



# Rotary News Lava FLOW

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

On a cold, gray, rainy Friday early afternoon, **Pres. K** gonged the meeting to order right on time. At first the attendance seemed a little sparse but it picked up as many late comers straggled in, making the crowd just about moderate size.

### GREETERS



Welcoming all to our meeting today were the **Gene/Jean twins**, **Gene Tao** and **Jeanine Atebara**.

### PLEDGE & INVOCATION

World traveler, **Dr. Robert Fox**, was called upon to lead us in the Pledge to our Flag after which **Pres. K** requested we all sing **MY COUNTRY TIZ OF THEE**. And now that **Kerry Glass** has put the words to these patriotic songs on the screen, its almost like very bad group karaoke for us. But it sure helps a lot having the words there rather than trying to strain the mind remembering them.



**Alberta Dobbe** then came up and provided some quotes about Black History Month, which just happens to be this month (boy is that a coincidence or what?). Black History Month was first acknowledged in 1926 by **Carter Woodson** and has been celebrated since.

### VISITORS AND GUESTS



Greeter **Gene** was called upon to introduce our visitors and guests which were:

**Anita Cunningham** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay

Long time friend and previous member **Donna Chalmers** was hosted by **Cindy Boots**.

### THANKS

Kudos and gracias were given to last week's Lava Flow reporter and photographer, **Mitch Dodo** and **Gail Takaki**, respectively.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Saturday's Strategic Planning Session was well attended with 13 of us showing up and making Club procedures and recommendations, many of which will go to committee (headed by new mom **Misti Tyrin**) for possible approval.)

**Gail** reminded us that the **RYLA** conference is right around the corner and she still needs some helpers in a few areas. If you are interested in a fun time with a lot of energetic young people, please see her. Obviously there is a lot of planning involved in putting something like this together and any help would be really appreciated.



The **Heart Walk** just happens to be on the same weekend and **Wally Wong** is trying to get some tee-shirts together for all those who want to participate in this event. There are usually big crowds walking every year and this is a good way to get your exercise for a good cause.



Two weeks after that, on March 16, **incoming-President Kerry** is encouraging (read strong-arming) his board, directors and anyone else who wants to learn more about



how Rotary functions to attend the East Hawaii District Assembly at Kamehameha Schools.

And speaking of **incoming-President Kerry**, his Installation will be held on July 2nd (a Tuesday) at the Wailoa Park Pavillion but it won't be like anything we've had there before. This will be a nice event with tablecloths and silverware and

catered by **Audrey Wilson**. More info about it will be forthcoming but mark it in your calendars as the one event we, for sure, should attend.

A reminder that the **District Conference** this year is at Turtle Bay on Oahu on May 17-19 and **Pres. K** would like more of us to go than just him and **Kerry**.

And with the Merrie Monarch festival right around the corner, **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** is trying to put together our annual **Business Visitations** for that Friday (April 4th). He is looking for a few good businesses to sign up to have people come over and see what you do. He has 2 on tap so far but would like to get 3 or 4 more so we can have a nice variety of choice for places to go. You know parking and traffic here on Banyan Drive that week is just horrendous and this is an easy way for us to have a nice casual social meeting and learn about how some of us actually do business. Please volunteer your business and let **Bobby** know.



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  
Dirk Yoshina February 14  
Bob Fox February 24  
Ed Hara February 27, 1978

Wedding Anniversary:

Lorraine & Vernon Inouye February 21

Announcements:

Fri. February 22  
Stephanie Nagata  
Office of Mauna Kea Management

Fri. March 1  
Club Assembly

Fri./Sat./Sun March 1,2,3  
RYLA @ KMC  
See Gail Takaki for help needed

Fri. March 15  
Doug Simons - Exec. Dir. CHFT  
Laser Adaptive Optics on Mauna Kea

Sat. March 16  
East Hawaii District Assembly  
See Kerry Glass for info

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

Susan Munro reminded us that we can award some of our Rotary Foundation point to other members who may need them for them to attain Fellowship status.



Just recently Treena Breyfogle and Theresa English were the recipients of some donated

points, helping them along. When you entered the room today you were given your standings and totals in regards to the Rotary Foundation, so you can see what you have and maybe could find it in your hearts to be generous and distribute your points. Be a nice way to help others in the Club.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays or wedding anniversaries were celebrated this past week.

Club Anniversaries though had a few: Bobby Stivers-Apiki on Feb. 9th (sponsored by Helen Hemmes), the previous mentioned Helen Hemmes on Feb. 13th (by Jim Bush) and Dirk Yoshina on Feb. 14th (by Ed Hara). Both Bobby and Dirk made contributions to commemorate their time with us.

HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS

Guest Anita Cunningham informed us of her Club having a St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday March 16th at the YMCA. Any and all are invited to attend for a mere pittance of \$25.00 per ticket.



Jeanine then added that the Hawaii Island United Way Golf Tournament will be on March 18th at the Hokuli'a golf course. Fun, food and prizes along with golf will be had for those attending in a good cause.

Nancy Cabral provided Rodeo tickets for this weekend's Panaewa Stampede at the Equestrian Center. If you like horses and seeing really in-shape horsemen and cowboys this is the event for you.



Joe Hanley just came back from his oldest son's wedding and is now happy to be a father-in-law,



Lorraine Shin provided more info about her son, BJ, who needed surgery on his left eye as a result from one of his recent bouts but is doing well. Also that he was named as one of three recipients of being an outstanding person representing the State of Hawaii.



Chris Tamm was exceeding happy to announce that he is retiring at the end of March. More relaxing and rugby time seems to be on tap.



Alberta was \$30.00 happy (or sad) in mentioning that her wedding anniversary was this past week but she is by herself now and obviously misses Morris.

Mitch Dodo revealed by his submission of the Lava Flow to Ed last week was late. Apparently being a relatively young man doesn't preclude you from having kidney stones and last Sunday, one wanted to pass its way thru his system, obviously causing him lots and lots of discomfort. After leaving the hospital in getting it taken care of and going to Longs Drug Store for medication, in the parking lot, his car happened to be kissed by another car as he was pulling out of his parking space. What a day!! With all of this happening, doing the Lava Flow report was just not a priority for him. Understandably I guess but you can see his dedication since it was only about a day or so late. What a guy!



Dr. Fox then kicked in \$5.00 saying that at least Mitch's story was relatively clean and decent, even though it was a kidney stone and not diarrhea or something.

GUEST SPEAKER

In a change to our announced program, Pres. K announced that our speaker today would be Doug Simons, Executive Director of the CHFT Astronomy Center.



And before we get started in our summary of Mr. Simons' talk it should be noted that this was probably the most high-tech, incomprehensible (to this reporter anyway), professional (except for the sound problems on the movie shorts provided) topic ever given to our Club. You almost had to have a PHd in Particle Acceleration to understand

what he was saying. Not that he wasn't good or the subject matter wasn't understandable, its just this program was a huge step up for us from many of our normal speakers. So here is my weak attempt at following what he was talking about.

What he wanted to relate to us was how science and technology cause influences in paradyme shifts in countries around the world. Because his job with the astronomy center studies the universe and sub-atomic particles, and he's been doing this since 1990, he closely follows spacial events and how all of this relates to us down here. He works up on the mountain at Mauna Kea and feels this is by far one of the best places on earth to observe in space what's happening all around us.

He started with a NASA video showing were our planet is heading and where its been. Really interesting and different from what we normally see related to us on TV or other media outlets. He followed that up with a series of photos showing matter at what it looks like at the 10-to-a-minus-17th power all the way up to 10-to-a-26th power, which basically encompassed the entire universe.

The history of the universe began with the "Big Bang" and involves basically gas and light. After cooling for a short time (if you want to call 300,000 years a short time), protons and atoms formed and the universe essentially shaped into dark sky and stars. As with most scientists, he has no clue at to what started the Big Bang or what was on the other side of it. No one knows for sure and can only guess or hypothesize.

Because of this, the study of the collision of particles, in physics the idea of trying to create something out of nothing has been studied and worked on. There is a \$10 billion creation invention

in Switzerland involving particle collision circles to see if man can actually solve this mystery of what happened from nothing and to see if its possible to do.

The Mauna Kea Observatories are helping in understanding the concept and come up with ideas for applications on how to convert all the technical data into actual scientific stuff for us to use (breakthroughs and inventions). Like the way cell phones, among other things, work. And behind all of this is still the question of what started the Big Bang (inner space).

With these and other findings the future will be altered dramatically and discoveries happening in space are constantly occuring at Mauna Kea.

With time running short, **Mr. Simons** took a few questions, some of which concerned the God Particle and whether the speed of light is the maximum speed limit (as professed by A. Einstein) allowed. Apparently we have some really intelligent members in our Club who could follow what Mr. Simons was trying to relate to us.

With that **Pres. K** presented **Mr. Simons** with



our beloved Koa Pen and his thanks for the presentation.

**Richard Johnson** was asked to lead us in the reciting of **the 4-way test** and upon completion, the gong was rung and the meeting was called to an end.

Next week's speaker is proposed to be **Stephanie Nagata** of the Office of Mauna Kea Management in the Kohala area. See you all then.

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