



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

After allowing greeters, **Jenny Johnson** and **Doug Arnott** time to extend hugs and handshakes at the door, **President Alan Kusunoki** welcomed the assembled folks with a hearty Aloha Kakou! Out of curiosity, this reporter researched this Hawaiian greeting. Aloha Kakou: Greetings between you and I, or Aloha and thank you for visiting our little piece of Paradise.



(What a great way to share a pleasant experience to all attending)

The assembled Rotarians were lead through the *Pledge of Allegiance* by **Cowboy Kaneshiro**, followed by a Rotary rendition of America the Beautiful. The club is getting somewhat better each week as we're lead through patriotic songs, but there's still much room for improvement.



Gail Takaki shared inspirational thoughts touching on tolerance, understanding and the knowledge to realize the value of embracing every message as a gift. That through the Buddhist golden chain of love, we may all attain perfect peace.

Doug Arnott stepped up to introduce visiting guests and Rotarians. But first he managed to assess visiting Rotarian **Barry Taniguchi** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, a \$5 recognition for having been photographed recently in the HTH hugging **Mayor Billy Kenoi**. **Keith Marrack** of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and **Lindsay Barclay** of Rotary Club of Voclano rounded out the list of visiting Rotarians.

Richard and **Jenny Johnson** sponsored **Tileena Breifogle** as their guest for the day, and **Nancy Cabral** hosted **Connie Kurohara**. **Helene Tajiri** brought along her guest **Kamu Lee** for a 2nd chance to meet and eat with the membership. **Kamu** actually pitched in \$10 happy dollars to share with us that he'd achieved success in the Aflac Corp as just 1 of 2 winners out of 391 agents in Hawaii for a round trip to Las Vegas National Convention hosted at the Winn Hotel. Congratulations **Kamu**!

Special thanks were given to **Jeanine Atebara** and **Scott Brand** for their combined efforts on the last Lava Flow. There were no recognitions for birthdays or wedding anniversaries, but **Doug Arnott** was thanked for sponsoring **Cel Ruwethin's** membership which marked a 1 year anniversary in the club as of August 12th.

Special Announcements:

The club will not be holding the Emballers Ball Fundraiser this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a volunteer to chair the event. The board will be looking at other alternatives for a club fundraiser to be considered by the membership.

August is Membership Month, so please continue to reach out for potential new members.

President Alan also had some Rotary "historical landmarks" to share.

1911 - The National Rotarian was launched (predecessor to The Rotarian)

1916 - Rotary Club in Havana Cuba was established (first non-English speaking club)

1932 - Herbert J. Taylor formulated The Four Way Test

1987 - Women were admitted to Rotary membership...1988 first woman admitted to the **Hilo Rotary Club** was **Nancy Cabral**.

Happiness \$\$ Dollars \$\$:

Alan has asked that \$ be specified to which of the foundations you'd like your monies to be directed to. There are a variety of choices:

The Rotary Foundation (National Foundation)

The Hilo Rotary Club Foundation (our own club)

The Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation -for youth scholarships

Wada Foundation* (for youth exchange with Japan)

***Mitchell Dodo** is chairperson for this foundation, and advised that in spring of 2013 the foundation will be sending 2 Waiakea HS students on a 2 week exchange to Hiroshima.

Helen Hemmes had \$10 Happy/Sad dollars to contribute to the **HRYP**. She and hubby **Don** had just returned from an extended 4,200 mile trip on the mainland and were still on speaking terms, but while traveling, **Don's** 98-year-old mother had passed away. The good news was that they were there already and were able to attend the services and didn't even have to rearrange their travel plans. Now that's planning!

Lorraine Shin chipped in \$50 to the **HRYP**. Her son **BJ Penn** recently opened his new UFC Gym on Oahu, and has plans for hopefully 4 more UFC Gyms throughout the other Hawaiian islands.

Doug Arnott also had \$10 for the **HRYP** for his comments in the Tribune Herald questioning and clarifying the sewer upgrades being implemented along Kalaniana'ole Ave.

Lindsay Barclay of the Volcano Rotary Club announced that their club fundraiser (annual Lobsterfest) will be held on Labor Day, Monday September 3rd at the Wailoa State Park. It will start around 11AM, and tickets are \$50 for 1-1/2# of lobster and all the shrimp you can eat, or \$30 for just shrimp. **Lindsay** added \$10 happy dollars for allowing him to make his announcement. It's a great event.

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 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

Vocational Talks – Getting to know you better!

Cindy Boots was on the agenda for a vocational bio. Having recently retired after 44 years with International Paper, she opted to fill us in on how she evolved into her vocation as a sales professional. **Cindy**



grew up in a small Wisconsin town called Kaukauna, which was only 20 miles south of Green Bay, and that explains why she's an avid Green Bay Packers fan. She grew up in a family of six children, and really had no vocational direction, assuming that she'd get married and have a large family like her parents, as that was the pattern back in the 1960's era. When she took her first job at Thilmany Pulp and Paper (owned by International Paper) she never expected she'd work there as billing clerk/receptionist/sales clerk and inside sales over the next 20 years of her "career". In 1987, she and husband **John** vacationed in Hawaii with friends, and decided to make a lifestyle change, and took a big leap by moving to Oahu. **Cindy** took a job with Ingram Paper selling paper products, and 3 years later she and **John** moved to Hilo, where **Cindy** became the Big Island Sales rep for her company which had been bought out by International Paper. Over the years she's learned to sell a variety of custom packaging to clients all over the island of Hawaii. Hawaii Printing was one of her largest accounts, and she happened to ask **Ed Hara** what Rotary was all about. This happened to be the year that all 3 Rotary Clubs in Hilo were being lead by women presidents. **Cindy** ended up being sponsored by **Ed Hara** for membership, and shared that it's been a great benefit to meet and interact with business professionals of the community who structure their lives and businesses by the 4 Way test. Now that she's retired, she's enjoying having a choice to decide whatever she wants to fill her days, and hopes to do some traveling without having time restrictions.

First woman of Rotary, **Nancy Cabral** shared how she'd worn many and varied "work" hats before she answered an add in the Tribune Herald for a position as a property manager for a local real estate company. Soon after she figured out how the system worked, **Nancy** being a focused businesswoman herself, decided to start her own company. She actually has several companies under her roof. Colwell-



Bankers Real Estate Sales, which is part of a national franchise for buying/selling homes and properties and Day-Lum Rentals and Management, which covers all sorts of properties around the island. **Nancy's** companies assist with managing Condos and Associations, HUD developments, and commercial rentals. Nancy has 24 employees and she enjoys Rotary for what it does for the world, for the community and how it has helped her grow her business too. She shared, that at one point in her life, she found herself homeless and prayed to God for a safe place to call home. Now she has almost 200 homes she can call safe! So her words of wisdom were:

"Be careful what you ask for in your prayers."

Guest Speaker:

David Howard Donald -Volcano House Project



President Alan introduced our speaker, **David Howard Donald**. **David** and his wife founded The Volcano Project in 2008 as a non-profit the run the Volcano House as a hospitality and culinary school targeting residents, veterans and at-risk youth. The program would train employees in the culinary arts, and create staffing jobs to contribute to the economic stability of the Big Island.

The Volcano House Project has been created to operate as a self-sustaining, world-class hotel and culinary institute. This project was targeted to combine returning vets along with at-risk youth to both learn together the art of culinary craft and the hospitality business. Originally **David** and his wife **Anne Lee** had hoped to capture the bid for the concessions at the Volcano House in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Unfortunately, they were not awarded the bid. The Hawaii Volcanoes Lodge Co LLC/Ortega Family/Aqua Resorts won the bid and will take over the concessions at the Volcanoes Lodge which has been non-operational for more than 2-1/2 years.

Having lost the bid, the project is still a very valid concept. **David** and wife **Anne Lee** are now working on Plan B, seeking assistance from businesses and the community to help locate another viable venue on the Big Island, to help to raise funds for scholarships and to keep the project alive and moving forward. Additional information is available on the website: www.volcanohouseproject.org or you can contact **David** by phone at 808-315-7119 or email at info@volcanohouseproject.org.

President Alan presented **David** with a Koa pen made by honorary member **Gerard Carter**.

Newton Chu then regaled the membership with the history of the 4Way Test and lead everyone through that 24 word Slogan we always close our meetings with, and carry with us into our lives and businesses..