

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
Chuck Porter February 4
Bobby Stivers-Apiki February 9
Helen Hemmes February 13
Dirk Yoshina February 14
Bob Fox February 24
Ed Hara February 27

Wedding Anniversary:

Lorraine & Vernon Inouye
February 21

Announcements:

Fri. February 17
Taipei Twins Rotary Club

Fri. February 24
Club Assembly

Sat. February 25
Heart Walk

Fri. March 2
Kuma Davis

Fri. March 9
Darren Rosario (Fire Chief)

President Joseph Hanley
President Elect Alan Kusunoki
Vice President Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President Stewart Hussey
Secretary Richard Johnson
Treasurer William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Tamm
Director - Club Administration Kerry Glass
Director - Service Projects Mitchell Dodo
Director - Rotary Foundations Susan Munro
Director - Membership James Cheney
Director - Public relations Robert Hanley
International Service Steve Yoshida
Community Service Wallace Wong
Vocational Service John McVickar
New Generations Rand Mundo
Club Service Thomas Brown
The Rotary Foundation Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Mitchell Dodo

Morikawa. Information will be posted on the website.

East Hawaii Rotary Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 1, 1-4 PM at Rotary Park – Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park. It's a potluck picnic and members are asked to bring tents. This is fellowship picnic for all Rotarians.

RYLA Camp. Alan Okinaka, New Generations



Chair, Hilo Bay thanked our members for their support of this year's RYLA Camp held at KMC from Feb. 3-5. Our club sponsored 11 students. Orchids to for a job well done: Tom & Lois Olcott, Helene &

Harvey Tajiri, Nancy Cabral, Lorraine Shin, Alan Kusunoki, Wally Wong, Lorraine Inouye, John McVickar, Theresa English, Gail Takaki, Christina Dhillon, Steve Hanley, Shauna Tuohy, Yoko Hayano. Alan also thank Lisa Kwee, New Generations Chair of Hilo South for her outstanding work.

RECOGNITIONS: Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Helen Hemmes (Feb. 8) who contributed \$50 to the Hilo Rotary Youth Fund. Celebrating club anniversaries were Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Feb. 9) \$20 and Gay Porter (Feb. 4) \$10

Presiding President Chuck told President Joe that 'Rotarians want to be recognized and are willing to pay for it!' Joe agreed and Chuck started "YOU GOT RECOGNIZED!" The following members were recognized with 'happy' fines: Bob Hanley \$5 for supporting your brother Joe; Judy Gibson \$5 tight jeans award; Mike Robinson \$5 favorite bull chase; Gerard Carter \$5 for nice guy never been fined; Helen Hemmes \$5 hearing her voice makes you happy; Jenny Johnson \$5 who tackled an intruder while Richard \$5 napped on the porch; Helen Tajiri \$10 being too nice; Corey Kawamoto \$5 for not having a girlfriend; Steve Hanley \$5 stop smoking?; Tim Beatty \$5 flat top haircuts are out; Dirk Yoshina \$5 for not marrying girl he's been with; PDG Pete Muller \$5 for fare commissioner license; Steve Yosida's fine \$5 paid by Chuck for his international work; Stew Hussey \$20 for past fines; Lorraine Shin fine \$5 paid by Chuck for her inspirational chant; Jeanine Atebara \$10 for chewing Chuck out 10 years ago; Misty Tyrin \$5 for their long association; Misty paid \$50 to recognize Gay Porter for her work with the Waiakea HS Interact Club; and Chuck offered to pay Gay's fine if she answered the question in his favor, "Of all the boyfriends and husbands who has been your favorite? Chuck paid \$100!

TODAY'S PROGRAM: RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE IN HAWAII: KNOW YOUR FOE! Susan Munro welcomed and introduced Sue Jarvi, PhD in Biology who has been at UH Hilo since 2000. She is at the new College of Pharmacy and recently started working on Rat Lungworm Disease (RLD).

Sue presented a thoughtful presentation of RLD. This disease is caused by the larvae of a nematode worm. The adult worm lives in rats. In the most common pathway for infection worm larvae are passed onto humans when people unknowingly eat little uncooked slugs or snails hidden in salads, undetected on unwashed fruit, or blended unseen into veggie or fruit smoothies. Studies done in Hawaii in 2005 have shown 75.5% of semi-slugs collected on the Island of Hawaii to be infected with the parasite. Initial RLD symptoms are flu-like and usually start with a headache (most often severe) and stiffness in the neck. There may be fever, joint pain, fatigue and nausea. The skin may feel itch and tingly – ten often becomes extremely sensitive to touch (even painfully so). A brochure is available with more information.

Sue introduced Kay Howe. Her son was infested with RLD. His nervous system shut down, vision loss, unable to walk but after three years of treatment he is recovering. It's not just loss of health but financial lost as well. In studies done, Pahoia and Puna are areas with incidents of RLD.



Presiding President Chuck thanked Sue for the informative presentation and asked to remain after the meeting for questions by our members. Chuck presented her with a koa pen – the world's only koa pen by



Gerard Carter.

FOUR WAY TEST: In closing today's meeting, Scott Brand led the Four Way Test.

ADJOURNMENT: Presiding President Chuck wished everyone a safe and good weekend and adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm



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