



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Jim Kennedy

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



The meeting was called to order by **President Joe Hanley**. Just in case anyone had forgotten, **Joe** reminded everyone, once again, that the Club is 92 years old and counting. Searching the crowd for a volunteer, **Joe** selected **Richard Johnson**, who led the Club members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspiration

Lorraine Shin opened the Inspirational Moment with a lovely oli. She then suggested that there is profound wisdom in another old song: Life is just a bowl of cherries, don't make it serious, life is too mysterious; the sweet things in life to you were just loaned, how can you lose what you never owned; so live and laugh at it all.

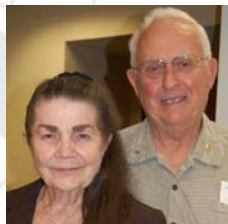


Visiting Rotarians



Greeters **Dirk Yoshina** and **Judy Gibson** welcomed members and guests. **Dirk** introduced visiting Rotarians **Past District Governor Pete Muller** from the Hilo Bay Club, and **Craig Watkins** of the Pahoia Sunset Club.

In addition, we were blessed with the company of **Donald** and **Carol Bremer** of the Big Bear Lake Club (CA). **Steve Yoshida**, introduced his lovely wife **Noko** from the Homer Down Town Club (AK).



Guests of Rotarians

President Joe introduced his guest, sister **Mary Espejo**.

Announcements

President Joe announced that the multi-club Rotary picnic is being rescheduled, perhaps for March 11th or April 1st. He thanked Lava Flow scribe **Ranger Rick** and photographer **Mitch Dodo** for their outstanding work on last week's Lava Flow. He also noted that this today's meeting would be a Club Assembly.



Wally Wong announced that there would be a "Pre" Heart Walk at 4:30 Friday February 3rd. He invited interested members join in. It will be begin at the Moku Ola (Coconut Island) parking lot and go along Bayfront and then come loop back down Banyan Drive.

Sam Wallace paid \$5 to announce that ARC of Hilo needs volunteers to fill two openings on the ARC Board.



International Chair Steve Yoshida gave \$10 to mention that he was looking for members willing to house six visiting couples coming from Taiwan in the near future.

Guest **Mary Espejo** immediately asked to be recognized (could this have been rigged...). She noted that with her father **Walsh Hanley's** long association with Rotary

(a tradition now carried forward by brothers **Joe** and **Bobby**), even while she was growing up, the **Hanley** home frequently hosted visiting foreign Rotarians, scholars, and exchange students. **Mary** said that while this might appear to be giving, in reality, the value received from these many interactions has led to many life-long friendships spanning the globe. In addition, she and her family have had a number of opportunities to accept the same hospitality in return in the homes of foreign Rotarians, such as those of our sister club Hiroshima South. She strongly encouraged the members to consider opening their homes to visitors like these.



Noting that even the Republican Party and the National Rifle Association need new members, **Membership Chair Jim Cheney** made an impassioned plea for new-member candidates. With a note of desperation in his voice, he announced that a \$100 donation to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** would be made for every legitimate new membership application the rest of the year, and another \$100 donation for every approved and accepted application.



President Joe said that the Club was getting closer to **EREY**

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

(Every Rotarian Every Year). We are currently at 77%. We still need to get over the top and reach 100%.

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

Birthdays:

Doug Espejo January 8
 Ketura DeMattos January 10
 Bobby Stivers-Apiki January 17
 Gail Takaki January 17
 Newton Chu January 19
 Mitchell Dodo January 19

Club Anniversary:

Yoko Hayano January 7
 Judy Gibson January 13
 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. February 3
 Neil Franklin
 Fri. February 10
 Susan Jarvi, PhD
 Fri. February 17
 Eric Hagiwara



President	Joseph Hanley
President Elect	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President	Stewart Hussey
Secretary	Richard Johnson
Treasurer	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Tamm
Director - Club Administration	Kerry Glass
Director - Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Director - Rotary Foundations	Susan Munro
Director - Membership	James Cheney
Director - Public relations	Robert Hanley
International Service	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service	John McVickar
New Generations	Rand Mundo
Club Service	Thomas Brown
The Rotary Foundation	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation	Mitchell Dodo

Gail Takaki gave an update on the upcoming RYLA camp. Many of the slots for program assistants have been filled, but there are still some important vacancies. President Joe said he would donate \$10 for each open slot that was filled. Within thirty seconds, 11 slots



were filled by generous volunteers. Already \$110 in the hole, President Joe said he would make it an even \$200 when the few remaining slots were filled.

Steve Yoshida gave an update on the January 25-27, 2013 Peace Forum in Honolulu. He said that plans were going very well, and that the Forum event was officially sanctioned at the recent International Assembly. Brochures and video spots are becoming available, and



significantly, RI President-Elect Sakuji Tanaka will be personally attending. Alan Kusunoki added that he has seen President-Elect Tanaka in action in a recent meeting and he was very impressed with his effectiveness.



Jenny Johnson said that the District organizing committee work is going well and things are on track.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Club Anniversaries

There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries to celebrate. However, there were some Club anniversaries. Nancy Cabral, the



first woman to join our Hilo Rotary Club, honored her courageous sponsor, Jim Bush, for bringing her in. She also hinted that there may have been some truth the rumor that the Hilo Bay Club split off from our Club because it had admitted a woman. She gave \$100 to TRF. The third Club



anniversary of Jenny and Richard Johnson, was far less controversial. Each cheerfully coughed up \$20.

Happy Dollars

Gay Porter gave 45 grateful dollars for Steve Handy's support of the Waiakea Rotaract Club function by keeping them well fed.



Chuck Porter sheepishly offered up \$20, saying that he won the Dufus

Award for crashing the most F-15 simulators at a recent event. He noted that the Instructor Pilots had warned in advance that the women in the group would significantly outperform the men (because they would actually follow the Instructors' instructions). The Instructor Pilots were right (of course).



Doug Arnott said that he had noticed a trend among some young people to come to the Island for agricultural tourism experiences. He discovered that a number of these people had ended up in his hostel after having disappointing experiences in which the "tour" host ended up



having the people sleeping in vans, or in one case, telling the tourists to pitch tents on the property, and then rushing back to tell them to remove the tents and any signs of habitation, because it was an illegal use of the property and the inspector was coming.

Doug contacted former member Steve Shropshire, who brought them into his local shrubbery growing facility and gave them an excellent opportunity to experience agriculture. Doug put \$10 in the kitty.

Four-Way Test

Sam Wallis proved once again that he could read and count (to four at least) by leading the Club in the Four-Way Test.

