



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Gadzooks and Holy Macaroni! What a busy day! Past President



**SAM WALLIS** had his hands full, while filling in for **Pres. JOE HANLEY**. After settling down the room filled with friendly, and talkative Rotarians,

**SAM** called on **DOUG ESPEJO**

to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **JOHN MC VICKAR** inspired us all with a short and insightful quote for the day.



**Greeters JENNY JOHNSON** and **TIM BEATTY** were kept super busy as Rotarians and guests streamed into the gathering. **TIM** took charge of introducing visiting guests: From the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay: **Jon Mayata**, **Art Taniguchi** and **Jason Merk**. From the Rotary Club of South Hilo: **Rosmary Linden**. **TOM OLCOTT** hosted lovely wife **Lois**, and **JIM CHENEY** shared his wife **Xiao Ying Sun** with us. **HELENE TAJIRI** introduced her guest **Tammy Silva**, and **NANCY CABRAL** had brought a friend, **Lu Fraborrito**. **STEVE YOSHIDA** was proud to have his wife **Noko** at with him, and then took a few minutes to welcome the 12 guests from the Taiwan Friendship Exchange from **District # 3480**. There were six couples, and each represented a different Rotary Club Team Leader- Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung: **PDG 08'09' Medicare Hsu** and **Linda Chou** Rotary Club of Taipei Grand Park: **PP Fullhouse** and **Tina** Rotary Club of Taipei Metro East: **PP Michael & Jessica Chen** Rotary Club of Taipei Twins: **PP Uenhua Chao** (Aircon) & **Grace** Rotary Club of Chung Ho: **IPDG John & Shirley**, Rotary Club of Taipei Grand Park: **PP Nelson & Anna**. **STEVE** also then took the opportunity to thank **LORRAINE SHIN** for her generosity and gracious hospitality in offering her guest home in Puna where the guests were all staying, and a potluck was held on Thursday evening.

With a really full agenda, **SAM** moved right into **Announcements**, **Club Recognitions** and then **Happy \$\$\$**. **WALLY WONG** reminded everyone that the **American Heart Walk** is Sat. Feb 25th. Our Rotary team should be there for the 8AM start. **MYSTI TYRIN** was still working on gathering contributions for **Social Workers Baskets** and was also still collecting used luggage and childrens' clothing for the homeless. **COREY KAWAMOTO** handed over a crisp **\$100** to **MYSTI** to help boost the collections. **HELEN HEMMES** and **DIRK YOSHINA** both celebrated club anniversaries on Feb 13th an 14th. **HELEN** was recognized for 24 years of service and **DIRK**

had a **\$150** contribution to the **Rotary Foundation** in honor of his 20 years in the club. Also recognized for his reappearance to our meeting, was **BOB FOX** who promptly gave a **\$151** contribution to **Rotary International**. **ALBERTA DOBBE** had **\$50** to give to **Paul Harris Foundation** in honor of her recent wedding anniversary which would have been 58 years with hubby **Morris**. **NANCY CABRAL** had a **\$20** announcement about the Hilo Rodeo taking place rain or shine on Sat/Sun 2/17-18. **NANCY** also had free tickets for Rotarians to encourage all to attend. Get 1 free, and buy one at the door for your friend or spouse. **BOBBY APIKI-STIVERS** had a crisp **\$20** dollar bill to contribute for some great Thank You letters to the club from the 3rd grade dictionary project at Kamehameha Schools. **DOUG ARNOTT** had **\$10** to contribute to the kitty with a new idea for another project that ties in with the newly completed Kau Project that was accomplished with the assistance of our Taiwan guests' clubs. (for those who don't know, we just recently presented the Kau High School with 48 computers and 23 cameras) **STEVE YOSHIDA** had **\$100** for the **Rotary Foundation** in honor of our Taiwanese guests, and the **Friendship Exchange Program** that allows such projects to be completed, and wonderful friendships to blossom worldwide. **GENE TAO** had **\$20** to be happy to meet our guests and be reminded that he'd grown up in Taipei and that's where he got his foundation, training and education to lead him to become an upstanding citizen. **HELEN HEMMES** was **\$5** happy to have served her jury duty on a criminal case for which she'd been selected on a Tuesday and the case was settled on Wednesday. Justice served! There were banners to be exchanged with each individual; Rotary Club (unfortunately **SAM** only had 1 Hilo flag which had to be used for each photo, and promised to send additional flags at a later date). The next official act was the signing of **The Sister Club** paperwork with an official Koa pen furnished by **GERARD CARTER**. A **\$100** contribution to Rotary was made by "**Aircon**", and also a Rotary tie for **SAM**, or maybe **Pres JOE**. The meeting was then turned over to Team Leader, "**Medicare**", (the Taiwanese Rotarians are given nicknames that are indicative of their classification. **PDG Medicare Hsu** is a pharmacist.) Taiwan is a very small island, also know as Formosa. It is only 450 Kilometers x 150 Kilometers, or 36,190 sq.Km There is a population of 23 million, and the capital is Taipei City. The current President is Ma Yin Jeou. Primary languages spoken are Tawanese, Hakka and Chinese Mandarin with a large variety of dialects, and many of the citizens are also adept in English. 80% of the population practices either Buddhism or Taoism, but there are also some Islam, Christians and Catholics too. Of the 23 million populace, 360,000 are original indigenous villagers consisting of 14 different tribes, all with individual music, customs and cultural practices. (\*a new joint cultural project to help restore, train and retain the original Aboriginal musical instruments and culture is in the works already) The first Rotary Club was established in Taiwan in 1948. Since then, Rotary has grown to a total of 560 clubs with a



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 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

total of 37,000 Rotarians. There are 7 districts, and District 3480 was established with the Rotary Club of Taipei in 1987, and now has 101 clubs in their district. Taiwan has very few natural resources, so it imports almost everything to their island. They have come up with innovative ideas so that they add value to products imported, and then are, able to resell and export products to the world. They have a workforce of 10 million people and the unemployment is at a very low 4.3%. We were treated to many beautiful photos of the country and it's special attractions. **STEVE YOSHIDA** and his wife **NOKO** were instrumental in getting this **Friendship Exchange** started when they lived in Homer, AK and **STEVE** was DG. And now, our own Hawaii clubs have been linked with the Taiwanese clubs through our Kau Project.

In closing, "**MEDICARE**" contributed **20 Happy dollars** to thank the **Rotary Club of Hilo** for sharing the vision that the world can become a better place by working together toward world peace.

We were "gifted" with an **ODA-ism** to close the meeting. Did you know...if you drink too much alcoholic beverage in Taiwan, you'll "tie wan on"? And with that said, and many groans from the audience **RUSS ODA** lead us all in the **4Way Test**.



Photos by **Saeko Hayashi**

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