



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

On the 16th day of January 2015, in the Year of the Sheep, **President Richard** gonged the gong and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked greeters **Tammy Silva** and **Judy Gibson** for sharing their aloha spirit.



Helen Hemmes led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Cindy Boots** shared these words of inspiration:

A great attitude becomes a great mood.
 A great mood becomes a great day.
 A great day becomes a great year.
 A great year becomes a great life.
 ----Unknown Author

President Richard presented **Cindy B.** with a pin and thanked her for sponsoring new member, **Tina Jimenez**, into the club. He then thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter, **Tammy Silva**, and photographer, **Stew Hussey**, for their great work.



Greeter **Tammy** introduced [visiting Rotarians and guests:](#)

- ** South Hilo Rotarian **Phoebe Lambeth**
- ** **Jeanne Snow** from the Rotary Club of Travers City, Michigan
- ** **Jerry Cochran** from the Rotary Club of Roseburg, Oregon & Paul Harris Society Chair for District 5110
- ** **Mike Meyer**, guest of **Jim Cheney**
- ** **Johanna Taylor** from Easter Seals, guest of **Cindy Boots** and our guest speaker
- ** **Sylvia Jimenez**, daughter and guest of **Tina Jimenez**



President Richard offered six jars of homemade lilikoi butter (yum!) to interested buyers for \$10 each. They were our club's prize from the South Hilo Club for winning the recent Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge. **Pres. Richard** also had a Cronies \$25 Gift Certificate, from last year's YWCA's Walk-A-Mile event in October, which **Cindy B.** purchased for \$20. You go girl!

[Upcoming events were announced:](#)

- ** Waiakea High Interact Club's Garage Sale at Yoko Hayano's house has been RESCHEDULED for March 14, 2015

** 1/28/15..... [Hilo Tri-Club Meeting](#) at Noon at the Hilo Hawaiian featuring guests from NPR who will speak about the NPR2 Station

** 1/30/15.....**No Rotary Meeting**

** 1/31/15.....[Rotary Centennial Park Work Day: Mike Robinson](#) announced that we have 10 women and 6 men signed up to work so far. He encouraged and invited more strong and able-bodied men to sign up.



** 2/27-3/1/15..RYLA at KMC. **Alan Kusunoki**, speaking on behalf of chairwoman, **Gail Takaki**, invited Rotarians to participate on Saturday, 2/28. Helping hands are needed to work on the ginger irradiation project.



** 2/28/15.....[Project Kokua Dinner](#) at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. This event is being organized by the Chef at the Hilo Hawaiian as a fundraiser to help those impacted by the lava flow (the real lava flow, not our club newsletter!)

** 3/07/15.....[Hilo Heart Walk: Kerry Glass](#) is chairing our club's team participation and invited members to walk, donate or do both. Rotary T-Shirts can be purchased for \$10. Women's style T's are available. **Kerry** also introduced Rotary chef's aprons that **Connie Kurohara** at Creative Arts is printing and are available for \$12.

** 3/12/15..... [Chili and Dessert Social](#). Mark your calendars! Details to come.

** 3/13/15.....No Meeting

President Richard researched the archives for Rotarians from our club in the news and found that Merrill Carlsmith introduced his son into the club on January 14, 1940.

[No Member Birthdays.](#)

[Wedding Anniversaries:](#)



Mitch & Noriko Roth on 1/13/15: Married 24 years and **Mitch** gave \$24 for the recognition

[Club Anniversaries:](#)

1/11..... **Glenn Harris** gave \$10 for 2 years in the club

1/13..... **Judy Gibson** gave \$10 for 9 years in the club and announced that for the first time in her 9 years of keeping attendance, everyone is caught up!



Birthdays:

Bobby Stivers January 17
Gail Takaki January 17
Newton Chu January 19
Mitchell Dodo January 19

Club Anniversary:

Masao Amako January 1, 2004 (11)
Raymond McPherson January 1, 2004 (11)
Yoko Hayano January 7, 2011 (4)
Glenn Harris January 11, 2013 (2)
Judy Gibson January 13, 2006 (9)
Bob Hanley January 14, 2011 (4)

Wedding Anniversary:

Ian & Nichol Hatch January 1 (5)
Mitch & Noriko Roth January 13 (24)

Announcements:

January 23 - Club Administrative Day
January 28 - Tri Club Meeting - Hilo Hawaiian
Michael Titterton & Valerie Yee
Hawaii Public Radio
January 31 - No Meeting (In place of 1/28/15)
February 6 - Wally Wong
Travel Adventure on the Hoku'lea
February 20 - Rachelle Hennings
Big Island TV

President Richard Johnson
President Elect Wally Wong
Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
Membership Christina Dhillon
Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
Club Service Tom Brown
International Service Jenny Johnson
Community Service Misti Tyrin
Youth Service Glenn Harris
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

1/14..... **Bob Hanley** gave \$20 for 4 years in the club



1/15..... **Stew Hussey** gave \$50 for 22 years in the club



Mitch Dodo, our club's **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** representative, announced that he would be collecting applications from Waiakea High Seniors for the annual college scholarships awarded by **HRYF**. **HRYF** was started by **Maurice "Sully" Sullivan**, past District Governor and founder of Foodland/Sack & Save Supermarkets.

HRYF has a **Maurice J. Sullivan Fellow award** that is given to Rotarians who donate \$1,000 to **HRYF**. **Mitch** proudly recognized our very own **Ed Hara** as a **Maurice J. Sullivan Fellow**.



President Richard reminded everyone that January is **Rotary Awareness Month** and encouraged us to bring a family member to Rotary. Our club is currently 70 members strong and we have a goal of 77 members to reach by the end of **President Richard's** reign.

We were reminded that even if you don't eat lunch, you need to pay \$5.00 to the Hilo Hawaiian and that will cover you for coffee or tea. **President Richard** asked everyone to mark April 11th on their calendar for the Merrie Monarch Parade in which all East Hawaii Rotary Clubs are marching.

Happy Dollars:

** **Glenn Harris** donated \$50 happy dollars to announce an upcoming seminar, "Five Dysfunctions of a Team" in Waimea on 1/29/15 for which he will pay the registration if you wish to attend; and Network 808, a business networking experience.



** **Mike Robinson** was \$2.00 happy to beat **Cindy Boots** to the punch to recognize Green Bay's magnificent win over America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys.

** **Cindy** was also happy and donated \$50 to the Fiji Project.

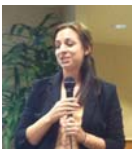
** **Jerry Cochran** was \$5.00 happy because, as his district's Paul Harris coordinator, he was happy to see how strongly our club gives.

** **Lorraine Shin** was \$5.00 happy to announce that the price of gas at the downtown Tesoro station was \$3.09 for regular and \$3.19 for super because they pay her rent.



President Richard thanked **Cindy Boots** for all that she does for our club and presented her with a jar of lilikoi butter to "butter" her up! He also gave a bottle to **Tina** and thanked her for bringing her daughter to the meeting.

Cindy B. introduced our guest speaker, **Johanna Taylor**, the Program Manager for Easter Seals Hilo Early Intervention Program. **Johanna** moved to Hawaii Island from Pittsburgh about eight months ago. She is a board certified behavior analyst and has her Ph.D. in Early Intervention with a focus on autism spectrum disorder. Her primary interest is in providing education to parents of children with autism.



Johanna gave a very informative presentation on Autism Spectrum Disorder. The key word she stressed is "spectrum." Autism covers a wide spectrum of behaviors from very low to very high intelligence. She also shared the mission of Easter Seals to empower people with disabilities or special needs to achieve their goals and live independent, fulfilling lives. Her Early Intervention program provides services to families of children birth to three with a developmental delay in one or more developmental area and/or diagnosis (e.g., autism, cerebral palsy). 95% of our brain is developed by five years old. In the last 10 years,



there has been a 100% increase in autism cases. **Johanna** was able to answer several questions that members had regarding autism.

Sally O'Brien led us in a creative **4-Way Test**.

The meeting was adjourned.