



Rotary News **lava** FLOW

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94 Years of Service

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

*Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
Rotary grows stronger,
With members like you!*

And keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, greeters **Helen Hemmes** and **Rand Mundo** happily dispensed hugs, handshakes and kisses to all members and visitors. With a "heart"-y swing of the gavel,



President Kerry Glass

welcomed everyone to the February 14th, Rotary Club of Hilo meeting, and **Bobbie Stivers-Apiki** was asked to lead the Pledge to the flag. **Glenn Harris** shared some



inspiring words to live our lives with an attitude of acceptance and gratitude. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of **Susan Munro**, the tables were sprinkled with Valentine chocolates, hearts and kisses, adding sweetness to everyone's day.

Rand Mundo introduced members from visiting clubs:



Art Taniguchi, **Richard Cunningham** and **Mary Begier**, all from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, **ADG David Hurd** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and **Annie Shionota** and **Marius Stranger** from the Rotary Club of Kona. **Biff Kennedy** introduced his sister, **Deborah**, who was visiting from very cold Wisconsin.

Alberta Dobbe and **Bob Hanley** were acknowledged for their combined efforts on the Feb 7th Lava Flow.

Next on the agenda **President Kerry** reviewed the results of the Rotary Rice Rally and thanked all who participated. Totally, the club collected 1,185# of rice and \$651.25 in



monetary donations which were given to the Hawaii Island Foodbasket. As luck would have it, when the rice was dropped off on Saturday at the Foodbasket, it was a "just in time moment", as the Foodbasket had that

day run out of rice for their shelves. Please also keep in mind, that every \$1 donated equates to about \$9 of buying power that the Foodbasket has to purchase other food necessities with discounted prices from local stores to keep their shelves filled.

Upcoming Events:

February Reading in Kindergarten:

Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus.

Feb. 15th- WHS Interact Garage Sale Fundraiser

Feb. 15-16: Panaewa Rodeo

Feb 28, March 1 & 2: RYLA Camp

March 15: American Heart Walk/Rotary Walking Team-sign up with **Wally Wong**.

March 15: East Hawaii District Assembly –**PE Richard Johnson**



encourages all board members and new members to attend 8AM-3PM at Kamehameha HS/Keaau Breakfast and lunch will be included.

April 24: Five club steak fry with Aussie RFE team (details to follow)

April 28: Merrie Monarch Parade-Rotary team to participate. Our club will have royal blue T-shirts at \$10/shirt. Sign up sheet is being circulated.

May 2,3,4: District Rotary Convention at Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu.

Special Reasons to Celebrate:

Helen Hemmes had a birthday on February 8th, and she was \$50 happy for Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation. She'd had a great day with lots of calls from friends and family. **Helen** also celebrated 26 years with the club on February 13th.

Biff Kennedy and his wife had recently enjoyed their 48th wedding anniversary so he was \$50 happy, along with another \$50 to say thanks with fatherly pride, for the warm reception the club gave his daughter recently when she was our guest speaker.

Bobbie Stivers-Apiki had his 7th club anniversary (jokingly feels like 70) and contributed a \$100 check designated for RYLA.

Celebrating his 22nd club anniversary, **Dirk Yoshina** had a \$150 check ready to give to **The Rotary Foundation**.

Happy Dollars Time!

Bob Fox handed over a check for \$550 to the **Rotary Foundation** to cover a few reasons for happiness. He's now been in the club for 30 years, he's very happy to be among the married couples celebrating Valentines Day, and a great reason to celebrate, he and wife **Nina** just had their new book released for sale. The name of the book is: *Proud To Be Different: Ethnocentric Niche Charter Schools*, and can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Yoko Hayano was \$1 happy for all the "good stuff" donated by Rotarians for the garage sale, and the helpers who've signed up too!

Mike Robinson was \$4 happy to have had the chance to enjoy a great show at the UH Theater, *The Bad Boys of Dance*.

Guests **Anna Shionota** and **Marius Stranger** from the Rotary Club



of Kona gave \$10 to announce a fundraiser event, The Garden Party, which will be held at the Nani Mau Gardens on February 23rd. Proceeds from the event will support the Fukushima Children's Project which brings children to Hawaii for a 1 month home-stay so

they can have an opportunity to live and play outside in clean air. Due to the Tsunami and Fukushima Nuclear disaster 2 years ago, being outside is still very dangerous and children there are only allowed outside 1 hour a day. The program is also hoping to expand to some sort of plan for a mother and baby home-stay at some point in the future.

Glenn Harris had \$40 to share that he and his wife will be taking a 1 month trip which will also include the International Rotary Convention in Sydney, and he's hoping someone can help them find a house-sitter/pet-sitter for the time they'll be away in June.

Birthdays:

- Helen Hemmes February 8
- James 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, 2001 (12)
- Chuck Porter February 4, 1994 (20)
- Bobby Stivers-Apiki February 9, 2007 (7)
- Helen Hemmes February 13, 1988 (26)
- Dirk Yoshina February 14, 1992 (22)
- Robert Fox February 24, 1984 (30)
- Eddie Hara February 27, 1987 (27)

Wedding Anniversary:

- Biff & Anna Kennedy February 4
- Lorraine & Vernon Inouye February 21

Announcements:

- Fri. Feb. 21 - Brenda Ho
Hopice of Hilo
- Fri. Feb. 28 - Anna Marie Dietrichson
"Deep and Beyond"

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

Another visiting Rotarian, **Mary Begier**, had a \$10 bill to donate to the club's general funds to recognize **Nancy Cabral** for her Athena Achievement Award, and in turn, for bringing together so many extraordinary people to help her celebrate at the award lunch.

Richard Johnson was \$5 happy to advise all that he'd be attending a pre-PETS meeting in Honolulu where he'll be learning how to convert from "ordinary Rotarian" to "Dynamic Rotarian". (This is the start of his transition from President-Elect to President come July)

Guest Rotarian **Art Taniguchi** had some "apology money" to share that he had to miss the Athena lunch in order to be able to play golf with Pro Golfer Hale Irwin instead, and also that he was proud of **Russ Oda** for being honored recently as an Outstanding Hilo High Alumni.

Chris Tamm had a crisp \$20 bill to celebrate that he's now officially an "exempt" Rotarian.

RC of Hilo Bay's **Richard Cunningham** had \$5 to show off the beautiful curly KOA frame he's building, (a mirror will yet be added) which will be raffled off in March for all Hawaii Rotarians who have made \$50 contributions to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth**



Foundation in this past year. **Richard** had special thanks to the Rotary Club of Hilo for leading the clubs with the most contributions of over \$3,000 to the **HRYF**. Great job club members!



Alberta Dobbe gave \$5 to note that she'd mistakenly missed reporting a paragraph in last week's Lava Flow about **Nancy Cabral** encouraging everyone to schedule their colonoscopies, and also a reminder to members that our meeting on Feb 14th would be held upstairs. And YES, the February 21st meeting will be held back in our usual meeting room, downstairs.

Lastly, but never the least, **Nancy Cabral** had a check for \$100 to the **HRYF**, and another check for \$175 to send a student to **RYLA**. **Nancy** was happy to see that the Rodeo club's "dust abatement" aka 2 days of rain, was hard at work to make sure the actual Saturday/Sunday of the Rodeo would be great for everyone. She encouraged all members to attend and enjoy the fun.



Alan Kusunoki took center stage for a few moments to call forward **Naomi Menor** to honor her with her **Paul Harris Fellow + 3 pin**. Thanks to some extra points contributed to **Naomi's** by **Bob Fujimoto, Naomi**

was able to achieve this honor in Rotary. As a reminder, if you do have excess points, you can give them to another member to help them achieve their Paul Harris Fellow award.

Our guest speaker **Lisa Tennant**, was then introduced by **Tammy Silva**.



had been named after



Lisa is the Administrative Director of the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home, and she had a great power point program describing the background of how the home who received the Medal of Honor in 1945. She shared lots of photos of the facility including semi-private rooms, activity center and rehab/therapy rooms. The home is a 95-bed, skilled nursing and long-term care facility available to Hawaii veterans or spouses who have served in any branch of the US Armed Services, and have an honorable discharge. The facility is state owned and the Avalon Health Care Group is contracted through, and works closely with, the Hilo Medical Center.

It is Medicare and Medicaid Certified annually through yearly inspections, and it is also VA Certified. In addition to having an honorable discharge, residents must be 55 years of age, a resident of Hawaii prior to their induction in the service, able to pay a residents' fee portion and are accepted on a space available basis. There is a 24/7 staff on hand, and the administrative offices are open Monday thru Friday from 8-4:30. The Rehab and Therapy Departments work 7 days a week and offer physical, occupational and speech therapies. There is also a recent addition, an Adult Day Health Program being offered to veterans Monday thru Fridays from 7AM to 5PM as an outpatient program. Veterans and also spouses can receive rehab therapies, a Van pick-up in the AM, includes breakfast and lunch, and even offers bathing or shower aid if necessary. For more details you can contact the administrative offices. The facility is an awesome resource for the Island of Hawaii and any veterans and their families are welcomed to take advantage of the center and the programs that are offered.



The guest speaker for the February 21 meeting will be **Brenda Ho**, and she'll be presenting current information about the Hospice of Hilo and the services available to the community.

Stew Hussey was called on the lead the 4-way test.