



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President Joe Hanley opened the meeting reminding us "that the Rotary Club of Hilo on Big Island is the 2nd oldest club in Hawaii, Chartered December 1, 1920".

Kerry Glass volunteered to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. For Inspiration, **Cindy Boots**, brought some down to earth wisdom from

Thomas L. Odem Jr, "If the essence of my being has caused as smile to have appeared upon your face or a touch of joy within your heart, then in living I have made my mark".

The **Taipai Twins Rotary** as our sister club extended an invitation to club to share their signing event on May 22nd. All you need is airfare to Taiwan.

This month is Rotary Magazine Month and **President Joe Hanley** suggested we share the magazine with our friends, as a quality way to introduce Rotary and the many ways Rotarians volunteer. **Joe** shared his magazine with our newest Rotarian **Tammy Silva**.



Greeters Cindy Boots and **Jeanine Atebara** welcomed the following guests: **Tony Naraval** from **Twenty Nine Palms Rotary**, his friend **Marlo Fontana**, and **Steve Yoshida's** wife **Noko Yoshida**, a member of **Homer Alaska Rotary**.

Tony Naraval shared his club banner and informed us that 29 Palm Springs is the largest Marine Base in the US and Joshua Trees Park is their closest attraction.



President Joe had plenty of announcements and thanked Reporter **Bob Hanley** and Photographer **Scott Brand** for last week's Lava Flow. April 1st East Hawaii Rotarians enjoyed a picnic at Rotary Park (near the Pond's Restaurant) and we had a great turnout. Add to your calendar and sign up online to volunteer April 28th for the five rotary club community service project at CJC.



Steve Yoshida announced a brief meeting after lunch for those involved in planning the 2013 Peace Forum event in Honolulu.



Rand Mundo announced the upcoming "Rotaract Tour" led by **Saeko**. The tour is on Mauna Kea on April 28th. Contact **Saeko Hayashi** ASAP if interested - requires four wheel drive to get to the site.

Wow! We celebrated April with "8" birthdays and "10" Rotary Anniversaries. **Happy Birthday Alan Kusunoki, Toshi Aoki, Tom Brown, Wally Wong, Jenny Johnson, Tom Olcott, Bob Hanley** and **Steve Yoshida**. **John McVickar** spoke up noticing both he, and this humble reporter, did not get recognized for our April anniversary. Correction noted and The **April Anniversary** roster includes **Jenny Johnson, Vivian Burchall, Sam Wallis** (1978 a very good year), **Dr. Craig Shikuma, Gay Porter, Gerard Carter, Theresa English, John McVickar** and **Jon McElvaney**.

Happy Dollars came raining down. **President Joe** is \$20 happy to be back and he admitted the bandage on brother **Bob's** nose came from a surfing "incident" he participated in. **Stew Hussey** returned from an exciting trip to India and Nepal \$100 happy reporting the locals are industrious, accommodating and friendly. **Judy Gibson** back from Australia was \$25 happy. **Stan Fortuna** \$20 happy that he read an article (while at the airport) written by **Don Hemmes** (**Helen's** husband) about some very special mushrooms (not the kind you are thinking). **Doug Arnott**, leaves for Australia next week, is \$20 happy. **Doug** kept busy with the Merrie Monarch activities after standing in front of the Dodo Mortuary, he came up with the commentary "You stab them, we slab them". **Doug** also mentioned **Tom Brown** and bus stops or maybe the lack of bus stops!

Vivian Burchall is \$50 happy, with her successful pregnancy, delivering baby "Zoe" at 36 weeks. A miracle baby girl! **Vivian** is also happy **Michael Wise** (their best man) a "Microsoft guy" is visiting.



Mike Robinson is \$10 happy for the removal of feral cattle from a 56,000 acre parcel.

Birthdays:

- Alan Kusunoki April 7
- Toshi Aoki April 8
- Tom Brown April 10
- Wally Wong April 11
- 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 27
Club Assembly
- Fri. May 4
Cheyenne Perry
- Fri. May 11
Saeko Hayashi
- Fri. 18
Helen Wai - Hawaii Energy
- Fri. May 25
Club Assembly

President	Joseph Hanley
President Elect	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President	Stewart Hussey
Secretary	Richard Johnson
Treasurer	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Tamm
Director - Club Administration	Kerry Glass
Director - Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Director - Rotary Foundations	Susan Munro
Director - Membership	James Cheney
Director - Public relations	Robert Hanley
International Service	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service	John McVickar
New Generations	Rand Mundo
Club Service	Thomas Brown
The Rotary Foundation	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation	Mitchell Dodo

Tammy our newest member is \$15 happy- completing her senior project at the University of Phoenix "Magna Cum Laude" and her employer the Veterans Hospital passed the state inspection with flying colors. **Jeanine** is happy her Dad received a commendation for courageous service in World War II at a special ceremony at the Portland Cemetary. **Cindy Boots** is \$5 happy and urged us to see the UH Production Hairspray. **Stew Hussey's** daughter **Christine** is in the show. **Saeko's** \$5 happy to be leading **Rotaract** up the highest mountain in the world, and having good health. **Vivian** gave a plug to the Connections Public Charter School and their upcoming fundraiser. She has 3 tickets for the event.

Our speaker **Bruce Yanaigihara** is a partner in Prudential and on the Board of **Ronald McDonald Foundation**.



Bruce's talk about the **Ronald McDonald Foundation** was our opportunity to hear about all the good this group does when children are sick and need the very best care available. We saw an excellent video about the Honolulu House. The first house opened in 1982. Thanks to the **Weinberg Foundation**, the **Ronald McDonald Foundation** owns all of their real estate free and clear. The staff and volunteers (the heart and soul of this organization) provide hope, support, caring hearts, and a home away from home. The volunteers of housing where the family stay also staff the Ronald McDonald family room at the Kapiolani Hospital. Statistics indicate that 42% of the families who use

the Ronald McDonald House are from the Big Island. The Honolulu locations have a \$1.22 million budget. McDonalds provides some support (a percentage from a portion of every single happy meal is contributed). The major support comes from grass roots, direct mail, and special events ex golf events). The organization started in 1974 in Philadelphia with Fred and Fran Hill of the Eagles when their son was battling leukemia. They said there must be a better way to accommodate parents when their children are hospitalized. They received help from the owner of the Eagles Football Team and the local community for building the first Ronald MacDonal house. There are now 300 houses nationally. I direct you to the website: WWW.RonaldHouseHawaii.org. The care is not hospice. It is a place of hope.



Waiakea High Interact

First Meeting today, April 24
with **President Akil Marshall**



Mrs. Maeda (incoming Advisor)
and **Mrs. Kobayashi**
(very happy she is retiring!!!)

Photos by **Kerry Glass**

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