



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

January 23, 2015

94 Years of Service

Reporter: Susan

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President **Richard Johnson** called the meeting to order in a timely fashion, and asked **Biff Kennedy** to lead us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. **Corey Kawamoto** was up next, to deliver words of inspiration. His message was from the 1920s, when our "service above self" motto was coined. **Corey** said he believed that **Russ Oda** was present on that actual occasion. ;-)



Treena Breyfogle, one of today's cheery [Greeters](#), introduced today's guests: **Jeanne Snow**, a Rotarian from Traverse City, Michigan, and **Ning Wang-Suga** from South Hilo. **Russ** introduced his guest, **Dana Oda-Kell**; and **Cindy Boots** introduced her guest, **Johanna Taylor**. And let me not forget to mention our other Greeter: the lovely **Connie Kurohara**.



Richard thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter, **Jeanine Atebara**, and the photographer, **Bob Hanley**.

President **Richard** read a note from **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. We all wish **Bobby** the best.

Here's the note: "Just wanted to drop you a short email to say, **"Aloha"** and keep up the good work with Rotary! I enjoy reading the Lava Flow especially welcoming the new members. I am not sure when I will be able to return to the club but I will keep you informed."

"As an update to my health, I have had 23 of 35 radiation treatments and 5 of 7 chemo treatments. Chemo wipes me out the most.... just awful for several days so I'm hoping the last 2 treatments will be the last!! Cancer is isolated to my throat and has not spread - something I'm so grateful for!! Treatments so far is positive but won't know the final results until it's completed next month. I'm doing fine, in good spirit and I'm blessed with family and friends."

"Thank you!!"

"Please extend my warm "Aloha" to my fellow Hilo Rotarians"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 24: Yoko Hayano explained that the Interact Garage Sale is POSTPONED until March 14. Continue to clean out your cupboards and closets....



Jan 28: Tri-Club Meeting on Wednesday for a special presentation on Hawaii Public Radio. 11:30 in the Moku'ola Room. **NO meeting on Friday, January 30.**

Jan 31: Rotary Work Day. **Mike Robinson** explained that this year's project is a cleanup at Rotary Centennial Park (aka Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park). This project complements an ongoing East Hawaii effort to spruce up "our" park with some tree work and infrastructure improvements. Please sign up. **Mike** distributed some printed information and promised a free lunch for participants.

Feb 15: Friends of the Children's Justice Center Dinner honoring **Joe Hanley** and two others. **Kerry Glass** has organized a Rotary table. If you're interested in organizing a second table, get in touch with **Kerry**.

Feb 27 - Mar 1: RYLA at KMC. **Gail Takaki** says her team (including our own **Alan Kusunoki**) is preparing a great program for the students. The Kona club is doing logistics this year for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy.

Feb 28: Project Kokua For Puna benefit dinner, at the Hilo Hawaiian. **Richard** explained that our club has agreed to help with this event by selling tickets and providing silent auction items. (Note: another reason to clean out those closets.)

Mar 7: Hilo Heart Walk. **Kerry's** organizing: uniform of the day will be the blue **RCH** T-shirt. You can walk or just donate money. **AND, Kerry's** offering lovely aprons with the club logo for a mere \$12, which you might choose to wear at....

Mar 12: Chili and Dessert Contest & Social. **Tom Brown's** organizing this. The Friday March 13 meeting is cancelled.

Mar 21: Date tbd. **Wally Wong** announced that the D5000 District Assembly will not occur on March 21. He'll let us know....

April 11: Merrie Monarch Parade. East Hawaii clubs will march together. If you marched last year, you know how much fun it was. Remember to bring candy for the keiki!

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 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 Holu'lea
February 20 - Rachele 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

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 17: **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. See note above for **Bobby's** status.

Jan 17: **Gail Takaki**. **Gail** says she's happy to be "29" again, but she's donating \$62 to **HRYP**.

Jan 19: **Newton Chu**. **Newton** gave \$60 to **The Rotary Foundation** towards his daughter's **PHF**.

Jan 19: **Mitchell Dodo**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **January is Rotary Awareness Month**. Bring a family members to a meeting!

• **Richard** reminded us that we have 71 members. Our goal for the year is 77. It's everyone's job!

• Beginning in January, each member who does not buy a meal will pay a \$5 use fee to the hotel and may order coffee and iced tea. This is a Board recommendation -- to insure that all members pay their way - not a hotel policy.

• **Glenn Harris** said he attended the Rotaract meeting recently, and was pleased that around thirty students were present. They are participating in Relay for Life on March 13-14, and would like our support.



HAPPY DOLLARS

Gail had \$5 not-happy dollars to commemorate her family home and farm in Pahoia. Looks like Pele will be visiting one or the other.

Jeanne Snow paid \$5 to compliment our club for the number of younger members – that's something they are aiming for in Traverse City. This reminded **Russ** that he had a Traverse City banner that **Jean** had given him long ago. He gave it to the Prez, who pulled out a Hilo club banner for **Jean**. Many photos were taken.



Cindy said that although her Packers weren't doing as well as she'd hoped, she was \$50 happy that her nephew and his wife had recently given birth to "another Packers fan."



Alan read us an anecdote about Rotary and Easter Seals, and paid \$5 for the privilege:



"**Daddy**" **Allen**, a member of the Rotary Club of Elyria worked tirelessly to bring a hospital to his town, then went on to encourage others to do similar work. Eventually, many years and projects later, the enterprise he started became **Easter Seals**.



Lorraine Shin paid \$5 to model her new Rotary shirt, a stylish gray and black design with a mandarin collar. And, she said in closing, "Some people say all publicity is good publicity. It's not true." We're glad you are a member of our club, **Lorraine**.



Cel Ruethin had a \$20 (yay!) contribution to **HRCF** to acknowledge our club's support of his Salvation Army this holiday season. We had a dynamite Bell-

Ringing day, we adopted a family, **Interact** helped at the facility, and **Nancy** provided space for the Angel Tree.

Glenn had to say, "Go SeaHawks!" \$5.

PROGRAM

Cindy introduced **Nani Miyashiro**, from HOPE Services. **Nani** spoke to us about the services they provide to homeless and low income in our community: emergency housing, outreach, and counselling. She thanked us for the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) that we provided for one of their shelters, and pointed out that her clients are more likely to have health problems than the general population. A lively question-and-answer period followed.



Judy Gibson closed the meeting with the **Four-Way Test**.



Photos by **Kerry Glass**