



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Opening Action

On Friday, August 9, 2013 attendees of the Rotary Club of Hilo's meeting was provided with a warm welcome from greeters, **Helene Tajiri** and **Jean Sugiyama**. **President Kerry Glass** called the weekly meeting to order, and **Cel Ruwethin** lead the group in the beloved Pledge of Allegiance to our wonderful country's flag. Following the pledge, **Lorraine Shin** inspired the group with an enjoyable tale that ignited cheers and laughter from the attending crowd.



Inspirational Anecdote

A man worked at the post office processing mail with illegible addresses. One day a letter came across his desk, addressed in shaky handwriting, 'To God'. He thought, I better open this letter, and see what it is all about. So he opened it, and it read, "Dear God, I am an 83 year old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday, someone stole my purse. It had a hundred dollars in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and I had invited my two oldest friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with; I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?"

The postal worker was touched, and went around showing the letter to all the others. Each dug into their wallets and raised a total of \$96. He put it into an envelope, and sent it to her. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a "warm glow" thinking of the nice thing they had done.

Mother's Day came and went, and a few days later, another letter was sent, 'To God'. All of the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read,

"Dear God, how can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to fix a lovely dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing. It was no doubt those thieving bastards at the post office!!!"

Special Thanks

- Recognition was given to meeting greeters, **Helene Tajiri** and **Jean Sugiyama** for their warmhearted reception of all meeting attendees. Mahalo for taking the time to welcome your fellow Rotarians.
- Appreciation was also expressed to the previous week's Lava Flow reporter and photographer, **Newton Chu** and **Bob Hanley**. Thank you very much for your time, dedication, and for a job well done!

Warm Welcome to Visiting Rotarians and Guests

- Greeter **Jean** read the guest list and it was delightful to welcome visiting guests of our very own Rotarians:

Member **Sam Wallis** – **Richard Wallis** (**Sam's** cousin). According to **Sam**, his cousin, **Richard Wallis**, is a 1978 graduate of St. Louis. It is his (**Richard's**) dad that brought **Sam** into the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. During their younger days, **Sam's** father went around town introducing **Richard** as his son from a previous marriage. This was a familial joke that everyone, except for **Sam's** mother, thought was funny...Who would have thought???



Member **Rand Mundo** – **Joann Mundo** (wife) and **Gui** (exchange student from Brazil).



President Kerry Glass – **Christina Dhillon**. **President Kerry** recognized **Christina** as an extra special guest; she was identified as a previous member and a soon to be installed member. This is really special for **President Kerry**



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:

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

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| 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 |

because he is also her membership sponsor. **President Kerry** acknowledged that **Christina** knows service above self and has, on several occasions, been tagged as a super member. **President Kerry** expressed that the Board's doubt about inducting **Christina**, as speculated by **Mitch Dodo**, may have indeed been correct when **Christina** "supposedly" accepted the Rotarian ways of living one's life... Good call, **Mitch**? Following **Christina's** reinstatement process, the group was treated to an onsite wrestling match as **President Kerry** pinned **Christina** with her newly acquired Rotary pin, and, in return, **Christina** pinned **President Kerry** with his very first sponsor pin. Way to go Prez!!! **Christina's** fellow Rotarians



stood and hailed the new member induction event with a hospitable applause, and she was also provided with her very own welcoming packet that consisted of a certificate of membership, new member ribbon, car decal, theme pin, and the 4-Way Test written in both English and Hawaiian languages (courtesy of Day-Lum Properties...thank you very much **Nancy Cabral**)... We really are a giving team.

Alaska Fishing

President Kerry expressed a heartfelt thanks to **Sam Wallis** for making his (**President Kerry's**) much needed Alaskan fishing trip possible by walking in his shoes and filling in for our club's meetings. During this memorable trip, **Richard** caught a huge 165# halibut... Will this catch be served at the upcoming Lobster Fest???? **President Kerry** and **Richard** have shared 10 years of fishing memories... And there's many more fishing trips to make and fishing tales to tell. What a team!!!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

for the **Rotary Club of Hilo**... (There is ALWAYS something to do if you're a Rotarian or if you know one!)

Hiroshima South Visit

Thursday, 8/15/13

-3:05 p.m. 16 adults and 9 children arrive in Hilo

- "Meet & Greet" help needed at Hilo Airport; members are requested to park in the gravel lot at the far end of the airport where taxis wait for pickups. **Judy Gibson** plans to contact airport security and obtain permits for vehicles. Greeters will meet the visitors at the bottom of the escalator and give them a real **ALOHA SPIRIT** arrival. Transporters may then relocate their vehicles to the paved lot that is much closer to the airport building. Visitors need to be transported to the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

-5:30 p.m. Welcome Steak Fry at Wailoa State Park

-5:45 p.m. - Volunteers are also requested to help pick up and transport our guests to the Steak Fry event at Wailoa State Park, and helpers are also needed to return our guests to the hotel following the Steak Fry event.

- **Judy Gibson** identified that any assistance provided from members of our club for the **Hiroshima South** visit guests will count toward attendance makeup credit.

- Calling ALL helpers... another chance for GIGANTIC makeup credit will be given to members who can aid in taking 4 Japanese visitors to Mauna Kea in a 4-wheel drive vehicle... Question: **Judy**, does this count as attendance credit for the rest of the fiscal year???

- According to **Tom**, there are close to 90 people who will be attending the steak fry event... Talk about reeling them in... We can sure spark a terrific turn out!

- **Theresa English** stood and announced her double booking for the Steak Fry event; she has been scheduled as the Steak Fry's Lava Flow reporter, but, due to her commitment to our club and her many gifted talents, she has been solicited by **Judy** to help in another way at the festive event. **Theresa's** plea for a reporter replacement was answered by **Tammy H. Silva** on the premise that all of her (**Tammy's**) missed

attendance would be wiped out with a clean slate. **Tammy's** wishes were granted by **President Kerry** and **Judith Gibson**.

-Nevertheless, former member, **Doug Arnott**, has donated the use of his van... Once a Rotarian, always a Rotarian... Thank you, **Doug**, for continuing to exhibit service above self.

Friday, 8/16/13

-Golf and touring for adults

-6:00 p.m. Farewell Pot Luck at **Helene Tajiri's** house; drivers are needed to help pick up a total of 12 guests at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel and transport them to **Helene Tajiri's** house for a potluck dinner and social... This sounds like loads of fun, fun, fun.

Saturday, 8/17/13

-Visiting adults leave for Kona

-Children remain in Hilo until Monday morning, 8/19/13

• Lobster Fest with the Rotary Club of Volcano

Monday, 9/02/13 – BE AWARE THAT THE TICKETS REFLECT THE INCORRECT DATE OF 9/03/13; therefore, please be sure to change the date on the tickets that you sell or inform the individuals who have already purchased tickets to this mouthwatering event.

According to **President Kerry**, the lobster will be cold if you show up on the 3rd of September... So please communicate the date change to everyone and their mother.

Lobster Fest HELP is needed:

1) Sell tickets – Please contact **Misti Tyrin** at Misti@daylum.com

2) Gather silent auction items – Please contact **Cindy Boots** at alohabts@hawaiiantel.net or **Sally O'Brien** at Sobrien27@hawaii.rr.com if you have donation items

3) Make salads – See below... THANK YOU KTA SUPERSTORES

4) 4-5 volunteers required on event day
* We (OUR CLUB) get profits from what we sell

Nancy to the rescue... A salad

donation was needed for the event, and **Nancy Cabral** identified that she happened to be at the right place at the right time and ran into **Barry Taniguchi**. She told him of the need for a tasty salad to make the **Lobster Fest** complete and pleasing to everyone's taste buds. True to the KTA philosophy with ongoing "commitment to humbly serve the people of our community," **Barry** suggested that a donation request letter be written and addressed to him (**Barry**) and the salad for the **Lobster Fest** will be donated by KTA Superstores.

Unlike the **Brew Fest**, buying tickets to attend the **Lobster Fest** is like donating monies directly to the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. Proceeds from the silent auction goes directly to our club; however, it is not tax deductible... The monies go directly into Secretary **Corey Kawamoto's** checking account... HEY... We are going to ask CU Hawaii for an audit!!! As for the **Brew Fest**, all raised funds go directly to the Foundation instead of our club.

• **Membership & Foundation Seminar**
Saturday, 11/02/13 – Mark your calendars and save the date

• **Rotary Hump Day** Wednesday
Wednesday, 8/14/13, at 5:30 p.m.
Located at Palms Karaoke Bar
Various Rotary Clubs get to drink and make-up; attending this event counts as attendance make-up credit



Robert Fox asked, "How did the name **Hump Day** come about?" **President Kerry** answered, "It's called **Hump Day** since it's the middle of the month"

Club Birthday & Anniversaries Celebrations and

• Birthday Celebrations - There are no celebrations this week
• Anniversaries - There are no anniversary celebrations this week
• Club Anniversaries

Kui Costa & Wally Wong celebrated 3 years of club service

They were both inducted on 8/06/13... Way to go gang! According to the

duo, 3 years seems like forever

Happy Dollars

• **Glenn Harris** was a \$100 happy for his son's new business endeavor, for his part-time position at Windermere, and he was elated about having a plumber come out to Ninole to fix his pipes... **Glenn**, for faster service, you can reach **Nancy** at nancyc@daylum.com ?



• **Joe Hanley** generously displayed his gratitude for his son becoming a sniper in the United States of America Army and he celebrated with \$20 happy dollars; additionally he contributed \$50 for **Joe** the 3rd's **Paul Harris**. Way to go!!!

• **Robert Fox** was \$5 happy sine **Joe Hanley** was so kind as to have introduced him (**Robert**) to a young lady who took the time to talk to him, ask him if he was warm enough, and was so kind as to ask him what his favorite radio station was... He verbalized that she might really like him... This certainly sounds like a match made in heaven, **Bob**... She might like you even better if you supported **Joe** and bought a car.

• **Mitch Roth** was \$20 happy for the recent success of his older daughter... "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him" ~ Proverbs



23:24.

• **Gail Takaki** celebrated with \$5 happy dollars for the success of the most recent Big Brother and Big Sister bowling event at Hilo Lanes, held on Saturday, 8/03/13.



• **Russ Oda** was \$100 happy for his wife finally returning home from a lengthy trip away from him... OOPS... home (this donation will be directed to **Paul Harris** for his grandson, **Reese Ching**). Now he can eat a home cooked meal instead of bothering **Naomi Menor** at her work office



to solicit HOW TO cook ideas. However, to display her paralleled delight, **Naomi** donated a whopping \$100 to partake in rejoicing in **Russ'** wife's return. **Naomi**, it might have been easier to have given **Russ** the \$100 for a drive thru meal instead...This is a good tip for **Russ'** wife's next planned vacation ?

- **President Kerry** was \$20 happy dollars thrilled to be able to escape to his Alaskan fishing trip and to have **Sam Wallis** cover the group meeting in his absence, having self-caught fish in his freezer, and having his installation picture in the Hilo Tribune Herald...That's a heck of a lot to be cheery about, and it's always good to take a much needed break...But shouldn't you have scheduled this trip after your term is over??? Just ask **Alan Kusunoki** who is experiencing post-presidency blues...Just joking, **Alan**.



Anyhow, like **Naomi Menor**...**Sam Wallis** was equally (\$20) as happy as **President Kerry** for the load of trust awarded him from **President Kerry** and our group.

- To revel in his three-year club anniversary, **Wally Wong** was \$10 happy for the **Rotary Club of Hilo** sponsorship of **Tom Brown**. He was even grateful for taking the lead



in the **SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT** for needy school-aged children. **Wally** was overwhelmed with delight and feelings of joy when he delivered 2 backpacks full of school supplies to various schools (private and public). He even got to shop for the school supplies himself, and had the pleasure of making new acquaintances; sales associates at the stores knew him by name and were very



helpful in securing the much needed educational supplies.

There are a total of 9 backpack projects that need to be purchased and delivered to local schools...PLEASE SEE **WALLY TO SUPPORT THIS VALUED AND REWARDING PROJECT**...Please adopt a school. According to **Wally**, "Teachers and principals know us as Rotarians, and not people who come once a year." These are the schools that our club has gifted dictionaries to.

- In support of **Wally Wong's** backpack project, **Nancy Cabral** donated \$10 happy dollars, as she identified that she cannot figure out what the list of supplies means; however, she is very content in helping children in another way...She is willing to bestow them with much needed monetary donations.



- Nevertheless, gratitude is bestowed upon **Cindy Boots** for collecting and keeping track of **HAPPY DOLLARS** and monetary contributions shared by benevolent members at this week's gathering.

Guest Speaker and Group Activity

- The group welcomed an exchange student, **Gui**, from Sao Paulo, the largest city in Brazil. **Gui** identified that his father is a proud Rotarian within a group of 36 members that consist of just 1 woman...WOW!!! To enrich **Gui's** Hawaii experience, **Rand Mundo** humbly asked that his fellow Rotarians consider inviting **Gui** to special events such as baby luaus. In the true ALOHA SPIRIT of giving, **Gui** came well prepared with a flag from Brazil and his father's club banner; in return, **President Kerry** reflected the hospitality by providing **Gui** with our own club banner. **Gui** thanked the crowd for this educational opportunity, and he identified that he is very happy to learn our culture and improve upon his English language speaking.



- Credit was given to **Glen Harris** for blessing our team with the idea to break into committee groups; giving everyone a choice to pick a group, sit, and chat up ideas and experiences that may be beneficial to help promote our club and to further develop our already existing working groups.

- This interactive event was fun and provided members with an opportunity to meet, greet, and mingle with consociates and not so familiar members to establish newly found relationships within the club.
- **President Kerry** despised having to stop the ongoing flow of creative thinking and exciting conversations that took place during this team building exercise, as it solicited stimulating ideas and provoked planning among group members.

Conclusion

Per **President Kerry** **REMINDER**...NO FRIDAY MEETING NEXT WEEK, 8/16/13, due to the Steak Fry event on Thursday, 8/15/13, at Wailoa State Park; however, to get things going...**Nancy Cabral** asked if Rotarians were required to attend this planned event, or was this a black out week. "No, no, no," said **President Kerry**. In response, **Nancy** suggested that she purchase attendance credit...Nice try negotiating, **Nancy** ?

- To conclude our meeting and put a jump start on our weekend, **President Kerry** asked fellow Rotarian, **Mitch Roth**, to lead us with the guiding principles of Rotary in reciting the **Four-Way Test** (Rotary International, 2012).

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