

December 7, 2012

92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Jim Kennedy

President **Alan Kusunoki** called the meeting to order, and asked **Susan Munro** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Supported by computer graphics from **Kerry Glass**, **Alan** led the members in a (fairly decent) rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag". (Having the words on the screen somehow seemed to make people sing louder!)

Alan thanked **Mitch Dodo** and **Kerry Glass** for their service as last meeting's Lava Flow reporter and photographer.

Alberta Dobbe reminded everyone of the "Date that Lives in Infamy" and the terrible losses suffered at Pearl Harbor 71 years ago. She read a brief quote from Ann Frank about how the world appeared to her to be turning into a wilderness, and yet, she expected it to be put right over time. In closing, it was noted that, today, Japan is one of the US's staunchest allies and economic partners.



Visiting Rotarians: **Wally Wong** and **Sally O'Brian** greeted members and guests on their arrival, and then **Wally** stuck **Sally** with the duty of introducing the many guests. The visiting Rotarians included **Ruth Kupcha** and **Karolyn Lundquist** from the Hilo Bay Club, **Susan Osborne**, **Glen Calvert**, **Alan Lakritz**, and **Craig Watkins** from the Pahoa Sunset club, and **Noko Yoshida** and **Deborah Hughes** from the South Hilo Club.



Guests of Rotarians: **Sally** then called on **Helene Tajiri** to introduce visiting former member **Dylan Nonaka**, and for **Newton Chu** to introduce his son **Devin**.



Announcements: **Susan Munro** asked that **Newton Chu** and son **Devin** to come to the podium and **Susan** awarded **Devin** his first **Paul Harris Fellowship**, compliments of proud father **Newton**. There were unsubtle suggestions that **Devin** should become a **Paul Harris** plus 1, as soon as he can when he finishes college and joins the Club (but, no pressure **Devin**).



Wally Wong, on behalf of new-again mom **Misti Tyrin**, introduced the very recent arrival of future Rotarian Liam Christian John Tyrin. Mom and Liam are doing fine.

With **Tim Beatty** and **Tom Brown** deftly ducking the responsibility, **Alan Kusunoki** reminded the members of the upcoming luncheon for the folks at the Kamana Senior Center on December 12th, at 11:00 am. Additional member participation in the fun and games will be welcomed.

Wally Wong put in a plug for the Salvation Army bell ringing on December 15th. All the time slots are covered, and still all members are welcome to stop by and help sing carols.

President Alan presented the latest slate of Club nominations and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The silence that followed that was deafening.

Alan went on to note that the Club would be dark on December 28th and also January 4th.

Steve Yoshida provided an update on the coming Peace Forum. He noted that there are a number of foreign guests that are staying over after the Forum, to visit other islands including Hawai'i. Members wishing to host visitors during the Hawai'i Island stay would be welcomed.



Alan announced that the District Conference at Turtle Bay during May 17-19 now has a special discount for those who sign up by December 31st.

Alan also noted that the Children's Justice Center is looking for a refrigerator to store children's soft drinks.

Steve Yoshida gave an update on the Ka'u school journalism project. He noted that the teacher is a Rotarian and they have formed an Interact club. There is a plan to have the journalism-project members document the upcoming RYLA program.

President Alan also read a very nice thank you letter from Kamehameha Schools' teacher Marelyn Manliguis for the Club's involvement in the recent schools program.

BIRTHDAYS:

Rand Mundo November 8
 Mike Robinson November 8
 Randy Hart November 12
 Kerry Glass November 22

Club Anniversary:

Bob Fujimoto November 16

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter November 7
 Steve & Noko Yoshida November 7
 Gene & Julia Tao November 13
 Susan Munro & Kerry Glass November 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fri. Dec. 7
 Susan Osborne & John Calvert
 Ho'oulu La-hui Trail Project

Wed. Dec. 12
 Kamana Senior Center Luncheon

Fri. Dec. 14
 Vocational Talks

Sat. Dec. 15
 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Fri. Dec. 21
 Vocational Talks

Fri. Dec. 28
 No Meeting

Fri. Jan. 4
 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

Late, but never forgotten, **Past President Joe Hanley** presented the Rotary Spirit Award for last year to **Tammy Silva**, and noted that she has taken on the leadership for the 2013 Embalmers' Ball (yay **Tammy!**). Saying that the award plaque arrived late, Joe tried to salve his conscience with a \$20 bill. (It sounded more like, "The dog ate my homework".)



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

It was a bad week for any kind of annual remembrances of this sort - there were none.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Sam Wallace was \$10 happy to announce that the Arc of Hilo fundraiser is selling local-style cookbooks.



Gail Takaki was \$12 happy wishing for the 12th RYLA sponsor.

Sandy Song stepped right up and gave \$175 to be the 12th RYLA sponsor. (Way to go!)

Teresa English added another \$25 to the RYLA cause.

Karolyn Lundquist was \$20 happy about **Devin Chu's** first **Paul Harris** fellowship. **Karolyn** said she had worn her **Paul Harris** medallion to the meeting and wished they still issued them. She spoke of the value of using **Paul Harris** points to bestow Fellowships on others, and said she was going to use her points to make **Sally O'Brian** a **Paul Harris Fellow**. **Sally** responded that she already was one, and so it would be a **Paul Harris** plus one.

Alberta Dobbe was \$52 to **The Rotary Foundation** for all the things she experienced while traveling to Rome and other related places for the canonization of, now Saint, Mother Marianne Cope. She was also happy to be recovering from a recent bout with bronchitis.

PROGRAM

Susan Munro introduced the day's speakers, Pahoa Sunset's **Glen Calvert**, and **Susan Osborne** from Ho'oulu Lahui. Some 18 years ago, Ho'oulu Lahui was



formed as a 501 (c) 3 educational organization to provide services for high-risk youth. They have long had a vision to restore a 600 acre plot that includes the 40 acre ancient Hawaiian village of Pu'ala'a on the Pahoa coast. Part of the project includes restoring an ancient trail along the coast that was used by village fishermen to access their harbor areas along the shoreline, in partnership with Kua o Ka La charter school.



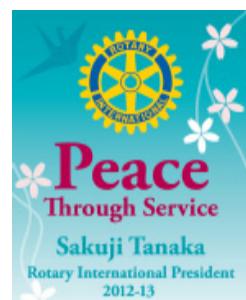
The Pahoa Sunset club is supporting the project in its effort to raise some \$30,000 to provide plants and materials to enable students from Kua o Ka La charter school, and foreign students attending the Peace Forum, to restore the trail and plant trees and other indigenous species. It is hoped that the restored trail can be made available to the public for educational programs about the cultural history and ecology of the area.

FOUR-WAY TEST

President **Alan Kusunoki** invited Pahoa Sunset president, **Alan Lakritz**, to lead the Four-Way Test. It turned out to be a Three-Way test, but that proved good enough to end the meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT (1976-77) J. WALSH HANLEY, SR. passed away on Friday December 7th. In his long history with our Club, along with **Russ Oda**, **Walsh** was instrumental in establishing the Wada Foundation among many other projects. Along with his sons, current members **Joe** and **Bob**, his other sons James, Jonathon, and hanai son Alamo Momotaro, and daughter Mary (Espejo), and his sister Mary Virginia Gray, he leaves us all with the gift of nine grandchildren and two great grand children, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a visitation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Papaikou on Monday December 17th, at 9:00 AM, followed by a memorial Mass at 11:00 AM. Casual attire. Cut flowers or lei only requested, please.



Sakuji Tanaka
 Rotary International President
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