



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

President Alan Kusunoki gonged the meeting to order at 12:05am.

Past President Chuck Porter was called upon to lead us in the Pledge to our Flag.



Past President Helen Hemmes provided our Inspirational moment by quoting Eleanor Roosevelt, Peter Drucker and Confucius. It's from this last one that left a nice thought for most of us: "It's not work if you have a job you love".



Greeters for today were Past President Alberto Dobbe and Kerry Glass.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Kerry volunteered to introduce our visitors and guests, who were: Carol Van Camp, Anita Cunningham and James Leonard from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Arabel Cambor from the Rotary Club of South Hilo
Phil Sammer from the Rotary Club of Waikiki
Ken Jones from the Rotary Club of Stephenville, Texas

Alberta's guest was Kathy Lowder, past Director of the Children's Justice Center. Helene Tajiri's guest was Katherine Anderson from UHH's School of Pharmacy. Kerry's guest was Treena Biershogle (or something like that since the handwriting in the Visitor's Log was really unlegible).

MOMENTS IN ROTARY HISTORY

Pres. K questioned us about our knowledge of Rotary History: Rotary became an international organization in what county and when? Somehow, someway, Past President Jim Cheney correctly guessed Canada in 1912. The first foreign Club was organized that year in Winnipeg soon followed by Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

When was the Rotary Endowment Fund (precursor of the Rotary Foundation) established? 1917

When and where was the 1st Interact Club established? Melbourne, Florida in 1962

When was the 1st Rotary Club established in Russia after the fall of the evil empire? 1990

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Cindy Boots and Chris Tamm for their version of last week's Lava Flow and photographs.

Late arriving (what else is new?) Nancy Cabral reminded us that August, though it is virtually pau, is Membership Month but we are still to continue to strive to attract new members.



Past President Mitchell Dodo announced that the Sullivan Corporate Group and Hawai'i Rotary are having a matching contribution plan for the month of September. When one goes to Sac & Save, Foodland or any Sullivan store, by showing their Maka'i Card and providing the code 77199, those stores will match any contribution you make at that moment up to \$249.00 per person to the Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation. Now is the time to give with Aloha.



Wally Wong is looking for volunteers to help staff an Ironman Aid station in Hawi from 9:00am – 3:00pm on October 13th. This is the turnaround point for one of the races where each participant gets something for competing up to this point. This is a good community project for watching people exercise themselves into complete exhaustion.



Anita Cunningham then tried hawking tickets to their Club's annual Octoberfest, which will be held the night before the Ironman above, on October 12th, at Auntie Sally's Luau House. All food you can eat and all the beer and wine you can drink along with games and prizes are available to anyone entering with a \$45.00 ticket. See her or anyone from their Club if you are interested.



Doug Arnott's phone just rang resulting in him leaving the room to take the call. In his absence, he was fined \$5.00 and reminded by Pres. K that all cell phones should be turned off during our meetings.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

On 08/27 Sandy Song celebrated her 7th birthday. In trying to forget it she gave \$20.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

Jerry Watanabe's (not present) birthday was 08/28.

Jenny and Richard Johnson celebrated a wedding anniversary together on 08/30 even though they were not sitting together. Jenny gave \$43.00 to the RF and Richard contributed \$50.00 also for the opportunity to be sleeping with a Rotarian.

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. Sept. 7
Club Assembly
Fri. Sept. 14
Karen Rowland
Medicare 101
Fri. Sept. 21
Dave Berry
District 5000 Foundation
Thurs. Sept. 27
Club Social - Wailoa Park TBA
Fri. Sept. 28
No Meeting

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

Lorraine Inouye was brought into the Club on 08/29 by Donna Chalmers. She was \$25.00 happy for this event.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Past President Chuck Potter, attending today though thinking he is on an authorized Leave of Absence, commenced to tell us about his trip to Oklahoma and Texas and blah, blah, blah, blah, it went on and on talking about cars, his friend's divorce, blah, blah, blah, game room, robbing a bank, shooting a prowler, blah, blah, blah and in the process referred to Past President Newton Chu commenting about nipple rings at Pres. K's installation ceremony, blah, blah, blah (man will it never end????). For all this, Chuck only wanted to pay \$10.00 but the Club embarrassed him into upping it up to \$30.00, calling him the next coming of Past President Stew Hussey.

Anita contributed some money for some reason but, by this time, this reporter was so out of it after listening to Chuck, he never picked up on why or how much.

Phil Sammer was \$20.00 happy to be in Hilo (his 1st time being at a meeting over here) and for all his years in Rotary. He also met Pres. K in a 6-hour layover at the Narita Airport years ago and got to know him very well.

Doug gave \$5.00 more after buying a new 24 passenger bus in Honolulu and sweet talking the Young Brothers clerk over there in getting it barged over to Hilo without having a reservation. This bus has 6 tires and not the usual 4 his vans have so this should make Chuck happy sometime in the future.



Chris Tamm had to comment about Chuck's resemblance to Stew, to the tune of \$5.00.



Newton confessed to not remembering anything about the nipple ring story but thought it did concern Past President Joe Hanley. He is also glad to be in a "swinging"

Club where fellow Rotarians get to sleep with each other (referring to Richard and Jenny).



PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

Susan Munro presented PHF award pins to Randy Hart

and a



PHF +1 to Ted Dixon.

GUEST SPEAKER

And since she was already up in front, Susan read to introduction to our Guest Speaker, who many of us know already with him being a past member of this Club, Jeff Melrose.



His topic and interesting slide presentation was about the possibility of Hawai'i County Food Self-Sustainability and its baseline study to see if this has any chance. The County's formal study has won awards for its depth and understanding of the problems of making us self sufficient.

This sustainability concept has been around for a long time with people and government kicking around the idea as to why or why not. In olden Hawaii there were only about 9 basic food items so sustainability was a given back then because of the isolation. Now because of the mobility and accessibility options, everyone is sort of global dependent all a wide variety of food items. Its much more difficult to reach self-reliance.

What are we eating? There are no studies that individualize Hawai'i so he followed the National model about what people eat. On this island alone, there are almost 630,000 meals a day (3 per day for the residents, tourists and military) so you can see how the information gets daunting.

Part of the question involves who makes the food decisions about what we eat. 53% of our meals are at home versus the 47% on the outside. Food is broken down into 11 basic types: milk, dairy products, beef, other animals, poultry & eggs, nuts, veggies, starch, fruit, and grains.

Most milk on the Big Island is local and if you look on the cartons, you should see the code number 1506 which means it was processed and packaged here. 17% of beef we consume is locally grown and processed. Agricultural land use is on about 1.1 million acres of which 4% is for crops, 54% for pasture purposes, 2% commercial and the rest falls into all sorts of miscellaneous categories, mostly macnuts and papayas, with lots of sweet potatoes falling into that category.

Most of the farms are around Waimea because of the irrigation system. Hamakua doesn't have many because of the lack of irrigated water. South Hilo obviously depends on rainfall. Lower Puna and Kona supply the bulk of the papaya, macnuts and coffee. Depending on the area of farmland will

determine which of the 11 basic types of foods get grown or developed. The irrigation system can only do so much in feeding the other areas apart from Waimea and the 553,100 acres of pasture land make irrigation for them untenable.

For Real Property Tax purposes, 11,000 parcels (or farms) get taxed. We are basically a small farm world here on this island. Other products and activities help supply additional food – Ocean Resources and Fishing, Forest and Recreational Hunting (mainly for pigs and some deer) – but all depend on various issues and laws which affect their particular activity directly.

Jeff distributed a flyer which listed 100 ways to make a difference and if anyone is really interested in getting more and detailed information about self-sufficiency, there are websites that can be visited and downloaded.

With this, he answered a few questions from us



and then Pres. K presented Jeff with a koa pen as made by Gerard Carter.

Jenny honored us by leading us in the recitation of the 4-way test and then Pres. K gonged the meeting to a close

See you all next week.
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Interact Meeting - August 28, 2012

Bobby, Judy, Kui, Sally, Yoko & Gail

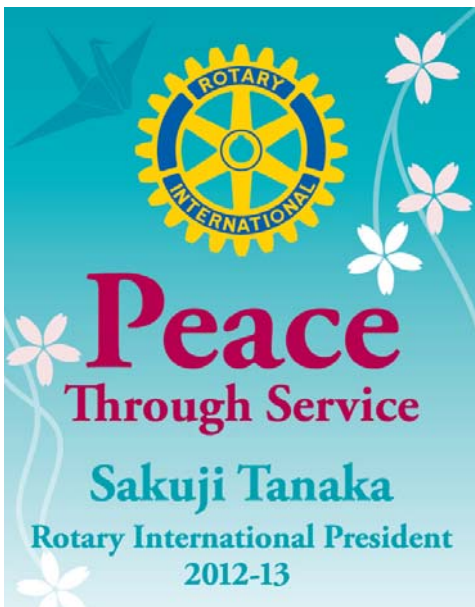
Also on committee: **Cindy, Theresa, Mitchell**



Anyone else want to join us? Contact **Kui** or **Ed**



Interact photos by **Ed Hara**



EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

