### Special Thanks



\* Recognition was given to meeting greeters, **Helen Hemmes** and **Stew Hussey**, for their warm reception of all meeting attendees. *Mahalo* for taking the time to welcome your fellow Rotarians.

\* Appreciation was also expressed to **Jeanine Atebara** and **Chris Tamm**, reporter and photographer for Friday, 4/05/13, Lava Flow. Thank you very much for your time and for a job well done.

### Warm Welcome to Visiting Rotarians and Guests

\* It was great to welcome and see visiting Rotarians from across town:

- \* Rotary Club of Hilo Bay - **PDG Pete Muller**
- \* Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset - **Craig Watkins** and **Elyse Morishita**
- \* Rotary Club of South Hilo - **Arabel Camblor**

\* It was equally terrific and inspiring to become acquainted with guests of our fellow Rotarians. Thank you all

for bringing dynamic community members into our energetic group of Rotarians:

- \* **Rand Mundo** blessed us with the visit of his wife, **Joann Mundo**, and our guest speaker, **Fern Tanburana**
- \* **Gail Takaki** introduced us to **Dr. Nicole Fujiyama**
- \* **Helene Tajiri** formally acquainted our group members to **Jean Sugiyama**

### Announcements Rotary Club of Hilo... (Who said that there's nothing to do in Hilo?)

\* **Business Visitations on Friday, 4/5/13**, was a huge success. Thank you very much, **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** for organizing this fun-filled event. **Lorraine Shin** identified how visitors to her business were surprised by how well organized they were at her business establishment. President **Alan** recognized that **Mitch Dodo** has to say that is his visit is always interesting. *"The progression of life"*, according to **Mitch**... **Lorraine Shin** gets people healthy, **Nancy Cabral** puts them in the house, **Rand Mundo** puts them in shoes, and **Mitch** will take care of the natural progression. In fact, **Mitch** stated that **Lorraine** was late, and he (**Mitch**) employed good use of his time with visitors by wisely attempting to gain customers; for that reason, he donated **\$20 HAPPY DOLLARS** to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. Thank you, **Mitch**, for the laughs and contribution. Carrying on, **Rand** expressed that it was all good until they (the visitors) took off their shoes, and then he headed to the door...full throttle. To convey his appreciation, **Bobby** made a contribution of **\$5 HAPPY DOLLARS** to the club in honor of the members who opened their businesses to our group. Additionally **Steve Handy** was shown gratitude for his wonderful and tasty sandwiches for the upbeat event.

\* Junior Achievement of Hawaii Island will be recognizing our very own Rotarian, **Russ Oda**, into the Hawaii Business Hall of Fame at a dinner party held on Saturday, 4/20/13...TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE...Let's support **Russ**!

\* In the near future, there will be a 5-Club pot luck picnic get together at the Rotary Park, aka Kalaniana'ole Park. According to President **Alan**, at the establishment of the park, 4 clubs joined to put together this park during our centennial year; this movement was spearheaded by **Mike Robinson**.

\* Mark your calendars for the **Rotary Work Day** or **Rotary Gives Thanks Day** on Saturday, 4/27/13, at the Boys & Girls Club in Hilo. This is a day that Rotary Clubs throughout the world will perform community service; therefore, get out your paint brushes, your paint wear, and sign up for this altruistic event.

## 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  
Tom Olcott April 16  
Bob Hanley April 16  
Joe Hanley Jr. April 26  
Ted Dixon April 28  
Alberta Dobbe April 29  
Steve Yoshida April 29

## Club Anniversary:

Jeanine Atebara April 1  
Vivian Birchall April 1  
Sam Wallis Jr. April 2  
Craig Shikuma April 3  
Gay Porter April 12  
Gerard Carter April 16  
John McElvaney April 20

## Announcements:

Fri. April 19  
Club Assembly

Fri. April 26  
Wada Foundation Student visit to  
Hiroshima:  
Hajime Hayano & Alexis Alapai

Fri. May 3  
Club Assembly

Thurs. May 9  
Hekka Social

President .....	Alan Kusunoki
President Elect .....	Kerry Glass
Vice President .....	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President .....	Joe Hanley
Secretary .....	Richard Johnson
Treasurer .....	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	John McVickar
Attendance .....	Judy Gibson
Club Administration .....	Tom Brown
Service Projects .....	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations .....	Susan Munro
Membership .....	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations .....	Robert Hanley
International Service .....	Steve Yoshida
Community Service .....	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service .....	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
New Generations .....	Gail Takaki
Club Service .....	Tim Beatty
The Rotary Foundation .....	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation ..	Mitchell Dodo
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation .....	John McVickar

\* **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**, 4/28/13 – 4/30/13.

\* **Chicken Hekka Social** at Wailoa State Park has been changed from its original date to Thursday, 5/9/13. See you there!

\* **District Conference** to be held at Turtle Bay on 5/17/13 – 5/19/13 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). There is a \$40 registration fee. Nevertheless, please bring forward any silent auction ideas you may have.

\* Lastly, but not least, the **Hilo Brew Fest** is a definite go!!! There will be 12 kinds of specially crafted beers. However, with some deliberation, members of the board decided that our group will not be hosting the Embalmer's Ball (EB) this year. All efforts will go towards the Hilo Brew Fest; therefore, we humbly ask that those members who were active in the EB planning please assist in making the Hilo Brew Fest a Hilo Town sensation.

## Announcements Other Clubs

\* **Rotary Club of South Hilo** will be hosting Rotary Hump Day on Wednesday, 4/17/13, 5:30 p.m. at The Palms.

\* **Rotary Club of South Hilo** also presents the Hilo Huli on Sunday, 5/5/13, at Coconut Island for a fee of \$45. Join in on the fun!

## Club Birthday Celebrations and Anniversaries

\* **Helene Tajiri** celebrated her birthday on 3/25, and a wedding anniversary on 3/23.

\* **President Alan Kusunoki** celebrated his birthday on 4/7.

\* **Toshi Aoki** celebrated a birthday on 4/8.

\* **Wally Wong** celebrated his birthday on 4/11.

\* **Tom Brown** celebrated his birthday on 4/12.

\* **Akira** and **Emiko Watanabe** celebrated their anniversary on 3/25.

\* **Tammy H. Silva** celebrated her 1 year Rotary Club anniversary on 3/23. Thank you **Helene Tajiri** for sponsoring **Tammy**.

\* **Chris Tamm** celebrated his Rotary Club anniversary on 3/24/13. Thank you, **Chris**, for 18 years of service, and much appreciation goes out to **Ed Hara** for introducing **Chris** to our esteemed group.

\* Trailing 1 year ahead of **Chris** is **Helene Tajiri** who celebrated her 19th year Rotary Club celebration on March 25. Thank you, **Helene**, for being a valued member, and fantastic recruiter.

\* March 28 marked **Gail Takaki's** 5th year Rotary Club anniversary. Thank you, **Gail**, for being a treasured group member. **Gail** identified that she had a total of 2 sponsors, **Helene Tajiri** and **Eliot Merk** (if she counts the 2 times that she has been a member of our club). Good job, **Helene** and **Eliot**, for corralling **Gail**.

\* **Jim Cheney** is to be commended for securing **Doug Arnott** as an active member of our Rotary Club. **Doug** celebrated 6 wonderful years of *service before self* on March 30.

\* **Jeanine Atebara**, who was enlisted by **Cindy Boots** and **Alberta Dobbe**, and **Vivian Birchall**, conscripted by **Saeko Hayashi**, both celebrated their 2nd Rotary Club anniversary on April 1. Thank you, team, for bringing wonderful individuals into our lives.

\* Honorary member, **Gerard Carter**, is recognized for his 20 years of service on April 1. **Gerard**, thank you very much for your time, dedication, and especially for your shared talents of those carefully crafted koa pens that is greatly appreciated by all who are blessed with it.

\* **Sam Wallis Jr.** celebrated his anniversary on April 2: thank you **Charlie Wallis** for introducing **Sam** to the Rotary Club of Hilo.

\* On April 3, **Dr. Craig Shikuma**, recruited by **Ed Hara**, celebrated his club anniversary. Thank you **Dr. Shikuma** for taking care of your patients and giving back to our community.

\* **Gay Porter** celebrated her anniversary on this date, April 12. Thank you, **Gail**, for your ongoing contribution to the Rotary Club of Hilo, our fellow associates, and to members of our local community.

## Happy Dollars

\* **Gerard** came to visit us just for his anniversary. This was a very jovial event for **Tom Brown** since our lively group wished **Tom** a very *Happy Birthday* by singing to him. When pressed by **President Alan** to express his happiness, **Tom** claimed to be 67 years young and never thought he'd live that long; as a result, he donated **\$5 Happy Dollars** to our terrific cause.

\* Gratitude goes out to **John McVickar** for assembling and keeping track of **HAPPY DOLLARS** and pecuniary contributions shared by jovial members at this week's meeting.

\* **Helene Tajiri** commemorated her birthday, wedding, and club anniversaries with **2 \$50** checks. You have a big heart, **Helene**.

\* To add to everyone's cheerfulness, **President Alan** donated **\$65** to our Rotary Club.

\* **Gail Takaki** showed her appreciation by donating **\$5** for her anniversary and **\$15** for the kind group of friends who entertained and showed her guest, **Dr. Nicole Fujiyama**, hospitality.

\* **Nancy Cabral** identified that she had lots of **HAPPY DOLLARS**, a whopping **\$122**, since there were no club meetings, and she celebrated the recent sale of **Gay** and **Chuck's** home. She was also

very happy for her office staff and the tasty luncheon, as well as **Mitch's** offer for embalming. **Mitch** chimed in by donating **HAPPY DOLLARS** of his own for "whatever" foundation. **Steve Handy** acknowledged that **Mitch's HAPPY DOLLARS** ought to be allocated to the Social Committee.

\* **Chuck Porter** had a long **HAPPY DOLLARS** story to share; **Judy Gibson** suggested that a timer be turned on. At the start of his narrative, **Chuck** conceded to **Nancy** selling their house, and is really ecstatic that the whole thing is over with. **Chuck** also shared that he and **Gay** recently got acquainted with 2 new additions to their family, **Quin Lee** – granddaughter and **Wyatt** – grandson (in Australia). **Chuck** stated that their daughter was on it, and planned a road trip for them. He drove to the airport, steering wheel on the right, driving on and on; finally, he hit the 3<sup>rd</sup> round about and got pulled over. Upon rolling down his window, he was hit with, "Hey mate! How's about giving me a blow?" He replied, "Hey Brother, not likely. How about you first?" He was pulled over due to frequent drunk drivers. Thank you **Chuck** for the *chuckle*.

\* **Kerry Glass** recently hosted his long time best friend and his best friend's wife for the past 2 weeks. During their stay, **Susan Munro**, put her computer skills to good use by keeping a spread sheet of paid out and owed expenses. At the end of the trip, **Kerry** owed his friend a grand total of \$168.12. A family meeting was held by **Kerry's** friend, and family members arrived at a consensus to donate the monies to the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. Sharing is definitely caring...Thank you **Kerry** for extending your friendship to our group.

\* **Ian Birnie** is here for the weekend and he was \$20 happy. **Ian**, please visit more often.



#### Paul Harris

\* Not only did **Chuck Porter** revel in getting to meet his grandchildren, he was also recognized by **Susan Munro** for achieving his 3<sup>rd</sup> **Paul Harris** award. **Chuck** kindly thanked the group for remembering when **President Alan** reminded him that the group remembered because he (**Chuck**) doesn't show up to group meetings. We missed you, **Chuck**.

\* **Cindy Boots** extended her generosity by benevolently giving her **Paul Harris** points to **Yoko Hayano**, **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, **Theresa English**, and **Corey Kawamoto** to make them **Paul Harris** recipients. According to **Cindy**, she got the

list of those members who were close to achieving their **Paul Harris** status from **Susan Munro**. Thank you for giving, **Cindy**.

\* As a whole, our **Rotary Club of Hilo** is only 6 members away from being 100% **Paul Harris** recipients. Way to go!!!

\* Additionally, in appreciation of **Tammy H. Silva's** contribution to the club, **Lorraine Inouye** transferred **100 Paul Harris** points to her. Thank you, **Lorraine**, for your giving spirit as well.



#### New Member



\* Everyone welcomed **William "Biff" Kennedy** to our group. He was introduced to our club by **John McVickar**; their wives know each other. **Biff** is from South Carolina and has been here in the islands for 5 months; his daughter is a professor at the University of Hawaii, he is classified as Education – Engineering (retired), and he has already completed the member orientation. Great start, **Biff!** During **Biff's** introduction, **President Alan** reviewed the object of Rotary, and he encouraged a high ethical standard of ideal service. **President Alan** also identified that our club has a high percentage of women members. GO GIRLS!!!

#### Guest Speaker

Not new to our group meetings, but always a pleasure to get together with, exchange student, **Fern Tanburana**, was introduced as our guest speaker. **Fern** impressed the group with her improved application of the English language. She identified that she is nicknamed **Fern** as a result of individuals having experiencing much difficulty saying her given Thai name. During her PowerPoint presentation, **Fern** shared pictures and stories of her native country, Thailand. She recognized that the Thailand king works very hard and is well-liked by his people. The national religion of Thailand is Buddhism. **Fern** acknowledged that there are 3 seasons in Thailand, "summer, winter, and rain." **Fern** also stated that Bangkok has the longest name, as she translated it in her mother tongue while taking several breaths in between. Pictures of Thailand's beaches, the floating market, and mountains were breathtaking. She also talked about the renowned Songkran festival that is held annually in April; people of Thailand throw water and ice to apologize for their wrong doings (this can be very painful). Similar to boxing, Muay Thai is a famous martial art sport, and Sepak takraw is Thailand's version of soccer-tennis (a form of tennis with use of one's feet). **Fern** has lots of favorite foods; according to **Fern**, "Papaya salad smells bad, but tastes good." **Fern** also tried her hand at cooking Pad Thai noodles for her brother; however, after all of her efforts, her brother dismissed her from cooking for him anymore (women take note...here's a way to get out of having to prepare dinner). **Fern** lived in the city of Chiang Mai which has better schools (there were 553 graduates in **Fern's** graduating class); however, she is originally from Chiang Kam. She resides with her father, mother, aunt, uncle, two grandmothers, and her siblings. She enjoys listening to music and meeting youth exchange students from across the world. She thoroughly appreciated her stay here; she joined the Girls Scouts, went to Imiloa, ate yummy Japanese food, interned with George (a pharmacist), learned how to dance the hula, and made new friends. She stated that she didn't understand what her friends were saying, but they kept talking to her. Thank you, **Fern**, for sharing your experiences and wealth of knowledge.



#### Conclusion

\* Prior to concluding our pleasurable weekly meeting, **President Alan** gifted our guest speaker, **Fern Tanburana**, exchange student from Thailand, with a hand-made koa pen that is prepared with kind-heartedness by our group's honorary member, **Gerard Carter**.

\* To conclude our meeting and jump start our weekend, **President Alan** asked fellow Rotarian, Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset member – **Craig Watkins**, with the guiding principles of Rotary in reciting the **Four-Way Test** (Rotary International, 2012).

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Photos by **Kerry Glass**