



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



The January 17, 2014 meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo was called to order by **President Kerry Glass** on time, as usual. He thanked **Gail Takaki** for bringing a projector, since ours was locked away in the basement. **Tim Beatty** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The tables were strewn with tiny Brazilian flags, brought by **Guilherme "Gui" Assencio**, our Brazilian exchange student.

For her "inspirational moment", **Yoko Hayano** talked about New Year's resolutions and the Daruma, a Buddhist good luck figure who helps you keep track of them. She brought a Daruma, which **Kerry** auctioned off. **Susan** bought it for **Kerry** for \$30.



**Greeters** for the day were **Biff Kennedy** and **Misti Tyrin**. **Misti** announced our Rotarian guests: **Anita Cunningham** and **Mary Bergier** from Hilo Bay; **Keith Marrack** from South Hilo, and **Harold** and **Mary Ann Tatum** from the Rotary Club of Marana Dove Mountain. Club members also brought guests: **Kui Costa** introduced **Ryan**, **Riley**, and **Reese**; **Rand** brought his wife **Joann**, and **Yoko** brought her son **Hikaru**.

**Kerry** thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter and photographer: **Helen Hemmes**, and **Mitch Dodo**. This week **Mitch** is doing photos again, and **Susan** filled in at the last minute as reporter.

We saw photos of happy 3rd graders with their new dictionaries, courtesy of the Dictionary Distribution project, organized by **Wally Wong's** Community Service Committee.

In the category of **Upcoming Events**, **Kerry** reminded the club that this month's Rotary in Kindergarten book is "*Curious George*", and encouraged readers to practice their monkey sound effects.

**Rotary Rice Rally** is scheduled for February 8.

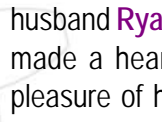
**Gail** spoke briefly about **RYLA** (Feb 28- Mar 2), naming some of her "permanent" volunteers and soliciting new ones. This year she and her team will be responsible for the **RYLA** program, and **Kona Mauka** is doing logistics. We hope to send ten students this year, at \$175 each. **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** has some funds set aside, but more donations will be needed.



The **Happy Dollars** segment of the meeting was opened by **Mike Robinson**, who was \$200 happy to have attended his son **Isaacs's** wedding to **Oy** in **Chaing Mai**, and to have had three weeks touring in Thailand and Cambodia (funds to TRF). Continuing with the wedding-of-my-child theme, **Joe Hanley** announced his daughter **Christie's** marriage on the 24th: \$20 to the club's general fund. **Lorraine Shin** had \$10 to commemorate the occasion when she was the victim of a flying tackle by both her large dogs. She was only slightly injured.



**Kui Costa's** husband **Ryan** donated \$20 to **RYLA** and made a heart-felt statement about the pleasure of hosting **Gui** this year. **Gail** was \$61 happy because today is her birthday, and \$5 happier in **Gui's** honor, and finally, she had \$175 to sponsor a student to **RYLA** (\$ to RYLA). You go, girl!





Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

Yoko Hayano January 7, 2011 (3)  
Glenn Harris January 11, 2013 (1)  
Judy Gibson January 13, 2006 (8)  
Bob Hanley January 14, 2011 (3)  
Stew Hussey January 15, 1993 (21)  
Nancy Cabral January 29, 1988 (26)  
Jenny Johnson January 30, 2009 (5)  
Richard Johnson January 30, 2009 (5)

Wedding Anniversary:

Ian & Nichol Hatch January 1  
Mitch & Noriko Roth January 13

Announcements:

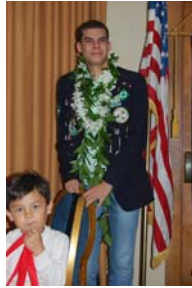
- Fri. Jan. 24 - Ian Hatch  
"Social Media"
- Fri. Jan. 31 - Sarah Marusek  
"The Politics of Parking"
- Fri. Feb. 7 -Club Assembly
- Fri. Feb. 14 - Kerry Pitcher  
Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home
- Fri. Feb. 21 - Brenda Ho  
Hopice of Hilo
- Fri. Feb. 28 - Anna Marie Dietrichson  
"Deep and Beyond"

President .....	Kerry Glass
President Elect .....	Richard Johnson
Immediate Past President .....	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President .....	Alberta Dobbe
Secretary .....	Susan Munro
Treasurer .....	Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Cindy Boots
Membership .....	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations .....	Robert Hanley
Club Administration .....	Tom Brown
Service Projects .....	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations .....	Alan Kusunoki
Club Service .....	Tim Beatty
International Service .....	Jenny Johnson
Community Service .....	Wallace Wong
Youth Service .....	Glenn Harris
Vocational Service .....	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation .....	John McVickar
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation .....	Mitchell Dodo
The Rotary Foundation .....	Alan Kusunoki
Attendance .....	Judy Gibson
Greeters .....	Helene Tajiri
Programs .....	Treena Breyfogle
Lava Flow Editor .....	Tammy Silva

**Rand Mundo** began the speaker portion of the meeting by treating us to an original ukulele composition, "Gui". After that song,



you could never forget our exchange student's name. Then **Gui** showed us pictures of his life in Brazil, and his time with his host families: the **Costas**, the **Mundos**, and the **Takakis**.



He presented handmade gifts to them, and to **Sally O'Brien**, who tutored him in English.

He closed his presentation with a quote, *"You will never be completely at home again, because part of your heart will always remain elsewhere."*

*That is the price you pay for the richness of loving people in more than one place."*



**Gui with the Costas**



**Gui with the Mundos**



**Gui with Gail Takaki**

**Kui Costa** led us in the **Four-Way Test**. As **Mitch Dodo** remarked later, *"It was a feel-good meeting."*

