



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Opening Act:

Attending members of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** welcomed Friday, August 29, 2014, with greeter **Cel Ruwethin**.



President Richard Johnson called the meeting to order & **Russ Oda** lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to honor our country's flag; however, to everyone's delight, **Russ** was caught looking for the American flag... It's no longer WHERE'S WALDO... It's where's the American flag... lol (thanks **Russ** for always providing the group with a good laugh).



Words of Inspiration:

The group was fortunate to embrace words of inspiration by none other than **Mr. Jim Cheney**...

Jim obtained these inspirational thoughts from the "Graffiti" comic strip created by **Gene Mora**:



1. The best safety device is a rearview mirror with a police car in it.
2. The tongue doesn't weigh much but few can hold it.
3. The greatest water power known to man - a woman's tears.
4. You can tell when you're on the right path - its uphill.
5. There's nothing busier than idle rumor.
6. Topless dancers never have any hang ups.
7. Money isn't everything - but look at all the things it is.
8. Men don't get any younger, but women never get any older.
9. Be true to your teeth, or they will be false to you.
10. Right after you do it the hard way, you find the easy way to do it.

Warm Welcome:

It was delightful to welcome **David S. DeLuz, Jr.**, a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. However, it was equally impressive to greet our fellow Rotarians and their visiting guests: **Biff Kennedy** introduced the group to his friend **Jon**, **Nancy Cabral** welcomed **Marcia Prose** once again, **Kui Costa** brought along **Reese Costa**, & **Yoko Hayano** acquainted those present with **Hiraku Hayano**.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/24/14 - Rotary International (RI) World Polio Day - wear your polio pins, etc.
- 10/25/14 - YWCA "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes"
 - International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence
 - Registration 7:30 a.m.
 - Walk Begins 8:30 a.m.
 - Ceremony 9:30 a.m.
- Pohoiki Triathlon - POSTPONED d/t lava flow threat... Please pray for those families
- 10/09/14 - Rotary D5000 - Interact Workshop
 - Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Location: Waiakea High School Library

10/30/14 - Club Social - Chicken Hekka
- Time: 6 p.m.

- Location: Wailoa State Park

10/30/14 - DARK - NO CLUB MEETING

11/01/14 - D5000 PRLS (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar)

- Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Hilo Hospice

- Cost: \$40 / \$60 per person

New Member Induction:

The Rotary Club of Hilo Board has recently approved membership applications for **Marcia Prose** & **Eric Cohen**. These productive community leaders were inducted on this date by **Nancy Cabral** & **President - Richard**; **Nancy** sponsored **Marcia** & **President - Richard** sponsored **Eric**... Way to go gang!!! These two individuals

have displayed service above self, & they are known to encourage, foster, & transfer Rotary ideals into action. After being officially pinned as Rotarians, **President - Richard** presented these new members with their membership gifts that included a Rotary Club sticker... Run

these stickers proud!!! "That's the end of the free stuff," said **President - Richard**... Oops, what the heck did they get themselves into???

Special Thanks:

Christina Dhillon gave a special shout out to two club members, **Theresa English** & **Newton Chu**. These recognized Rotarians functioned as mentors to the newly inducted members... Mahalo ~ **Theresa** & **Newton**... You are both terrific examples of the Rotarian spirit.



Rotarians in the News:

According to **President - Richard**, if you haven't had **Nancy Cabral** in your face, she more than made up for it by being in the news. **Nancy's Day-Lum Properties** was selected as BEST OF EAST HAWAII 2014... Congratulations **Nancy**... YOU GO GIRL!!!

Coach Yagi may soon be voted as the MOST POPULAR PERSON IN EAST HAWAII 2014... that is if he continues to keep up with his appearances in the Hawaii Tribune Herald. Is there such a category??? If not, our club ought to make this recommendation on behalf of **Coach Yagi**. Anyhow, **Coach Yagi** was commended, once again, for the many basketball camps that he has held all over the State of Hawaii. **Coach Yagi** has truly been a blessing to the future of Hawaii, our youth.



Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Jerry Watanabe August 28

Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 3, 2010 (4)
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (4)
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (4)
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (3)
Lorraine Inouye August 28, 2009 (5)

Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1 (16)
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (34)
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30 (45)

Announcements:

Fri. September 5 - District Governor
Laura Steelquist
Fri. September 12 -UH Basketball Coach
CE Coleman
Fri. September 19 - Doug Simons
Canada France Hawaii Telescope
Fri. September 26 -Habitat for Humanity
Julie Hugo
Fri. October 24 - Al Jubitz, Rotary Club of Portland
House of Friendship - Peace Through Rotary
Thurs. October 30 -Club Social - Hekka Party
Fri. October 31 -No Meeting

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 Christina Dhillon
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

Here's the results of BEST OF EAST HAWAII 2014:

- HPM Building Supply - **Bob Fujimoto**
- Day-Lum Properties - **Nancy Cabral**
- Creative Arts Hawaii - **Connie Kurohara**
- Lex Brodies Tires - **Chuck Porter**
- Suisan - **Dirk Yoshina**
- Hawaii Printing Corporation - **Ed Hara**
- Subway - **Steve Handy**
- Dodo Mortuary - **Mitchell Dodo**
- BJ Penn Gym - **Lorraine Shin**

Friends of the Rotary Club of Hilo:

- Hilo Rice Noodle Restuarant
- Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- Hilo Medical Center

Let's Celebrate:

Birthdays -

Jerry Watanabe 8/28... Happy B-Day!!!

Wedding Anniversaries -

None (may be due to the many planned summer vacations during this time period)

Club Anniversaries -

Lorraine Inouye 8/28 - 5 years...Way to go!!!

Family & Friends:

President - Richard recognized **Yoko & Kui**



for bringing in their family members to this club meeting. He also emphasized the need & importance of bringing guests (potential members) to our club meetings... "It's everyones job!"

President - Richard stated that the only other guests brought to the club meetings was his guest, & the other guest was **Tammy H. Silva's** 11 year old daughter, **Kulia Silva**. Thus, only 1 eligible guest in 2 months... We got this... Let's rock more members!!! With the new inductees, we are now up to 69 members. That's 8 members shy of our goal of hitting 77 members this year.

D5000 Rotaplast Mission to Romania -

- Spring 2015
- Rotaplast: Treat lip & palate anomalies
- Over 17,000 children in 25 countries were treated
- D5000 will be sending a team of trained physicians to Romania
- Each **\$1** will be magnified 3.5 times with the Global Grant \$\$\$
- Our club raised a total of **\$520** last Friday
- We also received a **\$300** donation for this mission
- All donations are tax deductible
- Checks may be made to: Rotary District 5000 Foundation
- This is your last chance to donate

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$:

Biff Kennedy was **50 bucks** happy because



49 years ago, he had dinner at his folks home in the northern edge of California. A gal that worked for his dad was a guest at that very same dinner party...

Biff is a smooth operator... He got married 5 months later. Way

to go, **Biff!!!** By the way, were there rules back then prohibiting nepotism in your family's business??? Just kidding... just kidding... Congratulations to you & the Mrs. (it was a good thing that you didn't miss supper or dessert on that night).

Nancy Cabral was happy because Day Lum was voted Best of East Hawaii once again. She also identified that **Connie Kurohara** of Creative Arts



created ALOHA PUNA shirts... She (**Nancy**) had her fingers & everything else crossed as she hoped that it was Connie's business organization that created ALOHA PUNA products following Hurricane Iselle, & not

some outer island company... That's right, **Connie**, DEFEND HAWAII. **Nancy** brought a few t-shirts & she gladly donated **\$100** happy dollars.

Yoko was **\$10** happy since more than 120 students signed up for the interact club. She identified that it was difficult to join the interact general meetings. She encouraged Rotarians to please sign up for the meetings, especially the Tuesday meetings. They would appreciate guest speakers; each Rotarian could share a story or two of his or her profession. **Yoko** also indicated that, most recently, **Newton Chu** was a fantastic emcee at an important & impressionable event.



Connie Kurohara was happy for the Best of East Hawaii vote, for their ALOHA PUNA t-shirts, & for Hawaii United Way. She gave thanks to those that helped the residents in need & for those who purchased a t-shirt.

Connie was very touched by the ALOHA SPIRIT from the HELCO men, as some of these men were from the outer islands & they worked 7d per week at 12 - 16 hours daily. "They all brought shirts & took a picture at bay front; 200 of them with their shirts," as per **Connie**. **Connie's** organization donated **\$1700** to this cause. She also identified that these men wanted to spend their money here on this island to provide support in anyway that they could. Loud shout out to the associates of HELCO.



Glen Harris stated that it is wonderful to see the t-shirts... With this, he dipped **\$20** into the Puna Relief Fund for our club. On a side note, **Glen** wanted to share with **Chuck Porter** that he met **Anita** of Lex Brodies, & he truly appreciated her help... **Chuck**

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

must have learned the Golden Rule: HAPPY WORKERS = HAPPIER CUSTOMERS!!!

Christina Dhillon stated that associates of Hawaiian Petroleum are to be commended as well for the wonderful customer care that they provided during this natural disaster. These associates worked beyond their regular shifts by fueling up trucks after work on a volunteer basis. "They did it for friends & family, & the kind of people they are," **Christina Dhillon**.

*** Now these people definitely displayed service above self ***

Club Assembly:

Information about programs to look forward to this year:

- **Misty Tyrin** - Community Service Director



1) The microphone makes her nervous; therefore, scratch the microphone... You got this!!!

2) Couple of things coming up
- She has coordinated with the guest speakers of Hope Services in regards to the District Governor

3) We are to aid in obtaining 1 out of 4 AED devices

4) Partners in Development - **Michelle Carvalho** for foster families, social workers, & foster children; we supported their foster family 501(c)(3) program

5) We will partner with **Kathleen McGilvray** for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event

6) If you are a part of other organizations & you need our club's assistance, provide **Misty** with the necessary information

*As a note, **Brewfest** proceeds were directed to Friends of the Children's Justice Center... Our dollars go much farther with the smaller organizations to be more impactful

- **Youth Services** Director - **Glenn Harris**

1) He just got new black prescription sun glasses... Oops... He might go dark... And he likes addressing the audience with his shades on looking like a rock star... HIS FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT HE'S GOTTA WEAR SHADES!!!



2) Interact & Youth Services

- Reading in kindergarten program continues

- Dates for **RYLA** to be announced

- Changes this year with interact - no convention; thus, to get more kids engaged with Rotary District 5000. Trainers will go to the islands to engage 40-80 kids vs. a minimum of 15 students at a steep cost per family.

- Club members are encouraged & urged to attend at least 2 meetings at the high school (2 hours of your time for the entire year). Time & location: 12:40 p.m. - 1 p.m. at Waikeha High School LIBRARY

3) If anyone plans to work with children... need clearance & authorization

- Via e-mail to **Nancy Cabral**... submit your full name, birthday & address (information may be good for 3

years); no social security number required since **Nancy** will NOT be doing a credit check

All About Our Fellow Rotarians:

John McVickar ~



- Blessed in life with a business after he took a Natural Geographic aptitude test; it identified that he should be a merchant

- He won an award

- In Columbia & Panama he saw that merchandise cost much less than in other parts of the world (he was also placed in advanced math... What a genius!!!)

- However, in the beginning, he was hard-headed & transferred to architecture school which, he soon discovered, was ill-suited for him

- He eventually worked for Chevron & got his merchant seaman papers; he made his way to Asia & learned that merchandise was much more cheaper there

- He made more money moonlighting & making jewelry with a friend from India & formed a partnership. However, he soon got into a disagreement with his partner since his partner wanted to control the salesmen in their company; his partner did not want the salesmen to go into competition with them.

- He later started his own company with just 7 people
- A rule of thumb: Wholesale is better than retail, as it's best to own 10 percent of 100 stores rather than 100 percent of 1 store... This provides a good margin to customer... You can re-sell to many people over & over... Now that's some sound advice!!!

- He soon learned that helping other people to realize their dreams is a good thing to do... His philosophy is to help your workers go into their own business because they too become your customers.

- He has learned that seeing things without emotion is a blessing; this way one can accomplish the result of your thoughts, & it is important to be happy with bad & good... Okay... to see things clearly without emotion??? **John** has no clue of what it is like to be a woman... It's ALL EMOTION, **John**... IT'S ALL EMOTION... lol

Gail Takaki ~



- She belonged to this club 2 times; initially in 1993 then she moved to Oahu for a period of 10 years... aka... **Gail** to the second power... How's this for math, **John**???

- **Gail** recalls belonging to this club when **Russ Oda's** hair was really black; it was during a period of time that **Russ** could really see the American flag without bifocals or guidance from his fellow Rotarians... Sorry **Russ**, but thanks for taking one for the team!!!

- She recalls **Nancy Cabral** & **Maggie**, a dear friend of **Nancy's**, who has already passed on

- She was once again recruited to the club in 2008 with **Helene Tajiri**

- She is very passionate with **RYLA**

- She is a person of exploration, & she's a job person

- She loves to learn something new & to place herself in a strange environment... she loves to rev herself up from 0 to 60... SHE CAN'T DRIVE 55!!!

- She has a supportive husband

- She served as a UH trainer in a volunteer group to teach leadership; this is appropriate & fits well with **RYLA**

- She worked as an estate planner on Oahu

- She did everything that she knew how to do & brought people in

- She is able to engage with people of wealth, & she has learned so much about the wealthy...

They have the same challenges of raising kids with drugs & to cultivate children to become law abiding citizens

- She will continue to work as a volunteer

- She encourages everyone to participate with Big Brothers & Big Sisters to share time with a child in need... 1-1 engagements with a child (what it means & what she sees... this program is not just for the child... it's for all stakeholders involved)

*ATTN: **MISTY**... BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS IS THE ANSWER!!!!... Hint... Hint...

Conclusion:

- **Treana Breyfogle** was summoned to lead the group in the **4-Way Test**

- "**Hilo Rotary no ka oi**" ~

stated **President - Richard**

