



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Well here we are in the expanded lower ballroom of the fabulous Hilo Hawaiian Hotel for the 3-Club joint meeting of the various Rotary Clubs in Hilo. Its not often you see the entire room open and all the tables filled up all the way to the back. All this for Hawaii Public Radio!

Barbara Hastings of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay called the meeting to order right on time and introduced the current presidents of the other 2 Clubs as co-collaborators in this event.



Richard Cunningham, of the Wednesday morning Club, was called on to do the invocation/inspirational moment thing.

Charlene Meyers, the District 5000 District Governor Assistant for East Hawaii was introduced accordingly. Then **Barbara** went table by table to have any vistiors or guest be introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Cunningham informed us of a little contest for the benefit of the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation in which a nice wooden Koa box would be awarded to someone (having their name drawn out of a hat presumably) who has made a \$50.00 donation to the HRYF. Each \$50.00 donation would entitle that person to an entry to try and win that gorgeous box.



Mike Robinson informed us of the **Hilo Park project** that is ongoing and volunteers would be needed to help getting the area ready in order for work to begin in getting this park created.



Doug Adams mentioned that Rotary again will be involved in the **Merrie Monarch Parade** and more information will be forthcoming as the event draws near. He would like as many Rotarian to participate as possible.



Our **Richard Johnson** talked about **Project Kokua**, a relief program for those who have been or will be affected by the Lava Flow in Pahoa. There is an event on 02/28/15 for which you will need a ticket and he has 200 of them available currently. I think this is like a food/wine tasting event and those interested should see **Richard**.



Charlene made a pitch for the **Heat Sensitive mugs** (\$20.00 each) for the ongoing Polio Plus project. She has a new order in and the mugs are available. This is for Rotary's pet project.



HAPPY DOLLARS

All happy dollars donated today would be contributed to **Hawaii Public Radio** (the reason for today's joint meeting) and many people stood up and made contributions, some very sizable.

GUEST SPEAKER

And getting right to the point, for this meeting, **Michael Titterton** of Hawaii Public Radio2 was introduced to talk about that becoming an actuality in East Hawaii.

Most of the State of Hawaii and almost everywhere on the Big Island, except for Hilo, HPR2 is accessable. But unfortunately not Hilo currently. This is trying to be corrected and a fund-raising program since last year has been chaired by **Barry Taniguchi** in trying to raise \$150,000.00 to somehow make HPR2 available to Hilo. This goal has almost been reached and has made a big impact on this project.

HPR2 for Hilo is in the works and **Michael** hopes to have it up and on the air for all of in within a month or two (his forecasts) but you never know. HPR1 is on and some on-air programing will have to be rearranged to make things compatible for HPR2. Much work is being done by actual radio staffers and volunteers, all of whom are incredibly dedicated (**Michael's** words) in trying to make HPR2 a success. And, of course, the listeners who will keep the station going by their support.



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 31 - No Meeting (In place of 1/28/15)
February 6 - Wally Wong
Travel Adventure on the Holu'lea
February 13 - Club Administration Day
February 20 - Rachele Hennings
Big Island TV
February 27 - Susan Cordell
Research Ecologist Forest Service
Coqui Frogs, living with and without them!

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

Michael listed 5 silly ideas and concepts that are supposedly associated with Public Radio.

1st. HPR is in the Radio Business! – HPR is a non-profit community building tool for the benefit of the public.

2nd. Public Radio is Government Radio! - No!!! Heavens forbid. This is radio for the people, by the people.

3rd. Nobody listens to any Radio anymore! - Not so. Listenership %'s for all types of radio have increased nationwide. Radio is still an important part of people lives.

4th. HPR is supported by very old and very rich people! - If that were only the case, then financially it seemingly wouldn't have the problems it has now. HPR broadcasts are listened to by a wide spectrum of people who do contribute to it from just a few dollars up to fairly large amounts. HPR affects everyone.

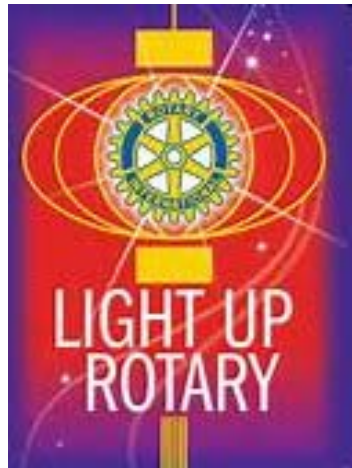
5th. HPR stands for Honolulu Public Radio! - Somehow, somehow that bad info got tagged onto HPR and, of course, its not true. The entire state of Hawaii is HPR's is the program market and HPR is dedicated to providing high quality "stuff" on the air – NO trash.

There was time for a few questions and Michael said he would be available after the close of the meeting to talk with anyone if there were more questions.

Doug Adams led us in the recitation of the 4-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do in sort of a strange format (but it did work).

And thus the joint meeting closed. No meeting scheduled for Friday, the 30th for the Rotary Club of Hilo, so if you missed this meeting, good luck trying to make it up somewhere. Pau!





Waiakea High School Interact Club

Yearbook Photo

