

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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It was an absolutely picture perfect day for our Rotary Meeting, and oldie, but goodie, **Kerry Glass** ("I'm from Texas so I always lie") presided over the meeting. Leading us in the Pledge was **Dr. Fox** and our inspiration for the day was "The secret to getting ahead is getting started (and that means 'now', right now, according to **Kerry** otherwise known as 'inveterate procrastinator').

Guests and Visitors



Despite the mic feedback issues, **Kerry** forged ahead and welcomed **Tim Hansen**, our guest speaker.

Jenny Johnson welcomed our guests:

Nancy McKay (**Susan Munro's** guest; **Nancy** is from Oakland, and was the minister who presided over **Susan's** sister's nuptials). **Rob Kelso** from PISCES introduced by **Helene Tajiri** (who always brings the best guests). **Dr. David Gerber** introduced by **Donnie Demuth**. **Dr. Gerber** is an emergency room physician and a master brewer! And we were happy to welcome **Kamaka Gaison-Evangelista** to his second meeting with us, as **Alberta Dobbe's** guest. **Lynda Gretz** visited from the Volcano Rotary Club.

Where's Wally??

He's one of the watch captains on the longest leg that Hokule'a has ever been on—roughly 2,300 miles from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to Mauritius. Everyone was wondering whether it was

Wally who was washed overboard during the bad weather and rough seas the other day, but **Kerry** didn't know. The poor person had to endure being in the water for 16 minutes before being rescued by the companion ship. Thank God that everyone drilled thoroughly in at sea rescue, so all crew members are safe and sound. We're cheering and praying for you **Wally!** Enjoy your adventure!

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 September: Lobsters in the Forest



Lynda Gretz, President of the Volcano Rotary Club, said "When we started putting these posters up, people stopped and asked us 'is that an invasive species?' For \$60,

you can enjoy "all you can eat" lobster and/or shrimp; beer or wine; salads; desserts, and wonderful camaraderie. Proceeds go to benefit their scholarship fund, so if you haven't made plans yet for Labor Day Weekend, go on-line to the Volcano Rotary Club website to purchase tickets. Don't wait till the last minute or you won't get in.

9 September: Board Meeting at Hilo Rice Noodle

13 September: Keiki ID Kid's Day at the County Fair (10am to 2pm) The County Fair usually designates one day as "kids day" and this year they'll be issuing keiki ids at the Butler Building (Civic Center). They still need volunteers so for those of you who would like to help, please email **Tim Hansen** at Timothy.Hansen@hawaiicounty.gov with your availability. More on Keiki Ids later.

17 September: **Chicken Hekka** at Wailoa State Park Depending on the price of chicken, we may be surprised with a "mystery meat" hekka this year Please join us at our first club social; it's only \$20 for all you can eat pupus, hekka, and dessert. You can either RSVP to the email I invite I sent out, or you can sign up at our next meeting, but remember, this is a LIMITED TIME OFFER.

26 September: Walk to End Alzheimer's **Richard Johnson** is our leader for this event, and

he's set our goal at \$2,000. We need both walkers and donors, and **Richard** will email all of us this week with more detailed information on how to get on the website to either register as a walker or donate. Let's not be outdone by the Waiakea High School Interact Club – they already have 50 students signed up to walk. And that's not counting the UH Hilo Rotaract members.

26 September: East Hawaii District Qualification Training. Should have more information to share from the District 5000 coordinator, **Lori Williams**, next week. This is a District 5000 event that should start after the Walk to End Alzheimer's is finished.

Announcements

Mike Robinson is now our official new Treasurer, succeeding **Alan Kusunoki** who has been tapped as the District's Assistant Governor. Per **Kerry**, **Alan** is being groomed to be the District Governor in 2020 (keep in mind that **Kerry** is from Texas and may be slightly exaggerating). Having worked with **Mike** when he sold a huge number of Brewfest tickets this year, I know he will be a stickler for detail and accurate accounts. Thank you **Mike!**

We bid a fond farewell to **Lisa Sweeney**; we will miss her energy and wish her well.

Mahalo plenty to **Reese Mates** and **Marcia Prose** for their excellent work on the August 22nd at South Hilo's Weinberg Project at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. Thank you for all that you do for Rotary.

If you are shopping for that early Christmas present, pick up this year's "Polio Plus" mugs for \$21 each. Buy a matching pair and give them to a deserving friend or two.



Welcome Jessica Tolar

Kerry and Bob Hanley inducted **Jessica Tolar** as our newest member. We all had a chance to welcome **Jessica** to the club and we look forward to getting to know her better.

Hip Hip Hooray

Happy Birthday Jerry Watanabe – we missed you today but we know you're at hard at work in Kona.

Richard offered \$46 to celebrate his "first wife," **Jenny**. **Jenny** offered a similar amount for their 46 happy years together. More on this in Happy Dollars.



And a happy one year club anniversary to twins **Marcia Prose** and **Eric Cohen** – we are so fortunate to have both of you as fellow Rotarians.

Paul Harris Fellow

Tammy Silva is now a **Paul Harris "plus 1"** fellow! How she finds time to pursue a college degree, be a great mom, work at a demanding job, and contribute so much positive energy to our Youth Services is simply AMAZING! And now, we find out that she has contributed more than \$2,000 to **Rotary International**. WOW! Way to go **Tammy**. **\$HAPPY DOLLARS\$**

Judy Gibson was the first of many to offer happy dollars. **Judy** was celebrating our **Waiakea High School Interact Club**. 160-plus high schoolers have joined this year, and **Judy** is encouraging you to attend one of their Board meetings. These are



Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Tina Jimenez August 13
Jerry Watanabe August 28

Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 6, 2010 (5)
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (5)
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (5)
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (4)
Lorraine Inouye August 28, 2009 (6)
Eric Cohen August 29, 2014 (1)
Marcia Prose August 29, 2014 (1)

Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1 (17)
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (35)
Tina & Tom Jimenez August 6 (33)
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30 (46)

Announcements:

Aug. 28 - Tim Hansen -
Hi County Special Projects Coordinator
Sept. 4 - Chris Ridley
10 Warning Signs of Dementia
Sept. 11 - Reese Mates - Shelter Box USA
Sept. 25 - Lynn Nakim - "Dealer's Choice"
Oct. 2 - Marcia Prose - Hilo Palace Theatre
Oct. 23 - Glenn Harris
Ethics and The Rotary 4-Way Test

President Wally Wong
President Elect Glenn Harris
Immediate Past President Richard Johnson
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Alan Kusunoki
Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
Membership Connie Ichinose
Public Relations Marcia Prose
Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
Club Service Lisa Rantz
International Service Stew Hussey
Community Service Reese Mates
Youth Service Tammy Silva
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

held weekly at 1:15pm in the WHS Library and normally end by 1:45pm. If you are suffering from the Monday blues, sitting in on one of these meetings is the CURE. Please contact **Judy** if you'd like to volunteer.

She is also encouraging members to attend the general Interact Club meetings. Being in the same room with 160 high energy high school students who are eager to volunteer for projects like the beach cleanup is awe inspiring. Club Meetings are held every Tuesday starting at 12:25pm and ending by 12:55pm. Next week **Judy** will be passing around a volunteer signup sheet for the annual "Get the Drift and Bag It" beach cleanup that the Waiakea Interact Club is participating in. (*Note, any attendance at Interact functions counts as "Meeting Make-up"*)

Gail Takaki was happy for **Richard** and **Jenny's** 46th wedding anniversary and she intrigued us all by recounting that **Richard** met **Jenny** (this hippie chick) when he was on shore leave in San Diego. And she is the love of his life. (**Richard**—we need to hear the full story at our club's 95th Anniversary party on Dec 7th.)

Susan Munro was **happy** because this year **Mitch Roth** has volunteered to walk in high heels for the "Walk A Mile" drive. **Kerry** will be in China on that date, but he reassured **Mitch** that it was "a piece of cake".

Jim Cheney offered **happy dollars** because he miraculously made it back from the Philippines totally unscathed. **Jim** was able to finally get back into his hacked AOL email account after supplying AOL with details only he would know. Just a cautionary tale for all our members—safeguard your email passwords and never use the same password on all your accounts (just in case one gets hacked).

Nancy Cabral offered **happy dollars** and thanks to **Tammy Silva** and **Jonalynn Nosaka** for their help in finding a nurse to help oversee her husband's recuperation from surgery. We are all happy that **Nancy's** husband has returned home to the Big Island and hope that his new nurse doesn't "kill him" before he makes a full recovery.

[Speaker Tim Hansen,](#)
[Special Programs Coordinator](#)
[Hawaii County Prosecutor's Office](#)

"I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to help the Keiki ID program. The program would not be possible without volunteer support. Last year we were able to be present at 64 community events across the island providing over 4,000 ids for children.

The IDs that we process for kids are on a nice hard plastic card, and it provides their picture, emergency contact info, as well as some identifying information like their hair and eye color. Machine prints it out in 30 sec so we're able to hand it to the kid right then and there.

On the back of the card is a list of basic safety tips and this is one of the most important parts of the Keiki id program. We spend time with the kids and the parents to go over these tips that highlight how to stay safe. The kids love the ids; it makes them feel important to have a picture id, and we tease them that it's not a driver's license so they can't drive yet."

For those of you who have been volunteering with us for a while you may remember how frustrating the old machines were – a lot of times it took a while to process the ids and sometimes it didn't work. Last year we bought two brand new machines – one for Hilo and one for Kona – and they work really well. We thank you for volunteering for upcoming Keiki ID events. We send emails out to notify Rotary of upcoming events and we always need volunteers.

We're so popular now that we're doing them almost every weekend, but we have to say "no" if we don't have volunteers to help us. There is no age limit on volunteers. In fact, we recently connected with the Waiakea High School Interact Club, and they have agreed to take on Keiki IDs as one of their service projects.

We ask our volunteers to help with crowd control, and also encouraging the event attendees to participate by letting them know that it's free. This enables us to speak to the parents and the kids about the basic safety tips and answer any questions they may have. For most events, we like to have at least two volunteers but three is ideal. For larger events like the Easter Egg Hunt, we need at least ten volunteers to help us with the crowd.

Missing Child Kit

On the first Wednesday of every month from 1pm to 4pm, we do both Keiki IDs and a missing child kit at the Prosecutor's Office front conference room. The purpose of the missing child kit is to gather all the information in one place so it can be quickly shared with the police if the child were to go missing. The kit consists of the child's fingerprints, a DNA hair sample, and the child's photo (the child's dental record info may be filled out later). We attach these to the form and give it to them in a folder so it will be easy to find. This might be another volunteer opportunity for those Rotarians who may be interested.



Kui'kahi Mediation Center Brown Bag Lunches

We have partnered with the Kui'kahi Mediation Center to host monthly brown bag lunches where we conduct conflict resolution session training. At the last session we had 27 people come by to learn about workplace conflict resolution, and you may want to stop by our office and participate.

Victim Offender Conferencing Program

We've started a new program "Victim Offender Conferencing Program" Fourteen community members who have been trained to facilitate a victim/offender conference. They talk about the incident that happened and with the help of the facilitator they discuss what has to happen in order to make it right between them. This approach is based on the Pacific Islander practice of ho'oponopono.

This program is still getting off the ground, and we will have another facilitator training in the next year. Rotarians who honor the 4 way test are ideally suited as facilitators. They already understand the principle of "let's speak the truth about what happened," and then we're going to come up with a "decision that's fair and doable" for the person who did the harm (something that is going to build goodwill beneficial to the victim and to the community at large). **Mitch Roth** added "And this will be both pre- and post-conviction. Especially in juvenile cases; we can't tell you what happened, but if they are willing to sit down with the victim and mediate, this will be beneficial"

STARS

Acronym stands for "Surviving to Thriving with Advocacy Resources and Support"

This is a homicide support group for the families and friends who have lost loved ones to homicide. The emphasis is on moving from barely surviving after a homicide to becoming a thriving member of the community again. They have their annual remembrance luncheon coming up at the end of September, and I encourage you to invite them to come and speak about their efforts.

Our office, along with STARS, dedicated a memorial peace garden in our front parking lot. It's a small plot that's meant to be a remembrance garden. We're working with a landscaper right now, and there are simple flowers planted already. We will be adding a peace pole to the garden, and our goal is to bring peace to our community, to our families who have suffered such loss, and to our hearts. Our hope is to dedicate a new peace garden each year somewhere on this island so we can have them scattered throughout the Big Island.

Relay for Life Mahalo Dinner

I had the opportunity to attend the recent mahalo dinner held for the team captains of the Relay for Life, and I was so happy that our Prosecutor's Office hit silver status. We raised \$4,430! We had a few major donors, but we also held a lot of bake sales, and lunch sales, and people making donations, and that's part of why I love being part of the ohana at the prosecutor's office, cause we're always participating in events like this.



UH Pacific Islanders Center and MU-BI

We've partnered with the University of Hawaii Pacific islanders Center and Micronesians United Big Island (MUBI) to sponsor an annual Pacific Islander Youth Empowerment day in September. This is the third year that we've done it and this year's theme is "Navigating Success." It's a day to inspire youth—to give them a vision for their future—of what they could become and the part they could play in the community-- and to use that as their compass to navigate toward success. Rather than thinking they can't do anything because of language barriers or cultural conflict, we want them to think that they can be the next doctor, lawyer, mayor, president. Shoot for the stars and navigate towards it. We want to provide lunch for all of the kids. Last year we had 185 kids. This year we're predicting 250 will attend. The county has given us a \$5,000 grant, but we do need donations.

October Domestic Violence and Family Peace Vigil

In October, there will be a walk and gathering at the Aupuni Center Conference Room to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. It would be great if you could participate

Mitch Roth added "Tim is one of 3 special project coordinators. **Lisa Faulkner-Inouye** works on youth projects. We've stolen a slogan: "It's far easier to build strong youth than it is to fix broken adults." **Roxanne Aburamen** works on domestic violence, and there is a domestic violence summit coming up. In addition to special projects, **Tim** is also our volunteer coordinator."

Volunteers

Last year we had 64 volunteers and interns who worked in our Hilo, Waimea, and Kona offices. They contributed over 4,000 hours of service to the community. At any one time we have about 20 to 25 volunteers who are active. With school starting this week we had five new people come on, and they varied from communication majors to students who want to go to law school in the future. We also have retirees who say "I want to volunteer but I don't want to think." Two of them have shredded over 750 bags of confidential documents saving our office \$30,000 each year. So if you want to volunteer, we have a spot for you.



Kerry Glass gave **Tim** our wonderful coffee mug gift, and with **Russ Oda's** prompting welcomed former member **Malcom Smith** and his wife **Anna Maria Maraboli-Smith** from La Serena Chile.

Kerry asked "Is that okay, **Russ**?"

Russ approved and explained that the couple arrived late because "**Malcom**, being an astronomer, was spaced out." Witty as ever, **Russ**.

Next week, **Chris Ridley** from the Alzheimer's Association will be our speaker

Bobby Stivers-Apikii (you're back, we love you) led us in the [Four Way Test](#).

Here is a preliminary itinerary of the 2016 Japan trip.

W-3/30 leave for Kansai Japan
Th-3/31 arrive in Osaka Japan
F-4/01 Kyoto S-4/02 Kyoto
Sun-4/03 Fukuoka M-4/04 Fukuoka
T-4/05 Nagasaki W-4/06 Oita
T-4/07 Kumamoto F-4/08 Hiroshima
S-4/09 Hiroshima
Sun-4/10 back to Hawaii from Kansai.
Approx. cost for land only \$3500 pp. plus
airfare.
(You can arrange your own air portion, please
coordinate with Naomi-san)