



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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92 Years of service

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

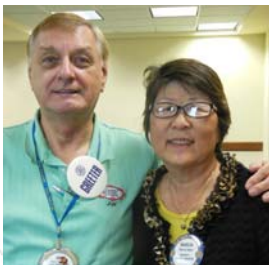
With snow on Mauna Kea, gloomy skies, and a flash flood watch, **President Alan Kusunoki** gonged the meeting to order at 12:00 noon sharp. He quickly assigned **Scott Brand** to lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a weak, out-of-tune (where is **Dirk Yoshina** when you need him?!) rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag."



Helen Hemmes shared 2 quotations about creating joy, being hopeful, and love and that there are 2 major forces in our lives: external and internal. We have little control over the external but a significant amount of control over the latter in how we respond and react.



Kudos to our greeters: **Jim Cheney** and **Marcia Sakai**.



Marcia introduced our guests: **Past DG Pete Muller** from Hilo Bay, visiting Rotarian **Dr. Klaus Radtke** from Multinational Manila Rotary Club (who shared that he was actively involved in family planning in the Philippines and attended the Peace Forum in Honolulu), and **Nancy Cabral's** guest **Sheila Evans**.

Helene Tajiri introduced her guests **Tim Haynes** and **Jean Sugiyama** (retired) and **Kui Costa** introduced **Blaise DeLima** from Tulsie Gabbard's office.

Special thanks went out to last week's Lava Flow scribe **Jim Cheney** and photographer **Bob Hanley**--great job!

Announcements: **RYLA**, March 1 - 3 **Gail Takaki** gave special thanks to **Judy Gibson**, **Cindy Boots**, **Helen Hemmes** for their hard work to make this another successful event. We have our volunteers but just need to fine-tune the schedule. There are 36 new and 6 returning students this year.



Heart Walk, March 2 - **Wally Wong** shared that we have 12-13 walkers signed up and that **Jim Cheney** made special T-shirts for it and that there may be a \$100 **Subway/Steve Handy** gift certificate to be had. If you can't make it, you can still make contributions on

line for the cause and for our group. **East Hawaii District Assembly** at Kamehameha Schools - March 16 - **Kerry Glass** - may need to

"strong arm" some people! It's well worth attending, especially for new members and our incoming board for 2013-2014. We wish **Kerry** a great time as he will be heading out to **PETS** (and as all our past presidents know, it's hard work, inspirational and good fun, and not necessarily in that order!). **Business Visitations** is scheduled for April 5 (avoiding the Merrie Monarch crush at the hotel) at 2 locations; **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** will keep us posted on details. **Alan** reminded us that **District Conference** at Turtle Bay is May 17-19, registration \$40. Each club needs to make a club poster 3' x 5' that should showcase significant club event(s). **Jenny Johnson** immediately responded, "**The Peace Forum**"! -excellent choice. Our club's **First Annual Hilo Brew fest** is June 1 at the Wainaku Executive Center, chaired by **Bob Hanley**. The **Rotary Club of Hilo** annual installation of new officers dinner will be held July 2 at Wailoa Park with featuring catering by **Audrey Wilson**.

Birthdays: **Jimmy Yagi**, 2/18 and **Lorraine Shin**, 2/20 celebrated birthdays but were not present. **Alan** also reminded us that Feb 24 is also the 108th birthday of Rotary.

Wedding anniversaries: **Lorraine (Vernon) Inouye**, 2/21 celebrated their 27th anniversary with a dinner at Pescatore and a bottle of champagne. She happily donated \$50 to **The Rotary Foundation**.

Club Anniversaries: **Helen Hemmes**, 2/13 gave \$25 for 25 years.

Happiness \$\$\$: **Rand Mundo** was \$30 happy that the **Rotaract Club** was meeting again and has placed info on The Relay for Life on our tables. He also read a letter from **Keli'i**, our exchange student in Spain, who went skiing for the first time, loved seeing snow, learned a new tradition of eating 10 grapes in 10 seconds in the new year, took a beautiful hike in the mountains, and did a presentation on Hilo in front of about 50 people. **Tammy Silva's** \$5 went to **RYLA**. **Russ Oda** was \$10 happy (to **RYLA**) that **Gene Tao's** son **Eric** is developing a 400 foot apartment building worth \$250-\$300 million and is enroute to a career with a "sound" foundation. A very proud **Gene Tao** also gave \$10 to **RYLA**. **Glenn Harris** gave another \$10 to **RYLA**, happy his house in the San Juan Islands sold. **Nancy Cabral** thanked the club for helping make the annual Panaewa Rodeo a success and donated \$100 to **The Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. **Helene Tajiri** gave \$5, happy her guests were able to join her and **Wally Wong** gave \$5, thanking **Nancy** for the free ticket to the rodeo--he had a good time. **Dirk Yoshina** contributed \$150 to **The Rotary Foundation**.



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. 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

Program: Stephanie Nagata, Director of the Office of Mauna Kea Management has an MBA from University of Hawaii and an MS in Wildlife Biology from Colorado University. UH helps manage Hale Pohaku area, easement with



the Dept of Land & Natural Resources, Summit Access Road. There is a 65 year lease for the Mauna Kea Science Reserve consisting of 11,288 acres of which about 10,000 are part of a cultural and natural reserve. The Astronomy Precinct includes 12 telescopes. The UH telescope was the first built; Canada France was 2nd, the twin Keck telescopes have the largest mirrors in the world, and Subaru boasts the largest single mirror in the world at 8.2 meters. The next generation of telescopes in Area E will be the largest ever and will not be on the summit proper. The Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Master Plan are approved by the Board of Regents. New policy will address management structure, development, restoration, and long term success. Policy is dedicated to preserve and protect cultural and natural resources. It is community based and housed here, not Manoa. UH Hilo reports to the Chancellor in Hilo. Mauna Kea Management oversees the day-to-day activities, visitor activities with MKMB and Kahu Ku Mauna. MKMB consists of volunteers and 2 regents from the Board of Regents. The Master Plan requires that construction can only occur in the astronomy precinct, no undisturbed pu'us, must use existing infrastructure, recycle, and new construction goes onto existing sites of old telescopes. The plan must minimize impact by avoiding historic sites, minimize the impact on natural resources and protect the views. (New structures will be off summit proper, at lower elevation where there is no flora, so as not to be prominent). There is a strenuous review and approval process, involving

community input by, Kahu Ku Mauna, MKMB, Chancellor at UHH, President and the Board of Regents as well as the permitting process. Regarding status of TMT, the final oral argument was held Feb 12 so we hope to hear in the next month and not another 2 years. It is in the hands of the Board of the Dept of Land & Natural Resources. After that, issues can then be taken up with the circuit court. The Hawaii Island community participated, TMT listened, and learned from past mistakes.

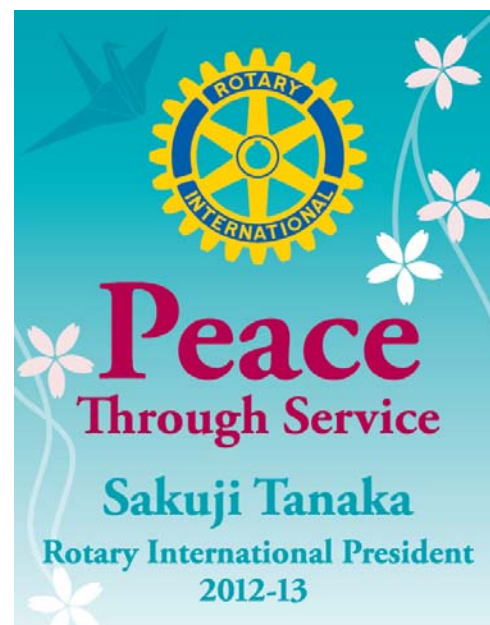
Stephanie mentioned that they welcome volunteers willing to pull weeds up at Hale Pohaku and this might be of interest to our busy Rotary Club in the future. This helps to control fireweed. She believes that the future of Mauna Kea will be with Asia/the Pacific, India and China--the latter 2 are already partners in the TMT project.



Alan thanked Stephanie for speaking to our club and presented her with a Gerard Carter koa pen.

Helene Tajiri led us all in the 4 Way Test to end our meeting.

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