



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 Alan gonged the meeting to order on a sunny TGI Friday. Rev. Tom Olcott led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, instead of "preaching" to the choir, our talented president "led" our "Rotary Club Choir" in singing "America The Beautiful." Watch out "America's Got Talent!" Here we come!



After duly recognizing the amazing talents and commitment of our Olympic athletes, Cindy Boots shared this thought for the day: There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you are committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results. (Author: Ken Blanchard "The One Minute Manager")

President Alan shared other Rotary words of wisdom with the club: "Keep three central truths in mind: First, service to others is the essence of Rotary, the very foundation of our unity. Second, this unity is stronger than the enormous diversity which surrounds us. And third, peace is the single greatest imperative of our time." He further elaborated with this historical Rotary story: In 1905, after Paul Harris founded Rotary, he drafted its first constitution and bylaws with only two objectives: 1) The promotion of the business interests of its members and 2) The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to social clubs. However, several members wanted the club to reach higher, altruistic goals. Frederick Tweed, a glass sign manufacturer and Rotary member, asked Donald Carter, a patent attorney, to join Rotary. After hearing about Rotary's two objectives, Carter wasn't satisfied and wanted Rotary to do civic service of some kind. Tweed got Carter to join Rotary and Carter soon succeeded in drafting a third objective: 3) The advancement of the best interest of Chicago and the spreading of the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens. This was a pivotal moment in Rotary history and Don Carter became known as the "Father of Community Service."



Doing an excellent job as Rotary greeters for the day were Kui Costa and Bobby Stivers-Apiki.

Visiting Rotarians included Art Taniguchi from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, Arabel Camblor from the Rotary Club of

South Hilo and Yosuke Nosaka, from Yokohama West Rotary Club in Japan. Yosuke was presented with one of our club banners.



Guests of Rotarians included Treena Bleyfogle (Susan Munro), LeAnne Tamm (daughter of Chris Tamm) and Rainer Santos (Kui Costa).

President Alan thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter, Gay Porter and photographer, Chris Tamm.

Former member who recently rejoined our club, Sally O'Brien, was called to the podium to receive her new member badge. The \$10 charge for Sally's badge was generously paid for by John McVicar. August is Rotary Membership Month. President Alan reminded the club that District 5000's membership theme is "Ignite" and encouraged us to increase membership. He asked every member to visit the District 5000 website.

Reminder: Hump Day is on Wed., August 15th at the Hilo Yacht Club at 5:00pm. It's a gathering that was started by the Rotary Club of South Hilo, but all Rotarians are welcomed.

Reminder: No Meeting on Friday, August 17th because of the Admissions Day State Holiday.

There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries this week. However, there were two club anniversaries... Kui Costa (08/06) sponsored by Stew Hussey and Wally Wong (08/06) sponsored by Tom Brown.

Happiness \$\$\$ - Jon McElvaney gave \$20 for an upcoming project in Pahoa; Sam Wallis gave \$5 in honor of his wife, Sandy's 3rd place award at an abstract art show; Stew Hussey, being born and raised in Cincinnati, was \$10 happy that Chris Tamm's daughter, Leanne, is now living there; Sandy Song gave \$20 in honor of the recent successful orchid show, with special thanks to Ed Hara and Audrey Wilson for their contributions; Jim Kennedy gave \$20 to celebrate his 14th anniversary with our club (He was sponsored by Pres. Alan); Sally O'Brien gave \$5 in honor of her eldest grandson's 8th Birthday; and Gene Tao gave \$20 to announce that he is now relieved of babysitting duties and can once again attend club meetings.

President Alan bestowed a special honor upon Gerard Carter who recently relinquished his membership. On behalf of the board and club, Alan presented Gerard with a certificate of appreciation for the "World's Finest Koa Pens" and for his years of service to our club. Sam Wallis pointed out that in his 19 years with the club, Gerard provided over 1000 koa pens! The board granted Honorary Membership status to

Gerard and we hope that he'll continue to stay connected to our club. Mahalo Gerard! We'll miss you! Don't be a stranger!



Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Scott Brand August 3
Sandra Song August 27
Jerry Watanabe August 28

Club Anniversary:

Kui Costa August 6
Wally Wong August 6
Cel Ruwethin August 12
Slim McPherson August 26
Lorraine Inouye August 29

Wedding Anniversary:

Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2
Kui & Ryan Costa August 2
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30

Announcements:

Fri. Aug 17
NO MEETING - Admissions Day
Fri. Aug 24
David Howard Donald
The Volcano Project
Fri. Aug 31
Jeff Melrose
HI County Food Self-Sustainability
Baseline Study
Fri. Sept. 7
Club Assembly

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

Rotary Foundations Director **Susan Munro** recognized the following Rotarians:



Gail Takaki with her **Paul Harris Fellow** Plus 1 pin;
Joe Hanley with his **Paul Harris Fellow** Plus 2 pin; and
Helene Tajiri with her **Paul Harris Fellow** Plus 3 pin. **Congratulations All!**

To replace a last minute speaker cancellation, **Bobby Stivers** called on three Rotarians to give vocational talks:

Toshi Aoki: **Toshi** is the owner of Hawaiian Fresh Products, which includes papaya farming and a wholesale papaya business. **Toshi** describes himself as shy and quiet. All fruits that are sent out from Hawaii must be treated for fruit flies by one of three methods... vapor heat, dry heat or irradiation. **Toshi** started his company in 2001. He was sponsored into our club by **Janet Snyder** in 2001. He farms 100 acres of papayas in Pohoiki. He ships 50,000 pounds of papayas each week to Japan and the mainland U.S. **Toshi** has won a gold medal at a national nutrition contest for his papayas. He encouraged members to eat papayas everyday. He cautioned that once a papaya turns yellow, you should eat it within 3 to 4 days. When you buy yellow papayas at the markets, you don't know how many days they've been sitting there since turning yellow.



He guarantees that if we eat his papayas, they will always be fresh. When asked where we can purchase his papayas, **Toshi** answered, "At Mitsukoshi Supermarket in Japan!"

Jeanine Atebara: **Jeanine** has been at her new job as President & CPO of the Hawaii Island United Way for 8 weeks. She shared many of the reasons why she is excited to be a part of the Hawaii Island United Way. HIUW currently helps to fund 53 different health and human service programs administered by 40 non-profit agencies around the Big Island. She's convinced that when members learn more, firsthand, about the 53 programs that serve the underserved on this island, that they will be inspired to give or give



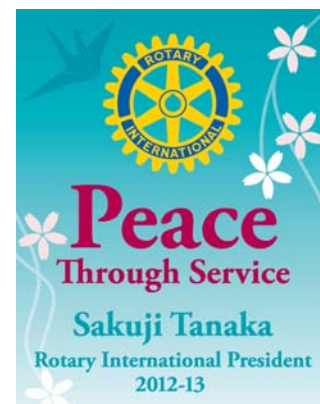
more generously. A few of the programs she highlighted included: American Cancer Society's "Look Good... Feel Better" Enhancement Program that provides wigs, scarves and cosmetics for patients undergoing cancer treatments; Bay Clinic's Diabetes Self Management Education Program; Food Basket's KIDS Back Pack Program that sends kids home with food for dinner or over the weekend to make sure they are fed; and Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii Emergency and Special Needs Program. She reminded everyone that 98 cents of every dollar raised here, stays here on Hawaii Island.

Doug Arnott: **Doug** is the proprietor of Arnott's Lodge and Hiking Adventures in Hilo. He provides affordable lodging, hiking adventures, volcano tours and more. Rather than talk about his business, **Doug** took his 3 minutes of time to advise us to pay attention to TripAdvisor which is a ratings company. If you google them, you'll see that they have websites for all of the major Hawaiian Islands, restaurants on the islands, etc. **Doug** advised everyone who works with the public to be aware of this company and the reviews that customers may post about your business. P.S. Also, if you're in need of the services of an IT person, **Doug** has someone that he highly recommends who is reasonable.



Membership Director Nancy Cabral ended the meeting by offering this new member incentive: For the next 10 new members sponsored into the club, she will pay half of their annual dues! Offer is good until Thanksgiving or until 10 new members are inducted, whichever comes first!

Scott Brand led us in the Four-Way Test. The meeting was then adjourned.



Photos by **Scott Brand**