



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Happy New Year!!!

Welcome to the very first Rotary Club of Hilo meeting of 2015.



This is going to be a fabulous year! May this year be full of fun, joy, peace, love, & good health for all Rotarians & their loved ones.

To commence the assembly, none other than, **President - Richard Johnson** called the meeting to order... Welcome back **President, Jenny Johnson, & Chuck**

Porter (should we have let **Chuck** return to the club meetings???) Hehehehe).

Let's also give a special shout out to our cheerful greeters, **Mitch Dodo & Judy Gibson**. However, aside from greeting, **Mitch** was also scheduled to deliver words of inspiration, but he "claimed" to have forgotten his piece of advice to get the crew rolling for 2015... Hey **Mitch**, you are always full of wit & wisdom... Next time do an impromptu. What happened???) Lol... Nevertheless, **Tammy H. Silva** came to the rescue & volunteered to share some good advice to launch this New Year.

A special MAHALO to the December 19, 2014 Lava Flow crew:

- Reporter & Lava Flow Coordinator, **Tammy H. Silva**
- Photographer, **Helen Hemmes**
- Lava Flow Publisher, **Ed Hara**

*We "LAVA LAVA" all of you for making our Lava Flow a delight to read

Words of Inspiration:

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant 3 Rows of Peas:

- 1) Peas of mind
- 2) Peas of heart
- 3) Peas of soul

Plant 4 Rows of Squash:

- 1) Squash gossip
- 2) Squash indifference
- 3) Squash grumbling
- 4) Squash selfishness

Plant 4 Rows of Lettuce:

- 1) Lettuce be faithful
- 2) Lettuce be kind
- 3) Lettuce be patient
- 4) Lettuce really love one another

Plant 3 Rows of Turnips

- 1) Turnip for meetings
- 2) Turnip for service
- 3) Turnip to help one another

Plant 4 Rows of Thyme

- 1) Thyme for each other
- 2) Thyme for family
- 3) Thyme for friends
- 4) Thyme for God

Water freely with patience & cultivate with love because you reap what you sow

~ Author Unknown

Introductions:

Lisa Rantz wasn't even done chewing her meal before Greeter -



Mitch Dodo introduced her. She is the guest of Rotarian, **Corey Kawamoto**, & was inducted into our club for a second go round.

Welcome back, **Lisa!** **Lisa** is a worthy candidate & she accepted the ideals of Rotary... SERVICE ABOVE SELF. During the pinning ceremony, **Kerry** urged **Corey** to speed up

the process, "Today would be good for it." **Corey** retorted, "I have fat fingers." LOL!!!

After an extended leave, **Lorraine Inouye** reintroduced herself to the crowd... Congratulations & welcome back, **Lorraine**. She also identified that she would only be back for a limited time; however, she familiarized the attending Rotarians to **Alan & Carol Richmond**. **Alan** & his wife, **Carol**, currently reside in Volcano; they have been very active in getting to know our island home. **Alan** is a former Rotarian of Carmel, & **Lorraine** mentioned that competing Rotary Clubs of the Big Island are doing their best to scoop him (**Alan**) up as a club member. **Lorraine** also stated that **Alan** would be able to replace her in her absence.

Misti Tyrin introduced her guest, **Atsuko Winston**. **Atsuko** lived & worked in various areas ranging from Japan, Las Vegas, Honolulu, & now Hilo. She is a newcomer to the real estate team of Coldwell Banker Day-Lum Properties. **Nancy Cabral**... You are a true recruiter... Maybe even better than our armed forces... Hehehehe

Visiting Rotarians were also recognized... **Phoebe Lambeth & Doug Adams** of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, & **Lorraine Davis** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay... Welcome, peeps, to our fabulous club!

Announcements:

January is Rotary Awareness month

We are currently 70-members strong today, & we hope to be 71-members strong next week

Please continue to rouse a heightened awareness of our club within our community. Bring potential members to our club meetings

1/14/15 Rotary Club of Hilo Board Meeting at Hilo Rice Noodles

Soup from 5:00p - 6:30p

1/24/15 **WHS Interact** GARAGE SALE for Waiakea High School

at **Yoko Hayano's** home from 7:00a - 11:00a.

Please bring sale items to **Yoko's** home on Thursday, 1/22/15, or Friday, 1/23/15. Help with pricing of items is greatly appreciated on Friday, 1/23/15, at **Yoko's** home



1/28/15 will be the Hilo Tri-Club Meeting,

a combined meeting of 3 EAST HAWAII CLUBS with the National Public Radio (NPR) at 12:00n at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. This is a Wednesday, & we will need help with securing a LAVA FLOW reporter & photographer for this event

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 16 - Kaohinani Miyashiro
Hope Services Hawaii
January 23 - Club Administrative Day
January 28 - Tri Club Meeting - Hilo Hawaiian
Michael Titterton & Valerie Yee
Hawaii Public Radio
February 6 - Wally Wong
Travel Adventure on the Holu'lea

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

1/30/15 Club meeting will be dark due to the 3 EAST HAWAII CLUB MEETING held on Wednesday, 1/28/15

1/31/15 Rotary Centennial Park workday... Let's all TURNIP FOR SERVICE ?

2/27/15 - 3/1/15 RYLA Camp at KMC

Reminder: As of this month (January), there is a \$5 USE FEE to all meeting attendees if you so choose not to order a meal. This fee goes to the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel & allows you to order coffee or tea at the club meeting

On this date, Glen Harris volunteered to show visiting England Rotarians around on 3/30/15 between the hours of 10:00a - 2:00p. Thank you, Glen. You are definitely demonstrating SERVICE ABOVE SELF



4/11/15 Merry Monarch Parade - The Rotary Club of Hilo will participate in this event... March onward troops

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Ed Hara celebrated his birthday on 12/24

Gay Porter enjoyed her birthday on 12/31

12/22 - Ron & Glynnis Dolan celebrated 42 years of marriage

12/22 - Wally & Malia Wong celebrated 22 years of marriage

12/27 - Bob & Nina Fox celebrated 7 years marriage

1/1 - Ian & Nicole Hatch celebrated 5 years of marriage

1/7/15, Yoko was delighted for her 4 years of SERVICE ABOVE SELF with the club

Happy Dollars:

Russ Oda is \$100 happy today on 4 counts:

1) 62 years celebration of holy matrimony... Or as stated by Russ, "Actually holy mackerel"
2) University of Oregon played & won. Russ also identified that Marcus Mariota graduated from St. Louis High School, & he was his 2nd grandson's playmate; they used to play together
3) He (Russ) applied for a grand total of 4 times to the Vetarans Affairs for a new hearing aid, & he finally got approved. He will be getting a new hearing aid... Maybe now he can hear himself talk at the meetings... Just joking, Russ... It's always a pleasure to hear you speak

4) What was the 4th count, Russ???

Chuck Porter is happy, & he welcomed

President - Richard back from his trip. However, Chuck was not certain if he was truly happy or sad. He missed the last meeting due to the evacuation of his store in Pahoa as a result of the lava flow. It was a big job & he had well over 2000 tires to transport. To his relief, his son was in charge of the evacuation process. As a leader, his son asked him to meet



with their associates every morning before the start of their workday, especially since they were "asking them to work their butt off & next week they won't have a job." Chuck stated that his staff enjoyed learning about his friends at the Rotary Club of Hilo, & he (Chuck) often shared stories about his fellow Rotarians. A tale, as articulated by Chuck:

"Time for command change, & Captain Chu told Sergeant Dodo that he wanted to

inspect behind the supply tent. Tied up behind the tent was a camel. 'Oh that's Molly the Camel, Sir; we're out here by ourselves & we don't have any women. The guys have urges. That's the reason we have Molly the Camel, said Sergeant Dodo.' 'Very well, Sergeant', stated Captain Chu. 'Molly can stay.' Captain Chu was having urges such as other men have, & asked for the camel & a ladder. He positioned the ladder for Captain Chu, & Captain Chu proceeded to give Molly the night of her life. Captain Chu pulls up his trousers & tucks in his shirt, 'Is that the way the men do it?' 'No, Sir; that's what they use to ride into town because that's where the girls are."

Chuck truly knows how to captivate an audience; he had jaws dropped & dragged on the ground. Lol... Someone brought attention to Gay Porter's face as she looked on with shock & surprise. Chuck donated 40 - HAPPY DOLLARS for the damage that he caused. However, Judy Gibson yelped from across the room that \$40 was not enough for the lasting graphic tattoo that Chuck embedded in the real estate of our minds. Thanks, Chuck!!!

Following Chuck's act, Marcia Prose toned it down a little. Thank you, Marcia.

She was \$5 happy for the Palace Theater's January 2015 Palace Newsletter. She pointed out the Palace Theater's Makaha Sons Valentine's Day Concert on February 14, 2015 at 7:00p.



Glen Harris bestowed HAPPY DOLLARS in honor of Lisa Rantz; Lisa is replacing Lorraine Inouye for the kindergarten-reading program. Thank you very much, Lisa. He was also happy for the new partnerships of his company, & for his sister-in-laws recent visit to Hawaii; he now has a super clean home to return to.

Helene Tajiri was on leave for 6 months. She was \$50 happy that her husband is once again up & about causing trouble... This is truly a good sign & a blessing, Helene. Thank you, Lord.



Nancy Cabral received a wonderful telephone call as a Christmas gift. She is going to be a grandma in June 2015!!! Whoo hoo, Nancy!!! She was \$100 happy. Congratulations!!! Not stopping there... Nancy pointed out that The Makaha Sons concert is to



Photos by Stew Hussey

be held at night; therefore, there will be time enough for everyone to attend the 23rd Annual Panaewa Stampede Rodeo on February 14th & February 15th. She encouraged her fellow Rotarians to enter the bull-riding contest stating that one must only "appear to be sane & sober when signing the waiver." LMAO... Hehehehehe. This may not be a very easy task.

Lorraine Shin was \$30 happy. She acknowledged that there was correspondence stating that she was robbed, mauled, & in need of financial assistance. The letter ended with, "God be with you." Her sister took notice that it was surely NOT **Lorraine** who "penned" that plea for help because **Lorraine** would have said, "Can, can. No can, no can." **Lorraine** was also thrilled to share the article, "A Grand Dame in Hilo," written by Denise Laitinen and published in the 6th anniversary edition of the local Ke Ola magazine. **Lorraine** made note that the title was very becoming of her, & we must all agree with that statement. **Lorraine**, you truly are a "grand dame." Good try, but that article told the tale of her Victorian style home that had once fallen to ruins, only to be revived to its current luxurious state. Way to go!!!

Doug Adams didn't have any **HAPPY DOLLARS** to donate, but he had something even better... **Homemade lilikoi butter!!!** It has become a tradition for the two clubs to wager against each other... Which club might "ring" in the most monies for the Salvation Army Christmas bell ringing tradition??? As usual, our club raked in more money than the Rotary Club of South Hilo; however, sounding like sore losers, they pointed out that their club did the bell ringing earlier in the day than our club. Nice try, **Doug**.

Stew Hussey was without water, electrical power, Internet, & all the comforts that accompany electricity. "It's a trip!" As a result, **Stew** had gratitude for the public utilities group who worked hard to restore their life, as they knew it... Connected!!! He was thankful to **Wally Wong** & his crew of highly skilled personnel... Good job, **Wally**. **Stew** was even thrilled to announce that his daughters participated in a marathon & placed... WAY TO GO GIRLS!!!

Like **Chuck**, **Gay Porter** had a tale to tell. She was \$200 happy:

1) For her recent birthday celebration... Happy Birthday, **Gay!**

2) For a unique experience that occurred on Wednesday, 1/7/15. Strangely, on Wednesday, she decided to work at home & didn't travel from Waikii. She received a telephone call from a nearby neighbor. "I can't breathe," was all that **Gay** heard. She & **Chuck** went to their neighbor's home & found her neighbor 1/2 way into her car. Thinking that it was only bronchial attack, **Gay** & her neighbor were shocked to learn that her neighbor

sustained a heart attack. Her neighbor is to be discharged from the hospital on this date; however, **Gay** recognized that it is by the grace of God she & **Chuck** were both at home. **Gay** also reflected that her response might not have been the same if she was in her younger years... She might have thought that it was a day shot to pieces, but, instead, she believed that it was a wonderful gift from God to be able to help someone. Praise the Lord!!!

Cindy Boots was \$20 happy for the Green Bay Packers game this Sunday... Go Packers Go... BTW: Good job on the win!!!

John McVickar was also \$1 happy. It's great to be happy, **John**.

Vocation:

Our guest speaker was absent due to illness; however, **Jeannie Sugiyama** was kind enough to fill in. **Jeannie** indicated that is she retired, gardening, & bumming around. She is also working on our club's 100 year anniversary website. She is seeking out stories about how some of

our club members came to Rotary. In her quest for knowledge, **Jim Cheney** suggested that she speak with club member, **Dirk Yoshina**. **Dirk** started in the club 22 years ago; it was **Ed Hara** who sponsored **Dirk** into our club. In fact, **Dirk's** boss from Sure Save Supermarket encouraged him to join. Besides being an active member of the Rotary Club of Hilo, **Dirk** has a good singing voice. Back in the day, **Jeannie** & her mom enjoyed watching boys against girls singing festivals. With this said, she learned that she & **Dirk** are the same age, & he (**Dirk**) is able to sing all the songs that she adores. **Jeannie** noted that she would have followed **Dirk** & his band, & might have even fallen in love with him. **Dirk** is an associate of Suisan Fish Market; he has been employed with this company for 14 years. He enjoys playing golf even if he's not very good at it. **Jeannie** affirmed that she, too, would like to learn how to play golf... Hint... Hint... **Dirk!** In closing, **Jeannie**, asked attending members to let loose & not be fearful if she calls upon you to share your story with the club.

Albatross Survey Hatch Year 2015

President - Richard Johnson & **Jenny Johnson** was on a 1-month leave for their trip to Midway Atoll. For the past 14 years, they have participated in the annual study to count albatross nests. He has also sustained a few battle wounds from bird bites for his valiant effort. As a special treat, **President - Richard** shared pictures of their trip.

There are two methods that they employ to count albatross nests. One such method is to place a painted dot next to the counted nest, & the other method is to perform a visual counting of nesting birds on their bird nests. He noted the following information:

1 bird sits on the nest & the mate will fly away to obtain food (they take turns with this process)

These birds are mated for life; however, like humans, some birds may fool around

The mates are separated for a total of 6 months out of the year, but they are able find each other & mate

They have a rotating feeding schedule that they perform until their 1 egg hatches

There are no predators of the albatross on the Midway Atoll. The major cause of death for the albatross is long line fishing due to the baited hooks; birds tend to grab the bait & go down with the hook

The purpose of this study is to evoke change to the fishing methods so as not to entangle & mistakenly catch the albatross

The albatross may live up to 60 years with the same spouse (**Russ Oda** is trailing right behind!!!)

Albatross eggs hatches within a month

A bird named **Wisdom** is the oldest known albatross in the world. This bird was banded as an adult & has returned to midway & nested many times over; she looks like the other younger albatross birds (What's her secret???)

There are small albatross colonies on the islands of Kauai & Oahu

There used to be rats & weeds on the atoll; millions of dollars were spent to eradicate these predators

Christmas dinner of Thai & American food is served on the island since natives of Thailand are hired to work there... **Jim Cheney** asked if it was roasted albatross. LOL!!!

Jenny does her magical history tour of the island every New Year's Day

To make the study of albatross nests easier, the island was broken up into sectors for the ease of counting

Bhutan - October 2014

President Richard Johnson & **Jenny Johnson** traveled to Bhutan in October 2014 & was blessed enough to share pictures. Bhutan is a landlocked country in South Asia. According to President - **Richard**:

Its population is 800,000

Long robes with cuffs are worn by its natives

In Bhutan, red rice is harvested by hand & it's very tasty

It is tradition to walk around the religious stupa 3 times for good luck

Locals use bow & arrows to get the religious flags across valleys

Mt. Everest can be seen on the way to Bhutan

4-Way Test:

In closing, **President Elect - Wally Wong** was asked to close the meeting with the **4-Way Test**. Traditional for **President - Richard Johnson**... "Hilo Rotary No Ka Oi!!"