



# Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

December 6, 2013

93 Years of Service

Reporter: Jim Kennedy

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President Kerry Glass called the meeting to order and invited **Jenney Johnson** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kerry** then thanked scribe **Ted Dixon** and photographer **Mitch Dodo** for the previous week's excellent Lava Flow

### Inspiration

In honor of the memory Nelson Mandela and his profound impact on human decency, **Jean Sugiyama** presented a brief video clip of the old (1875) British poem, Invictus, which declared **Nelson's** personal position while enduring his 25 years of imprisonment. It was summed up in the poem's final words, "I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul."



### Visiting Rotarians

President **Kerry** thanked **Nancy Cabral** and **Kathleen McGilvray** for welcoming both arriving members and guests. **Kathleen** introduced **Richard Cunningham** from the Hilo Bay Club, as well as South Hilo members **Phoebe Lambeth**, **Iris Shepard**, and **Ning Wang-Sugai**. She also introduced **Cheryl Phillips** from the Crystal River (FL) Rotary Club, and her husband **John**, who were guests of **Helene Tajiri**. They are planning to finally return to Hilo to live, and she looks forward to an invitation to transfer to our Club



### Guest of Rotarians

**Gail Takaki** introduced her guest **Teresa Wallace**. **Biff Kennedy** introduced his son **Matt**, and **Lorraine Shin** introduced BJ Penn's father, **Jay Penn**.



### Announcements



**Lorraine Shin** and **Judy Gibson** have adopted an Angel Tree family and offered the members the opportunity to join them in providing a nice Christmas for the single mother, soon to finish college, and her six



children.



**Misti Tyrin**, who apparently has adopted a rather unique nom de plume in order to attract more interest in the **2014 Hilo Brewfest** (too racy to mention here), announced that the Brewfest steering committee is considering the possibility of broadening the programs that the event supports. Club members are invited to make suggestions and comments.

The **Read Aloud** team led by **Glenn Harris** is about to get underway. There is plenty of room for others who would like to participate. Just get in touch with **Glenn** ASAP.



**Alan Kusunoki** said that all the Salvation Army bell-ringing time slots were full for Saturday the 7th at Macy's – but drop-ins were always welcome to share the fun (and their wealth). **President Kerry** said that he had wagered four-pounds of wild-caught Alaska salmon against six jars of South Hilo Club president **Lisa Kwee's** Liliko'i Butter. The bet was that our Club would collect more bell-ringing contributions than hers. **President Kerry** then sternly warned the membership that they had better make him right!

Grumbling from a number of Club members immediately followed. They felt that, if they out gave South Hilo and saved face for **President Kerry**, then they, the Hilo members, should get the four pounds of salmon, while **President Kerry** enjoyed the Liliko'i Butter.

**Alan Kusunoki** interrupted, and diplomatically changed the subject, saying that the Club's (2012-13) banner, honoring its reaching



**100% Paul Harris Fellowship** status, had finally arrived. But, it was not until after considerable discussion with RI. He reminded that, once reached, this Club status is permanent, irrespective of giving in subsequent years.

**President Kerry** regained control by noting that there were still 16 members who had not chosen to contribute to **The Rotary Foundation** so far this year. He said we still want our Club to achieve **EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)** annually.

**President Kerry** and **Lorraine Shin** took great joy in announcing that the Penn Hawai'i Youth Foundation had raised **\$31,656.90** from their bread sale program, and thanked all the members for their participation. The funds will support the BJ Penn Ultimate Fan Experience program. With help from **Joe Hanley**, the first investment was a new Ford van to transport the kids to the program venues.

**Birthdays:**

Marcia Sakai December 8  
 Kui Costa December 12  
 Eddie Hara December 24  
 Gay Porter December 31

**Club Anniversary:**

Russ Oda December 2, 1966 (47)  
 Jim Cheney December 8, 1988 (25)  
 Steve Yoshida December 11, 2009 (4)  
 Ted Dixon December 19, 2003 (10)  
 Steve Handy December 19, 2003 (10)

**Wedding Anniversary:**

Russ & Aki Oda December 14  
 Ron & Glynnis Dolan December 22  
 Wally & Malia Wong December 22  
 Robert Fox & Nina Buchanan December 27

**Announcements:**

Fri. Dec. 13- Anna Liza Hi  
 Mastercare- home & health care  
 -Wed. Dec. 18 - Senior Lunch - Kamana  
 -Fri. Dec. 20 - Alice Moon  
 Hilo Downtown Improvement  
 -Fri. Dec. 27 - No Meeting

- 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 ..... Jenny Johnson
- Community Service ..... Wallace Wong
- Youth Service ..... 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

Speaking of **Joe Hanley**, **President Kerry** announced that **Joe** is one of 46 national nominees for the honor of Dealer of the Year. The award will be made to the final winner at a major conference in New Orleans in January. **Joe** said he was honored to be among the nominees.



Perhaps on the down side, **President Kerry** distributed a list of price increases for the Club's meeting meals that the Hilo Hawaiian plans to put into effect in January. All the lunch categories

Hilo Hawaiian Buffet Rate Increase			
	2013	2014	Increase
Buffet	\$18.25	\$23.00	26%
Sandwich/Salad	\$14.50	\$18.50	27%
Salad	\$11.75	\$14.00	19%

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 Food & Beverage Manager - Hilo Hawaiian  
 garianoff@castleresorts.com

will go up, most by about 26%. There was considerable discussion about the changes, which will effect both our Club and Hilo Bay. A committee will be formed to study the matter and explore the possibility of changing to a new venue. **President Kerry** encouraged individual members, who might like to comment directly to the hotel, to send their comments to the Food and beverage Manager **Gregory Arianoff** at [garianoff@castleresorts.com](mailto:garianoff@castleresorts.com).

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Club Anniversaries**

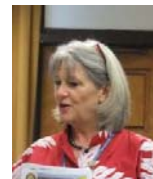
There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries this week. However, **Russ Oda** celebrated his 47th Rotary anniversary.

**Happy Dollars**

**Lorraine Shin** was **\$100** happy for the success of the bread fund-raising campaign. **Joe Hanley** was **\$120** happy for his award nomination and also for his son being home for Christmas (the funds went toward his son's Paul Harris award). **Misti Tyrin** was **\$2** happy for her son's first birthday, **\$2** more to the Salvation Army for being able to go home to the White Mountains of Arizona for Christmas, and finally, another **\$5** happy that the (female) staff at **Nancy Cabral's** Day Lum Real Estate has been so welcoming to her at Day Lum.

**Biff Kennedy** was **\$20** happy to have his son visiting. **Alberta Dobbe** gave **\$20** in honor of her daughter landing a good job at Alcoa, but sad it was in Texas. **Gail Takaki** gave **\$10** to announce the kick off the coming **RYLA** program, and reminded that each student costs **\$175**. **Nancy Cabral** quickly gave **\$175** to fund one seat.

**Nancy** also took advantage of having the microphone in her hand to note that **Steve Handy** had yet to bring in a new member. She asked the members to help **Steve** find at least one friend, so he could invite them to join Rotary.



**Cel Rewithen** was **\$20** happy for all the support the Salvation Army received from the members and their efforts. **Randy Hart** gave **\$40** is recognition of his retirement



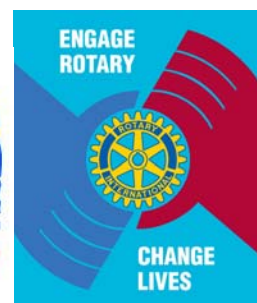
from the Army Reserve.

**2014-15 Club Elections**

In a draconian style often found in some third world countries, a small gang of members managed to ramrod through a slate of totally unopposed candidates to control the fate of the Club and abuse its members for the 2014-15 Club year. Skills in the audience, reading from scripts, made motions dispensing with the cherished secret ballot, and allowing the current dynasty to continue to control the future by yelling "aye" louder and any of the "nays".

As a result, **Richard Johnson** will take the reigns in July 2014, to be followed by **Wally Wong**. **Mitch Dodo**, **Susan Munro**, **Corey Kawamoto**, and **Cindy Boots** will round out the officers. The Directors will be **Lorraine Inouye**, **Alberta Dobbe**, **Alan Kusunoki**, **Tom Brown**, **Misti Tyrin**, **Biff Kennedy**, and **Glenn Harris**.

Photos by **Chris Tamm**



Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation

**Richard Cunningham** from the Hilo Bay Club (and Island-wide representative for the **Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation**) made an excellent presentation on the HRYF. He noted that it is the State's largest private scholarship provider, awarding **\$250,000** in 2013 alone. Annually, 48 college scholarships are awarded statewide, one for each Rotary Club.

Sadly, of the District's 48 Clubs, only 22 donated any amount of money (at all) to the **HRYF**. The other 26 contributed nothing. Yet each Club has the opportunity to award a scholarship from the fund. In the last year, the Hilo Bay and our Hilo Club were the only Clubs on the Island to contribute more than **\$500**. Five Clubs gave nothing.

**Richard** is traveling to all the island's Clubs to make them more aware of the **HRYF**. To make his point, he wishes to raise at least **\$3,000** from all of the Clubs by a raffle to win a hand crafted (by **Richard**) curly koa framed mirror. Any size donation is welcome. However, for the drawing, each contribution of **\$50** will generate one raffle ticket. **\$100** gets two tickets, etc. The drawing will be this coming Spring.



This unleashed an outpouring of at least 12 ticket purchases on the spot. Kicking in **\$50** for one ticket each were **Cindy Boots, Alberta Dobbe, Naomi Menor, Gail Takaki, Helene Tajiri, and Judy Gibson**. During the frenzy, **Newton Chu, Nancy Cabral, and Gene Tao** purchased two tickets each.

Four Way Test

**President Kerry** asked **Ron Dolan** to lead the **Four-Way test**. Being an accountant, counting to four was no problem, though it took **President Kerry** to remember to add number 5.



# Joyful sights and sounds!



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Macy's

With help of Friends,  
WHS Interact  
Advisor Tim Miyao.



Did a little dance,  
even sang a song,  
lots of laughter  
& great fun!!



## Fabulous on bells, Miss Marissa Dodo

