



Rotary News **lava** FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Bobby Stivers-Apiki

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of conflict and inconvenience, but where he stands at times of challenges and controversy." – Martin Luther King

Call to Order: In the cozy and chilly Hale Ikena room at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, **President Alan Kusunoki** called the Rotary Club of Hilo meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: On this Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the Presidential Inauguration, **Colonel Randy Hart** led the full room of members and guest in the Pledge of Allegiance. As proud Americans President Kusunoki led everyone in singing, "America".

Today's Greeters: **Past President Tom Brown** showing off his masculine legs and enthusiastic new member **Treena Breyfogel** were greeters for the day. **Treena** introduced the 'distinguish' **Past District Governor Pete Muller** and **Helene Tajiri** with **Nancy Cabral** introduced guest, **Connie Kurohara** of Creative Arts



Thought of the Day: **Helene Tajiri** who has missed attending club meetings since December 14 due to illness gave the "Words of Inspiration" in observance of Martin Luther King Day. *"The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was a clergyman, activist, and the most prominent leader in the African American Civil Rights movement, best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent (peaceful) civil disobedience. He was born in 1929".* **Helene** concluded her inspirational message with a prayer. *"As we observe the annual honoring of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., we ask that as Rotarians be mindful not only of the man, but more importantly what ideals he stood for. As Rev. Martin King Jr. worked for change through peaceful means, we Rotarians work for Peace Through Service".*

Announcements: **President Kusunoki** made the following announcements and encouraged the members to take action.

1. **Peace Forum** is January 25-27 on Oahu. Eight (8) club members have already registered and registration will close on January 20. Special registration fee of \$25 is now offered with four (4) hours of volunteer work. Contact President Kusunoki if you are interested in registering for the Peace Forum.

2. **Rotary Friendship Exchange** will be after the **Peace Forum** from January 28 – 29. **Treena Breyfogel** reported that thirty-three (33) participants from Thailand, China, Russia and Alaska will be coming to Hilo. Our club will host a Steak Fry for the guests on

January 28, 6 PM at Waiola State Park. Cost is \$20. Please sign up and attend.

3. **Rotary Global Scholar Grant** (formerly Ambassadorial Scholarship) is an all paid expense graduate study abroad opportunity. Please contact **President Kusunoki** if you have a deserving student.

4. **Multi District Survey.** This online survey takes three (3) minutes and only 21 of 70 members have taken it thus far. Please take the survey by Friday, February 1 and help gather useful information for the District.

5. **Strategic Planning Session** will be held on Saturday, February 9 at Day-Lum Realty from 9 am to 2 pm. Light lunch will be provided. Please sign up.

6. **Rotary District 5000 Conference** May 17 – 19, 2013 will be at the Turtle Bay Hotel on Oahu. Forty-eight (48) Rotary clubs will gather for learning sessions and awards.

7. **Rotary Rice Rally** held January 12 was a huge success. This was a District project. About **1,536 lbs. (77 bags)** of rice and **\$861.68** in cash was collected at our collection site, Puainako Sack-N-Save Store. Our club collected more rice and money than the other East Hawaii clubs! Our club will earn about **\$1** from the collection for a total of **\$387** to be used for various club projects. A big Mahalo to all those that volunteered for the first **Rice Rally for the Food Basket.**

Recognitions: **Gail Takaki** and **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** celebrated their **birthdays** on January 17. **Gail** was so happy she stopped counting after 60 and contributed **\$60** to **RYLEA** while **Bobby** contributed **\$100** also to **RYLEA** after a wonderful night of celebration. The wild and enthusiastic membership sang "Happy Birthday" to the two youngsters. January seems to be a good month for **club anniversaries** too. **Judy Gibson** celebrated 7 years (**\$20 RYLEA**), **Scott Brand** (**\$20 RYLEA**) and **Robert Hanley** celebrated 2 years and for 20 years of service is our **Past President, Stew Hussey.** He contributed **\$100** also to **RYLEA** and so did **Cindy Boots** (**\$7**) and **Nancy Cabral** (**\$100**).

Paul Harris Foundation Award. **Susan Munro** presented the newest **Paul Harris Foundation** award to **Sally O'Brien** – **PHF +1** and while not in attendance, **Susan** acknowledged **Tammy Silva, PHF** and **Jimmy Yagi PHF +2.** **Susan** reminded members to make your contribution on line or to her



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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

Yoko Hayano January 7
Scott Brand January 14
Bob Hanley January 14
Stew Hussey January 15
Nancy Cabral January 29
Jenny Johnson January 30
Richard Johnson January 30

Announcements:

Fri. January 25
Brenda Ho
Hospice of Hilo update

Fri. February 1
Club Assembly

Vocational Talk. Our longest newest

member, **Glenn Harris** shared that he was raised in the State of Washington where his parents, 93 years young still live. From working in Forestry to Education as a teacher, principal



and superintendent his passion is in literacy. He and his wife currently have business for Executive Leadership and Literacy training. "I am grateful to be here (in Hilo) and being a Rotary member".

PROGRAM. Today's special speaker is the Palace Theater Board President **Cheryl Quack**



Moore. Quack retired to Hilo from NYC having spent 25 years on "Saturday Night Live" as band/composer/music director. She holds a master degree from Juilliard School of Music

and won 2 Emmys as a composer for "Sesame Street". She started her presentation with "let me quack about the theater" and so shared about the theater's history. The Palace was built an opened in 1925. It was owned and operated by **Adam Baker**, a Hawaiian and nephew of the last

royal governors of the Island of Hawaii. The theatre was built like other grand theatre that **Mr. Baker** visited around the world. From silent movies in the 20's to talkies in the 30's the theatre entertained many island families. In the 80's with shopping center theatres and television viewership declined and the theatre closed down. For nearly 10 years the theatre sat empty and guttered but in 2000 under the leadership of **Stew Hussey**, the Friends of the Palace Theatre was organized. They worked with the state and county government for funding and purchased the theatre and raised the required funds to furnish and equip it. Over **\$700,000** of renovation and equipment has been spent. Today, the theatre shows movies, has live entertainment and heretical plays and allows community groups to rent the theatre. The theatre's roof is currently being repaired and additional improvements include resurfacing the stage floor and projector room. Continued funding is needed and as Quack stated, "Not profit is my middle name". **Nancy Cabral, Gail Takaki** and **Theresa English** all expressed their appreciation for the excellent work **Quack** and the Palace Theatre is doing for our community.

Next Meeting. **President Kusunoki** announced that **Past President Mitch Dodo** will preside over next week's meeting while he is attending the **Peace Forum**. **Mitch** promises not to sing.

Four Way Test: To end a meeting filled with good fellowship and knowledge, **Jenny Johnson** led the membership in the **Four Way Test**.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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- President Alan Kusunoki
- President Elect Kerry Glass
- Vice President Alberta Dobbe
- Immediate Past President Joe Hanley
- Secretary Richard Johnson
- Treasurer William Dolan
- Sergeant-at-Arms John McVickar
- Attendance Judy Gibson
- Club Administration Tom Brown
- Service Projects Mitchell Dodo
- Rotary Foundations Susan Munro
- Membership Nancy Cabral
- Public Relations Robert Hanley
- International Service Steve Yoshida
- Community Service Wallace Wong
- Vocational Service Bobby Stivers-Apiki
- New Generations Gail Takaki
- Club Service Tim Beatty
- The Rotary Foundation Susan Munro
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation .. Mitchell Dodo
- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation John McVickar

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