



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

The meeting, on a typical beautiful day on the Big Island, started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were **Leon Bruno**, from the Mad River Valley club; **Lisa Sweeney** – guest of **Richard Johnson**; **Ian Birnie** – guest of **Pete Muller**; **Donnie Demuth** – guest of **Bob Hanley**; **Brittany Luna** and **Fritz Klasner** – guests of **Alan Kusunoki**; **Bracke High**, **Dylan Schropshire**, and **Bob Kelso** – all guests of **Helene Tajiri**; and **Guabu Camesa**, from the Rotary Club of South Hilo.



Mitch Dodo gave an inspiration by telling the Persian proverb "When it is dark enough you can see the stars". Hmm



Steve Handy discussed the Rotary projects he is leading in Fiji, many of which are helping grade-school kids in the outer islands become more literate. Good work, **Steve!**



Theresa English and **Eric Cohen** gave brief vocational talks. **Theresa** described her work as a farmer, first raising lychee nuts and, when that did not work as well as intended, raising macadamia nuts – a crop that she and he husband have found profitable.



Eric is a patent and trademark lawyer who moved to Hawaii and continued his Chicago work by computer, then moved body and soul here as a half-time lawyer and a half-time retiree. We're very glad to have both **Theresa** and **Eric** and look forward to active participation from both of you.

Yoko Hayano introduced two students from Rotaract at the University of Hawaii who told us the kind of projects that Rotaract is doing and gave us a very positive view of their club.



Upcoming Events:

- February 23: **Rotary's 110th Anniversary**
- February 27 – March 1: **RYLA** at KMC
- February 28: Project Kookua Dinner at Hilo Hawaiian a benefit for Puna lava damage relief
- March 7: Hilo Heart Walk (**Kerry**)
- March 12: **Chili and Dessert Social** (**Tom**)
- March 13: Regular meeting cancelled. Attend the Social.
- March 14: **Interact** Garage sale (**Yoko**)
- March 15; Big Island International Marathon: (**Kerry**) Water and Gatorade Station on the Onomea Bay Overlook on the Scenic Drive in Papaikou, from 6:00 am to 9:00 am
- March 28: **Rotary Park Work Day #2** (**Mike**)
- May 9: **District 5000 District Assembly** (**Wally**)

Birthdays:

Helen Hemmes .. February 8

Club Anniversaries:

Bobby Stivers-Apiki.. February 9 (8 years)

Helen Hemmes.. February 13 (27 years)

(rumor has it that she joined when she was 13)



District 5000 News:

District Conference

May 22 – 24 at Waikoloa Hilton

Zone Institute

October 29 – November 1 at Waikoloa Hilton

Rotary International Convention in Honolulu

June 7 – 10, 2020

Birthdays:

Helen Hemmes February 8
Jimmy Yagi February 18
Lorraine Shin February 20
Wayne Atebara February 23
Naomi Menor February 23
Jim Cheney February 28

Club Anniversary:

Toshi Aoki February 1, 2002 (13)
Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (21)
Bobby Stivers-Apiki February 9, 2007 (8)
Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (27)
Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (23)
Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (31)
Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (28)

Wedding Anniversary:

Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4 (49)
Lorraine & Vern Inouye February 21 (29)

Announcements:

February 20 - Rachele Hennings
Big Island TV
February 27 - Susan Cordell
Research Ecologist Forest Service
Coqui Frogs, living with and without them!
March 6 - Club Assembly
March 7 - Heart Walk
March 11 - Board Meeting
March 12 - Chili Social & Meeting
Wailoa State Park
March 13 - No Meeting

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

Announcements:

We have 71 members.
Our goal for the year is 77. It's everyone's job

Incentives to bring in new members
-Lunch reimbursement program
-Bring a potential member to two meetings before the end of June and receive 100 Paul Harris recognition points

-Bring in a new member before the end of June and receive 300 additional Paul Harris recognition points

HAPPY DOLLARS!!

Chuck Porter talked about some of his experiences in Puerto Rico.



Alan Kusunoki praised the Rotaract students.



Joe Hanley discussed the Childrens' Justice Center.



Rand Mundo bicycled around New Zealand and encouraged us to do the same.



Greeters:

Alberta & Kathleen



Naomi & Mitchell
Naomi receiving HRYF award

Nancy Cabral told about the Big Island rodeo this weekend.



Treena Breyfogel gave an overview of current progress toward the Brewfest.

Alan Kusunoki announced that

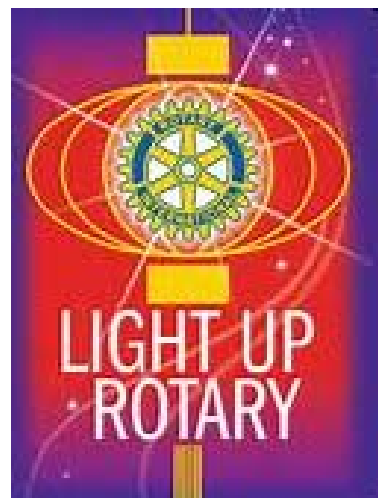


Richard and Jenny Johnson had been named Paul Harris Benefactors as recognition of their contributions to the Rotary Foundation .

Gay Porter led the club in the closing recitation of the Four Way Test.



Leon Bruno



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