



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

August 3, 2012

92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Gay Porter

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



Kicking off the first meeting for August in the Mala Ikena room, **President Alan Kusunoki** gonged the meeting to order, quickly assigning the Pledge of Allegiance. Not missing a musical beat, **Alan** led the club in a patriotic rendition of "America."



Rev. Tom Olcott provided us with thoughtful inspiration for our day and our lives.



Our greeters **Marcia Sakai** and **Celestine Ruwethin** welcomed all and were thanked for a job well done. Special thanks to **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** for last week's Lava Flow and **Jim Cheney** for the photos.

One lone visiting Rotarian was **Karolyn Lundkvist** from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. **Helene Tajiri** introduced her guest, **Kama Lee** with AFLAC and **Stew Hussey** brought **Kenji Tulman** attending the Wharton School of Business. **Rand Mundo's** guests included wife **Jo Ann** and our exchange student from Thailand, **Chotika Tanburana**—introduced as **Fern**.

Good news: no new resignations; not so good news: 4 members still need to pay their dues! Not to sound sexist...but c'mon guys!!!? The BOD met, discussed the Embalmer's Ball which is without a chairperson. **Alan** sent out a plea for anyone interested in taking the helm, with the option of revamping the event but keeping the Halloween theme. **Waiakea Interact** and **Rotaract Clubs** will be involved. **Friday August 17th** – Admissions Day no meeting.

Our Prez also announced that District 5000 is extremely involved in an overall community project called "Have a Rice Day" involving all Hawaii Rotary clubs and the Hawaii Food Bank. Goal is to collect over 200 tons of rice with each Rotarian donating 15 lbs of rice or \$15.00 to make this goal easily achievable.

Kui Costa reported that the Waiakea Interact Club is starting and encouraged all members to participate, including attending board and general meetings. Please refer to **Ed Hara's** earlier email or contact **Ed** or **Kui** for further information.

Thanks to **Bob Hanley** for the table placards announcing future guest speakers. **Christopher Phillips** from Imiloa Astronomy Museum will present "Reach for the Stars" – Afghanistan will be our next speaker.

Birthdays: **Susan Munro** (absent) 7/30, **Corey Kawamoto** and **Misti Tyrin** (absent) 8/1, **Scott Brand** (absent) 8/3. He gave \$10 to **Chris Tamm** requesting no club crooning.

Wedding anniversaries: **Tom (Delia) Brown** 7/29 (absent); **Gail (Gordon) Takaki** 8/2 celebrated with a nice dinner; **Kui (Ryan) Costa** 8/2 celebrated their 20th anniversary, heading to Waikoloa this weekend.

Happiness \$\$\$ - **Karolyn** gave \$10 for charming a service agent who upgraded her to first class from Germany all the way to Hilo! **Cindy Boots** happily contributed \$50 to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** to kick off her retirement after 44 years working for International Paper. 7/31st was her last day. **Congratulations!!!** **Mike Robinson** was \$10 happy for a trip to Pennsylvania, riding motorcycles with his nephew and brother, got to fit in a visit with his daughter and had a great time. **Richard Johnson** forked over \$5 for attending his 50th class reunion in Golden Beach, OR—and after assessing the 18 attendees, **Richard** was very happy at how good HE was doing! Another \$5 for a wonderful visit with his daughter and grandson and a final \$5 for salmon fishing in Alaska with **Kerry Glass** and another buddy...and assorted very BIG fish stories. **Mike Robinson** waved \$1 for **Russ Oda's** quip: "Did you go 'hog' wild?!" Groans could be heard across the room. **Gail Takaki** gave \$25 for sharing the same anniversary as **Kui** and also shared that **Gordon** is a man of few words but has become more eloquent in cards and notes over the years. **Newton Chu** offered \$10, sharing that **Stew's** guest, **Kenji** played on the HHS tennis team with son **Devin** and is doing really well at U Penn. Also, **Newton** spent time in Hanover, NH with his son and put daughter **Stephanie** in grad school. He's broke but had a great time with them. **Helene's** guest **Kama Lee** gave \$5, having just returned from an AFLAC event in Oregon and toured Stone Mountain Park and learned that it commemorate the heroes of the Confederate Army.



Rand Mundo introduced his guests—wife **Jo Ann** and exchange student **Fern** who entertained us in a beautiful lavender native outfit to music and dance. She thanked our Rotary Club and hopes to improve her English while here.



Bobby Stivers-Apiki, our Vocational Service director reminded us of the theme: **Rotary is Business**. We all stood up and squashed/squeezed/twisted our plastic bubbles which sounded amazingly like firecrackers to start off the new year. He reminded us that 1 business card will be pulled each week and featured in our Lava Flow and that the Rotary Code of Conduct flyers are available for pick up and displayed at office or home. **Bobby** was born and raised on

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 10
Christopher Philips, Imiloa
Reach for the Stars - Afghanistan
Fri. Aug 17
No Meeting - Admissions Day
Fri. Aug 24
David Howard Donald
The Volcano Project
Fri. Aug 31
Jeff Melrose, Island Planning
Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline Study

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

Oahu. He has been involved with the YMCA for most of this life, having held every position from janitor to director. When he graduated college, he speak 2 years at the Osaka YMCA and a good chunk of time at the main location across from the Ala Moana Hotel, from 1972 to 2004, when he served as V.P. of programs for all of the YMCAs. Although he retired in August 2004, in September of that year, he was asked to help for a few months at the YMCA in Kona which lengthened to 2 years. He then headed to Hilo in 2010 as CEO there. The largest YMCA in the State has 5,000 members and 5,000 students for after school programs. Much of **Bobby's** life is intertwined with the YMCA but Rotary has also played a role. Many years ago, he served as a camp counselor at Camp Erdman that had a Rotary Hall old dining room fireplace that showcased stones donated by Rotarian Clubs worldwide and participated at a **RYLA** Camp because his YMCA boss was a very active Rotarian. Thanks to **Helen Hemmes** for sponsoring **Bobby** into our club!

Karolyn Lundqvist briefed us on the **Ignite Program**, championed by **DG Chet**. Since we have 69 members, we need 690 points to become a premier club. Mission is membership growth with each Rotarian bringing in at least 1 new member. Rotary is everyone's business if we are to remain a viable and vibrant organization. Young people, retired people, neighbors, friends, family.....It offers personal growth and development, leadership development, public speaking skills, social skills, vocational skills, development of ethics and the OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!!! **DG Chet** requests that each member be involved. There are special Commitment Pins displaying the number of new members we each bring in. A report goes into District every quarter. **Nancy Cabral** is our Membership Chair so we are in good hands. To view the **IGNITE** information on the D5000 website, you must log in as a member. Click on HOME PAGE, then click on the tab **IGNITE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**.



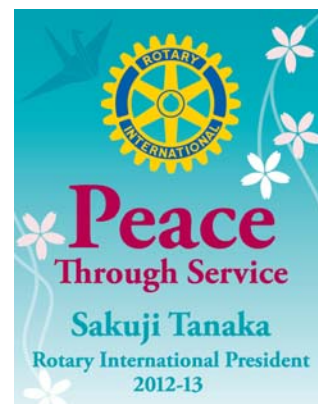
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LAVA FLOW VOCATIONAL SERVICE "SPOTLIGHT":

Rotary is Business!
Vocation Services Spotlight
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EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Photos by **Chris Tamm**





Monday, July 30, 2012

Greeting at airport

Welcome
Chotika Tanburana
"Fern"
to our Ohana!!!

Photos by **Jim Cheney**

