



# Rotary News *lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: the "Don"

*The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo*

It was a hot and muggy day. As they have done for 93 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship in the bustling port city of Hilo. Greeted with a smile, warm handshake and hug by **Dirk "Inagadda" Yoshina** and **Gay "the Night" Porter**, the Hilo Rotarians happily accepted their badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.



**President Kerry "POTRCOH" Glass** was out fishing in Alaska, so **Past President Sam "I Am" Wallis** stood in for **President Glass** and welcomed us with a big smile, and informed us that there were probably only 2 rotarians left who remembered when he was President in 1981: **Russ "Body" Oda**, and **Bobby "Badge #1" Fujimoto**. **Past President Stew "Navy Seal" Hussey** led us proud patriots in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Past President Sam "I Am"** gave us the inspirational moment by reciting the words of Pastor Charles Swindoll, called Attitude, *the only thing we can change each day to make things better, our attitude*. Then he ordered us to sit down and pay attention.



**Past President Sam "I Am"** then called up **Gay "Da Night" Porter** and **Dirk "Inagadda" Yoshina** to introduce our guests. Visiting us from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Mary Bergier**, and from the Rotary Club of South Hilo, **Keith Marrack**.

Hailing all the way from Bloomington Normal Sunset, Illinois were **Bob** and **Karla Weldon**. Also visiting from Manhattan Beach, California was **Don Jung**. They all gave us a great summary of their respective C l u b ' s

international projects in India and Mexico. Wow, way cool, that's how you Engage Rotary! Aloha **Don, Bob** and **Karla!**



Hilo Rotarians brought several guests. **Misti "Mom" Tyrin** brought her future rotarian son **Luke**, and **Past President Joe "Ford" Hanley** brought his lovely wife **Diana**. Welcome to our extended Rotary family members.



**Past President Sam "I Am"** then took a few steps back in time and informed us that on December 1, 1920, when our club was founded, there 16 original members. The first president was an attorney (awesome!), and then there were representatives from various classifications such as retail hardware, newspaper, express company, steam navigation, department store, engineer, general contractor, auto freight, railway, car dealership, oil and lubrication, insurance, etc. The point being is that we have classifications so we can each bring something different to the club, and we are required to attend our meetings, and these two factors makes Rotary extra special.

**August** is also **Membership month**, according to the latest Rotary Magazine featuring the 6 term Senator from Indiana, **Dick Lugar**. An Eagle Scout (of course), retired Navy vet and former Mayor of Indianapolis, **Dick** was impressed by Rotary because his dad was a Rotarian and told stories of each meeting at the dinner table. A great read in this month's magazine by the way, that way you would know that **President Sam "I Am"** incorrectly identified **Dick Lugar** as President of Rotary International, but hey, the fact that **President Sam "I Am"** only reads the Rotarian magazine for the pictures goes back to his childhood when he used to hide Rotarian magazines under his mattress. But I digress. **President Sam "I am"** went on to tell us how important it is for us to go out and invite new members, much like our one person wrecking crew, **Nancy "Night and DayLum" Cabral**, who does such a bang up job in bringing in new QUALITY members. So get out there gang and **Engage Rotary!** Bring in quality members this month! Don't just look at the pictures in the Rotarian magazine like your other magazines, read the dang articles and **Engage Rotary!**

## Birthdays:

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

## Club Anniversary:

Kui Costa August 6  
Wally Wong August 6  
Cel Ruwethin August 12  
Lorraine Inouye August 28

## Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1  
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2  
Kui & Ryan Costa August 2  
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30

## Announcements:

Fri. Aug. 9 Club Assembly  
Rotary Park Project Update

Thurs. Aug. 15  
Hiroshima South Rotarians Arrive  
Steak Fry/Meeting

Fri. Aug. 16 No Meeting

Fri. Aug. 23 Julie Mitchell, Ex. Dir.  
Ku'ikahi Mediation Center

President .....	Kerry Glass
President Elect .....	Richard Johnson
Immediate Past President .....	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President .....	Alberta Dobbe
Secretary .....	Susan Munro
Treasurer .....	Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Cindy Boots
Membership .....	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations .....	Robert Hanley
Club Administration .....	Tom Brown
Service Projects .....	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations .....	Alan Kusunoki
Club Service .....	Tim Beatty
International Service .....	Steve Yoshida
Community Service .....	Wallace Wong
New Generations .....	Glenn Harris
Vocational Service .....	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation .....	John McVickar
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation .....	Mitchell Dodo
The Rotary Foundation .....	Alan Kusunoki
Attendance .....	Judy Gibson
Greeters .....	Helene Tajiri
Programs .....	Treena Breyfogle
Lava Flow Editor .....	Tammy Silva

**Past President Sam "I Am"** then reminded everyone that on August 15 we will be having special visitors from our Japanese sister club of Hiroshima South. They will come in for our Thursday night steak fry at Wailoa Park. Be there or beware. 6:00 p.m. sharp. Sign up with **Tom "Bussup" Brown** for the Steak Fry and let **Susan "FLOTRCOH" Munro** if you can help out with shuttles and things, and remember, the following night is a potluck at **Helene "Mocha" Tajiri's** house.

**Rand "Ocho" Mundo** also reminded us that on August 6 our Rotary Youth Exchange Student, **Guilmerme Assencio**, will be arriving at 7:21 pm at the Hilo Airport. So if you can help greet him we will be there at the airport by 7:00 at the bottom of the escalator.

**Misti "Mom" Tyrin** and **Sally "Life" O'Brien** announced that the **Labor Day**



**Lobster Shrimp and Veggie Fest** will really be held on Monday, September 2, which is really Labor Day. Really? So plan to be there MONDAY or

beware. **Cindy "Puss 'N" Boots"** encouraged donations to this event because it helps our Rotary General Funds, and as such, is not tax deductible, but hey, come on gang, **Engage Rotary** and just buy the dang tickets! **Sally "Life" O'Brien** encouraged us to join the event committee because it is so fun. With that **Past President Sam "I Am"** recognized **Sally "Life" O'Brien** for celebrating her second 1 year anniversary in the best dang Rotary Club in the state.

**Past President Sam "I Am"** then came out firing, recognizing **Treena "Energizer" Breyfogle** who celebrated a birthday on July 30, as did **Susan "FLOTRCOH" Munro!**



Wow, twins. On August 1, **Corey "SeeYou" Kawamoto** and **Misti "Mom" Tyrin** celebrated birthdays. Wow, Not twins. **Tom "bussup" Brown** and **Delia Brown** celebrated their 32nd anniversary on July 29, 1981. Wow, seems like FOREVER (that's what she said). And **Glenn "Youth Services Chair" Harris** and **Anne Harris** celebrated 15 years together on August 1. Today, August 2, **Kui "Nut" Costa** and **Ryan**

celebrated 21 years of marital bliss. Finally, **Gail "Furikake" Takaki** and **Gordon** celebrated 33 years of having the same last name. Whew!

On to **Happy Dollars**. **Susan "FLOTRCOH" Munro** was happy about her birthday. **Biff "Clemson" Kennedy** was happy to

get a 6:30 a.m. wakeup call from an old friend from Colorado who just learned from an email that **Biff** was stuck in the Philippines, a place he hadn't been to since 1962 (that's what he said). **Sally "Life" O'Brien** was happy that her sponsor was **Nancy "Night and DayLum" Cabral**, and she enjoyed **Stew "Navy Seal" Hussey's** dancing daughter's performance up at Volcano. **Gail "Furikake" Takaki** was happy that her husband turned 60 and they celebrated their



anniversary until late into that night or something like that. **Christine "Not Matt" Dillon** was happy to learn that **Dick Lugar** was thinking of running for the Presidency of Rotary, because she is still a big fan.



**Helen "Funghi" Hemmes** was happy about walking up and down the Eiffle Tower. **Theresa "Pidgin" English** was happy to be the giver of the inspirational moment,



and disappointed that **Past President Sam** did not know about it. **Past President Sam "I Am"** then gave her attitude and said, Hey, nobody told me so have at it! She then gave us a second inspirational moment, of



how we should NOT have an agenda when we communicate with others. Mahalo **Theresa! Trina "Energizer" Breyfogle** was NOT happy about her birthday, but very happy that **Past President Sam "I Am"** was able to find the speaker for the day. However, She was also happy that **Susan "FLOTRCOH" Munro** did some awesome volunteer work on her Ham Radio during the recent storm and single handedly kept the storm from even materializing on our island. That's the Rotary Club of Hilo, performing miracles in Hilo since



December 1, 1920. Our members are simply amazing. **Biff "Clemson" Kennedy** was also happy that **Dick Lugar** was in Indianapolis, and not stuck in the Philippines. Finally, **Past President Sam "I Am"** was happy that as a young man on Kauai he got to meet John Wayne because his father was the plantation doctor and he got to meet EVERYONE.

**Past President Sam "I am"** then introduced our speaker to the rescue, none other than super member **Gail "Furikake"**



**Takaki. Gail** spoke to us about her experience with **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Hawaii**. Big Brothers began in Hawaii in 1963, when Hawaii Judge Gerald R. Corbett summoned a group of civic-minded gentlemen to address a common concern over the rise in cases of "fatherless boys" involved in juvenile delinquency, truancy, and public disturbances. Their solution: establish an organization on Oahu where qualified and dedicated role models could extend themselves to youth in need of guidance and support through one-to-one friendships. **Big Brothers Big Sisters** agencies on the

neighbor islands were similarly formed on Maui in 1968, on Kauai in 2007, and most recently on Hawaii Island in April 2012. **Gail**



said her husband's 8 years of experience as a "Big" on Oahu showed her that this was a program that really made a difference. She showed us a presentation which included highlights of a young boy with a single mom who asked for a mentor because he believed he needed one to teach him how to become a man.

Today, **Big Brothers Big Sisters'** professional staff matches children with volunteer mentors in long-term one-to-one mentoring relationships at schools and in the community. In addition, **Big Brothers Big Sisters** provides ongoing professional support to the children, their parents/guardians, and volunteer "Bigs" throughout the life of the match. The result of these relationships has been proven to have a positive impact in three focus areas: to help youth achieve educational success; avoid risky behaviors; and have higher aspirations and hope for their futures.

Recently, the organization consolidated the **Brothers Big Sisters** programs in Hawaii under a single, statewide agency called **Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii**, with regional offices on Hawaii Island (thanks to **Nancy "Night and DayLum" Cabral** for donating the space!), Kauai, Maui and Oahu. This will increase cost savings in operational areas to support more one-to-one mentoring programs for youth statewide. Each regional office will maintain the identity that is unique to their local island culture while striving to reach people and places that **Big Brothers Big Sisters** has traditionally not served before in Hawaii. So gang, Engage Rotary, become a "Big"! Hey, that sounds so cool.

**Past President Sam "I am"** delivered the hand carved Koa Pen made by **Gerrard "Mac the knife" Carter** and **Gail "Furikake" Takaki** smiled.

Community Service Chair **Wally "Wingman" Wong** then gave us a late announcement about donating school stuff in backpacks, contact **Wally** for more information.



And with that, we finished our Kool Aid and held hands for the **Four Way Test**, led by **Immediate Past President Alan "Crooner" Kusunoki**. And with that, **Past President Sam "I Am"** banged the gong, and we were outta there in no time and that's a fact Jack. See you at the steak fry!



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