

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

### Holiday Greetings!!!

On this beautiful Friday afternoon, 12/19/14 (our very last Rotary Club of Hilo meeting for 2014)... **Mitch Dodo** filled in for President **Richard Johnson** & was well suited for the occasion in his Santa Claus pictorial garb. **Mitch** greeted the attendees by tattling on **Connie Kurohara**... putting the blame on her for his cheerful Christmas attire... Upon seeing him, **Connie** reminded him that he was NOT festive enough to lead the Rotary crew.



After bullying **Connie**, **Mitch** ordered **Wally Wong**, President Elect, to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance... Go easy **Mitch**... LOL... Thank you **Wally** ?

### Words of Inspiration:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Treena Breyfogle** delivered interesting words of wisdom; however, **Treena** claims that she is a cynic &, in the past, she has turned down **Alberta Dobbe** when requested to share wisdom with the crowd... We sure hope that this will open the doors for **Treena** to share more in the future:



- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
  - Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?
  - What if there were no hypothetical questions? (A hypothetical question)
  - If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
  - Is there another word for synonym?
  - If you try to fail, & succeed, which have you done?
  - Don't sweat the petty things & don't pet the sweaty things... (Okay...okay...**Treena** was reminded to keep it G-Rated due to visitors & a child in the house... LOL)
  - What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
  - If you ate both pasta & antipasto, would you still be hungry?
  - One nice thing about egotist - they don't talk about other people.
  - Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
  - Why are hemorrhoids called hemorrhoids instead of "ASteroids"? (Hey now... Hey now... **Treena** got the looks for this second offense :)
  - The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live...
- (Santa must have **Treena's** address, **Tammy's** address, & definitely knows his way to **Nancy Cabral's** place... Hehehehe!!!)

Mr. Step-In-President, **Mitch Dodo**, hinted that our beloved **Treena Breyfogle** is on her way to replacing our very own scandalous **Russ Oda**.

### Introductions:

Big M-A-H-A-L-O to **Jim Cheney** & **Sally O'Brien** for greeting everyone with their hospitality & beautiful smiles.

Greeter - **Jim Cheney** took the liberty of introducing our guests...

- Rotarians **Arabel Cambor** & **Phoebe Lambeth** of Rotary Club of South Hilo

- **Gail Takaki** had 2 guests, **Kelly Yamane** & her boyfried - **Robert Pipes**. **Gail** met **Kelly** when she was the president of Rotoract at the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH). **Kelly** has since joined Big Brothers & Big Sisters. She is also a recent chemistry graduate of UHH & will immediately begin work on the west side of the island as a chemist. GO GIRL!!!



- On the other hand, BAD BOY - **Corey Kawamoto**, was inattentive & had to be prompted by **Tim Beatty** to introduce his guest, **Lisa Rantz**... Ooops!!!

- Newcomer, **Tina Jimenez**, introduced her husband, **Tom Jimenez**.

- Recorded as a guest; however, everyone is familiar with **Rick Newkold**... "Ricky don't lose that number..." ~ Steely Dan



- **Yoko Hayano** brought her son, **Hikaru Hayano**, to our club meeting... Welcome **Hikaru**!



### Announcements:

•Everyone was reminded that December is dedicated to our families... Bring your loved ones to our club meetings

At this time, **Mitch Dodo** identified that he would keep his portion of the meeting is short & sweet, as he "was told by the powers that be to keep it short"... **Mitch**, were you threatened??? We can all dismiss it as a threat because it is within compliance of The Four-Way Test... #4 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Hehehehehe



•Also, NO MEETING on Friday, 1/2/15... Upon pointing out these breaks, **Mitch** was interrupted by the sound of applause from the crowd... Someone verbalized that this was "the best gift ever"... Hey, these meetings aren't so bad ?

•Rotary Club of Hilo Board Meeting - Wednesday, 1/14/15, at Hilo Rice Noodles

•**Cindy Boots** announced that students of Interact voted to do another garage sale at **Yoko Hayano's** home on Saturday, 1/24/15. Please accumulate garage sale items to donate to this worthy event

Birthdays:

Kui Costa December 12  
Eddie Hara December 24  
Gay Porter December 31

Club Anniversary:

Russ Oda December 2, 1966 (48)  
Jim Cheney December 8, 1988 (26)  
Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (11)

Wedding Anniversary:

Russ & Aki Oda Dec. 14 (62)  
Ron & Glynnis Dolan Dec. 22 (41)  
Wally & Malia Wong Dec. 22 (21)  
Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan Dec. 27 (6)

Announcements:

Fri. January 2 - No Meeting  
Fri. January 9 - Kaohinani Miyashiro  
Hope Services Hawaii  
Fri. January 16 - Club Administrative Day

President ..... Richard Johnson  
President Elect ..... Wally Wong  
Immediate Past President ..... Kerry Glass  
Vice President ..... Mitchell Dodo  
Secretary ..... Susan Munro  
Treasurer ..... Corey Kawamoto  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Cindy Boots  
Membership ..... Christina Dhillon  
Public Relations ..... Alberta Dobbe  
Rotary Foundations ..... Alan Kusunoki  
Club Service ..... Tom Brown  
International Service ..... Jenny Johnson  
Community Service ..... Misti Tyrin  
Youth Service ..... Glenn Harris  
Vocational Service ..... Biff Kennedy

•Also, please sign up to participate in & attend the Interact general meetings that are held every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Waiakea High School library

•**Alberta Dobbe** requested that attending Rotarian's kindly donate money to be given to our regular weekly meeting wait staff... "No-one has ever become poor by giving" - Anne Frank

Anniversaries:

•**Russ Oda** celebrated 62 years of marriage on 12/14/14... You must be doing something right!  
•**Steve Handy** has dedicated 11 years to the club on the day of the meeting... Way to go!

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$:

•**Jeanine Atebara** generously donated on behalf of Duck fans everywhere in honor of 2014 Heisman Trophy winner, **Marcus Mariota** & his parents

•**John McVickar** donated an additional dollar for **Marcus Mariota** as well

•**Cindy Boots** unleashed \$5 for the runner-up of the Heisman Trophy

•**Stew Hussey** more than made up for his absence for the previous meeting; thus, missing out on taking photos of the meeting as scheduled... That's okay **Stew**?... However, Substitute President - **Mitch Dodo** reluctantly gave **Stew** the microphone & was sure to warn **Stew** about time constraints... (lol... what's good for the goose is good for the gander... weren't you warned earlier about time constraints, **Mitch**?) During his speech, **Stew** identified that he was late to the meeting & had to catch a ride, he does not like to leave meetings early, he missed the photo shoot last week, & he was grateful for a wonderful season

•**Yoko Hayano** was \$10 happy for completing the Honolulu Marathon. When asked who was faster (her or her husband), she stated that she held the lead; however, he caught up to her & they finished the race together

Game Time:

**Treena Breyfogle, Cindy Boots, & Alberta Dobbe** was credited for taking the time to plan our



festive meeting full of fun-filled games. Thank you LADIES?

Various Christmas songs were played & attendees were to fill in the blanks for the edited words. The first song was not familiar to most attendees, as it was popular before most Rotarians were even born... lol... cute.

Visitor, **Lisa Rantz**, was the winner of a Subway coupon for guessing... "Run, run Rudolph, Santa's got to make it to TOWN"... GO **LISA** & THANK YOU **STEVE**... Your Subway coupons really came in "**Handy**" ?

The next game was creatively coined by Alberta Dobbe...

•Every table had a teddy bear  
•Each member of the table was to kiss the bear & pass it onto the next person (Hey... what about infection control?)

•When each member of the table kissed the bear, the first person was to kiss the person to his or her left in the area of which he or she kissed the bear... Like **Treena, Alberta** was warned to keep it clean since there's visitors & children in the room

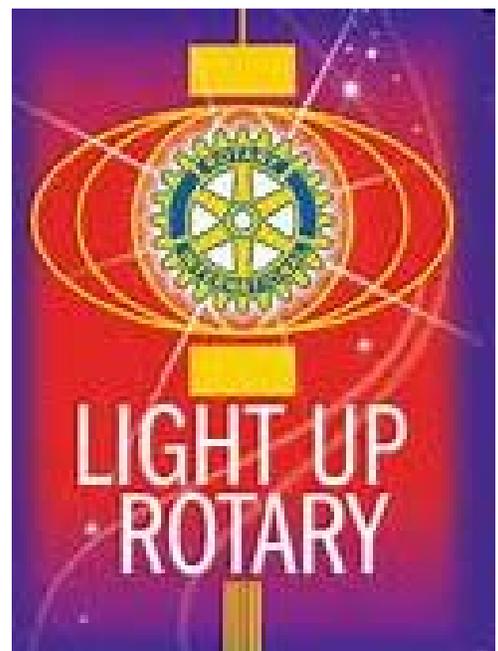
•**Alberta** identified that she borrowed the bears from the Children's Justice Center

A game of Christmas Trivia was played. Each table was given their own set of Christmas questions to answer... NO COMPUTERS ALLOWED! Nevertheless, being the teacher that she is,



**Treena Breyfogle** is used to walking around & observing individuals. **Treena** busted Lava Flow reporter - **Tammy H. Silva** with her iPad;

**Tammy** reminded **Treena** that use of the iPad was solely for note taking & reporting... LOL. In the end, 3 out of the 6 tables got every answer correct. Way to go! Each winner received Subway coupons... YUM YUM YUM!!!



Photos by **Helen Hemmes**

The last game required each attendee to place a paper plate on his or her head & draw a Christmas tree with ornaments, fire place with a mantel next to the tree, stocking on the mantel, & a gift to be positioned under the tree (drawn in this exact order with the paper plate on your head). Each table was to select the best work of art for the overall judging. To our surprise, **Nancy Cabral** won... Her



work of art was not only drawn & positioned appropriately... It was colorful too! How could that be when each table member was only given 1 colored pen??? In the end, **Nancy** admitted to bullying members of the Bad Boys Club out of their colored pens... Too funny & quite appropriate since **Nancy's** profession involves negotiating.

Midway through the meeting & games, **Mitch Dodo** was interrupted by a visiting Simi Valley Rotarian, **Michael McQueen**... aka **Mike**. **Mike** pointed out the major traffic issues from Pahoa to Hilo for his tardiness to our club meeting. **Mike** was vacationing in Kapoho stating, "We got blown out by the hurricane & now we are watching the lava." Yes, **Mike**, we've got it all... Sun, snow, & lava.

By way of the coconut wireless communication, **Mitch Dodo** was informed by **Kerry Glass** that the Rotary Club of Hilo, once again, trumped the Rotary Club of South Hilo in securing the most monetary contributions during the bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday, 12/13/14... Way to go HILO... We get the lilikoi butter!!!



**Conclusion:**

Attending Rotarians took this special time to recognize our wait staff of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel... **Kealoha, Dwayne, & Joshua**. These individuals are



very attentive & always friendly. They were presented with a total of \$564 to distribute amongst the three of them. In addition, **Sally O'Brien** contributed an additional \$12, & **Nancy Cabral** added another \$3.

To conclude the festivities, **Kealoha** led the group in the **Rotary Club of Hilo's "Numbuh One Day of Christmas"** song. Each table was given 2 signs to sing the chorus; tablemates were to stand & sing when their numbers came up within the song. To our surprise, the Bad Boys & Naughty Girl (**Nancy Cabral**) Club possessed the 2 signs that were most becoming of the group: 5 beeg fat pig & 10 cans of beers. Someone asked if the group chose their numbers; however, **Mitch Dodo** pointed out that it seems to be the most appropriate. Way too funny!!!

Concluding the meeting, **Mitch Dodo** thanked **Treena Breyfogle, Cindy Boots, & Alberta Dobbe** for organizing this meeting & making his job as the fill-in easy. To top it off, visitor **Mike McQueen** promised give the full report upon his return to Simi Valley... Oops!!! Keep it clean, **Mike**.

In a non-traditional order, **Treena Breyfogle** lead the group in **The 4-Way Test**...

4, 2, 5, 1, 3 ?