



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Opening Act:

• What a way for **President - Wally Wong** to sail into his very first meeting as the Rotary Club of Hilo's most recently appointed El Presidente on Friday, 7/10/15. His introduction was classic! It started off with **President - Wally Wong & Mitch Roth** cheerfully greeting all attendees at the door & **Kathleen McGilvray** emulating an old-fashioned radio public announcement to ignite the meeting



• When all was settled, **Jim Kennedy** led the attentive group in carrying out the Pledge of Allegiance

• Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **President - Wally Wong** humbly asked those who were present to join their voices together to recite what is quoted to be "...the world's best-known hymn" (Smith, 1991):

Ho'onani I Ka Makua Mau
(Doxology)

Ho'onani ik Ka Makua mau,
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Ke Keiki me Ka 'Uthane nō,
Praise Him all creatures, here below,
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pū,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Ko kēia au, ko kēlá au
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amene.

Amen

- Bishop Thomas Ken
1709

• According to **President - Wally Wong**, this popular pule (prayer or blessing) is rehearsed at luaus for graduations & 1st birthday parties

EMEN

• Olelo No'eau: Hawaiian Proverbs & Sayings:

'A'ohē hana nui ke alu ia

No task is too big when done together by all

As we all are aware, leadership is to be of service to others.

The **Rotary Club of Hilo** often engages & participates in realizing community & worldwide projects. With this said, **President - Wally Wong** acknowledged that this upcoming

year will allow our club members to partake in extraordinary projects. It's time that the **Rotary Club of Hilo** makes our mark in small Hilo Town on the Big Island of Hawaii... *"Big projects take all of us"* ~ **President - Wally Wong**

Warm Welcome:

• **Donnie Demuth & Helene Tajiri** introduced their guests... Oops... Names of their guests was missed on the



Log of Visiting Rotarians & Guests form... Anyhow, it was a pleasure to meet the two of you.



Better luck getting your names next time ?

• **Joe Hanley** had the pleasure of familiarizing his fellow Rotarians to his son, **Travis Hanley**... Welcome to our club, **Travis**... Like the **Roths**, the **Hanley** family definitely has a great pair of jeans (aka genes)

• **Yoko Hayano** was welcomed as a guest of our club; however, she is definitely no visitor... Unquestionably, **Yoko** is a member of our Rotary Club of Hilo Ohana... As per the wise words of **Past President - Richard Johnson**, *"Rotary Club of Hilo no ka oi"*

• **Tammy H. Silva** also introduced the Rotary crew to her daughter, **Kulia Silva**. **Kulia** enjoys her visits to our club meeting

• **Bob Hanley** welcomed his guest, **Jessica Tolar**

Member Recognitions:

• A B-I-G MAHALO was given to the June 28, 2015 Lava Flow reporter - **Tammy H. Silva**, photographer - **Kerry Glass**, & publisher - **Ed Hara**... Thanks gang!

• **Past President - Richard Johnson** presented Rotarian - **Tina Jeminez** with the **Spirit Award**. This annual accolade is bestowed to a fervid Rotarian who has been a club member for less than a year

• Rotarian - **Judy Gibson** was endowed with the **Quiet Rotarian award**... Yes... You read it correctly... **Judy Gibson** was awarded with the **Quiet Rotarian Award**... We all know that **Judy** is NOT quiet; however, there's more meaning to this award than meets the eye. On the contrary, **Judy** is very deserving of this honor. *"Judy Gibson is always there when we need her & never asks for anything,"* said **Past President - Richard Johnson**. May we add... **Judy Gibson** no ka oi... GO GIRL!!!

Birthdays:

- Lisa Rantz July 3
- Jim Kennedy July 17
- Gene Tao July 20
- Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
- Mitch Roth July 28
- Treana Breyfogle July 30
- Susan Munro July 30

Club Anniversary:

- Alberta Dobbe July 11, 2008 (6)
- Connie Ichinose July 12, 2013 (1)
- Jean Sugiyama July 12, 2013 (1)
- Lorraine Shin July 17, 2009 (5)
- Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (4)
- Jim Kennedy July 23, 2098 (16)
- Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (1)
- Sally O'Brien July 27, 2010 (2)

Wedding Anniversary:

- Eddie & Portia Hara July 1 (37)
- Stew & Alessandra Hussey July 12 (28)
- Randy & Lydia Hart July 17 (21)
- Tom & Delia Brown July 29 (33)

Announcements:

- July 17 - Reese Mates - Shelter Box USA
- July 24 - K.T. Cannon-Eger
Project Liliokalani Garden 100th Anniversary
2017 update
- July 31 - Susan Scott
Aloha Social Services Bangladesh

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	Connie Ichinose
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

• Drum roll please... And the **Avenues of Service Award** goes to our very own **Cindy Boots** ... "These boots are made for walkin"



(written by Lee Hazlewood & performed by Nancy Sinatra). The **Avenues of Service Award** is for the Rotarian who has outstanding achievement in the avenues of service, & Rotary International recognizes **Cindy Boots**. You better recognize!!!

• Special recognition of the **New Director of Foundations** was given to **Past President - Alan Kusunoki**... Our club is just filled with outstanding individuals. Way to go!!!

• **Past President - Kerry Glass** was proud to announce that **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** contributions come back to our club. As you donate, you build up points (in increments of up to \$1000). With this



said, for his first time ever, **Past President - Kerry Glass** was delighted to present, a **Paul Harris** recognition pin to **Connie Ichinose**. Congratulations **Connie!!!**

• Instigating his reign, **President - Wally Wong** has taken time to work on a new recognition award. The person that is honored with this prestigious award is a past president & is our very own... Notorious - **Russ Oda**. It was unfortunate that **Past President - Russ Oda** was not able to attend this meeting; however, he is certain to hear all about his special honor it at the upcoming meeting. To honor **Russ Oda**:

- Our club was chartered in 1920
- Our club was the 2nd Rotary Club established in Hawaii
- Since the charter of our club, 5 members have served as District Governor

- **Past President - Carl Carlsmith** was the 1st president of our club & he also served as secretary & editor of the club's 1st weekly newsletter, "The Spoke" (aka "The Lava Flow")

- Serving the people of Hilo remains the heart & soul of our club

- Therefore, **Past President - Russ Oda** is recognized for his dedication & perseverance in perpetuating the FUN traditions of our club

- A heartfelt ALOHA is extended to **Past President - Russ Oda** for his commitment to **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

- July 10, 2015 is now recognized by members of the Rotary Club of Hilo as **RUSS ODA DAY**

Upcoming Events:

- July 11, 2015 - Malama Honua Garden Cleaning

Location: Hawaii Island Home for Recovery

- July 12, 2015 - Hilo Triathlon

Location: Pepeekeo (ROTARY) Wheel Perk: **Susan Munro** to make a hearty breakfast for all attendees... Yummm

- July 17, 2015 & July 18, 2015 - Bamboo Fun in the Garden

Location: Liliuokalani Park

- July 25, 2015 - Matson Ka Ipu Aina HRCF (Fundraising Project)

Location: Kilo Hoku Place in Kaumana

Hauoli La Hanau (aka Happy Birthday):

- **Lisa Rantz** - 7/3
- **Jim Kennedy** - 7/17
- **Cowboy Kaneshiro** - 7/24
- **Mitch Roth** - 7/28
- **Trina Breyfogle** - 7/30
- **Susan Munro** - 7/30

Wedding Anniversaries:

*Rotarians are definitely known for their commitment to excellence

- **Ed & Portia Hara** - 7/1 (37 years)
- **Stew & Alessandra Hussey** - 7/12 (29 years)
- **Randy & Lydia Hart** - 7/17 (22 years)
- **Tom & Delia Brown** - 7/29 (34 years)



Photos by **Stew Hussey**

Club Anniversaries:

- **Alberta Dobbe** – 7/11 (7 years)
- **Connie Ichinose** – 7/12 (2 years)
- **Jean Sugiyama** – 7/12 (2 years)
- **Lorraine Shin** – 7/17 (6 years)
- **Mitch Roth** – 7/19 (2 years)

Announcements:

July 2015 is Malama Honua Month

Club Dues:

- According to Past President – **Alan Kusonoki**, club dues are past due
- As of this date 19 club members have NOT paid
- Please pay your dues
- Checks in the amount of \$250 may be made out to: Rotary Club of Hilo
- WARNING: To speed up the process of collecting club dues, **Past President – Alan Kusonoki** has threatened to reveal the names of those individuals who has not yet paid their dues... Dynamite does come in small packages... K-A-B-O-O-M!!!

Club Resignations:

- Past President – Gene Tao (retired)
- Past President – Sam Wallis (caregiving)
- Yoko Hayano (relocating to Japan)

More Recognition Awards:

- **Yoko Hayano** has been recognized with the **Service Above Self Youth Service Award** for 2015. She has served as the



Waiakea Interact group leader by planning & attending meetings twice a week. She was a mentor to these impressionable youth.

She worked to get the adolescent participants to be more involved & did fun projects too. Thank you very much **Yoko**... You will be missed

- **President – Wally Wong** proposed that those in attendance consider **Mr. Bruce Blankenfeld**, guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Hilo's 2015 Installation, for honorary club membership. As part of the upcoming Malama Honua voyage to promote a more sustainable planet around the world, **Mr. Blankenfeld** will be an asset of outreach to other Rotary clubs that he crosses path with. The motion for **Mr. Blankenfeld** to be an honorary club member was made, seconded by **Nancy Cabral**, & all others were in favor of this proposition. Additionally, President – **Wally Wong** apprised the group of his intent to partake on this expedition, & he intends to take our club banner to share with various

Rotary clubs along the way. What a way to "spread the ALOHA"

Happy Dollars:

- Newly appointed **Past President – Richard Johnson** was quick to contribute **HAPPY DOLLARS** for his brand spanking new "Past President" name badge. He very thrilled to wear it... A title well earned ?

- **\$5 HAPPY DOLLARS** was donated for receipt of a thank you letter & photographs from our fellow Rotarians of Hiroshima, Japan
- **Glenn Harris** contributed **\$40 HAPPY DOLLARS** to celebrate the life of his new grand baby. **Glenn** stated that he found it strange to inform his friends in Seattle, Washington that he had to return to Hawaii to cool off... Well **Glenn**, Hawaii is a cool place to be

- **Mike Robinson** was **\$20 HAPPY** for a 7-day Alaskan cruise that was paid for by his father-in-law

- **Alberta Dobbe** donated **\$10 HAPPY DOLLARS** to **EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year)** fund... Happy club anniversary Alberta

- **Jim Kennedy** gave a heartfelt **\$20 HAPPY DOLLARS** donation just because he was simply happy to be able to walk... It's the things that we take for granted in life that we must show much appreciation for

- **\$100 HAPPY DOLLARS** to **EREY** was up for grabs as **Past President – Newton Chu** (aka **The Don**) was grateful for **President – Wally Wong's** installation. Apparently, El Presidente is no new comer to his current position since **The Don** announced that they simultaneously served as presidents for different clubs. The **Don** was also intrigued by Captain Bruce's explanation of the connection between the Hawaiian Islands & astronomy. **The Don** sure got his monies worth because he was also happy to have recently ventured to Oahu to attend the **Rotary club of Honolulu's 100-year anniversary**. He was fortunate to meet the individual who coined the term "**Gift to Rotary**." However, **The Don** didn't end without chucking a punch below the belt... He announced to all that he won't divulge on his introductions to the slogan creator because he's not **Chuck Porter**... Hey... This was not a fair fight since **THE - Chuck Porter**, himself, was not present. Having realized his infliction of a potential beef. **The Don** wished our fearless leader well & thanked **Past President – Richard Johnson** for the past year stating, "**Rotary**

Club of Hilo rocks!"

- **Jim Cheney** was **\$25 HAPPY** for our club's outreach to Japan, & he, too, took a hurl at The Chuckster because he was equally as thrilled that he was **NOT Chuck Porter**

- Flinging in **\$2 HAPPY DOLLARS** to continue with The Chuckster Roast, **Bob Fox** announced that he, moreover, was happy that he was **NOT Chuck Porter**. As poor **Gay Porter** (wife of **Chuck Porter**) sat & endured the heat, some jokester from the crowd asked, "How happy are you, **Gay**, that he's (in reference to **Bob Fox**) **NOT Chuck Porter**?" Consequently, one can only assume that this jesting is just a prelude for what's to come as **Chuck Porter** catches wind of the heightened laughs on his account during his absence

- **Connie Ichinose** was **\$100 HAPPY** for her **Paul Harris** award & for **Cindy Boots & Nancy Cabral's** support. She was equally as joyful for her most recent club anniversary

- **\$6 HAPPY DOLLARS** was donated for **Cowboy** & everyone being there... Happiness was definitely in the air!!!

- Later down the line, **Mike Robinson** thought of yet another reason for being happy... He was ecstatic that **Gay Porter** is **NOT Chuck Porter** either! Okay... Game on!!! One can only deduce that **The Chuckster** will return with a bang. Get ready boys... It's show time!!!

Member Commercial Moment:

- It used to be frowned upon that Rotarians, individual professionals within our club & community, spoke about their area of expertise & business; however, times have changed as we recognize that our club's success is a result of each person's professionalism, chosen careers, & talents... It's all about making the connection & networking for continued success. With this said, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** is in support of a quick 30-second in-person commercial to be delivered by a handful of members at each meeting:

- **Kathleen McGilvray** took a leap of faith & presented an impromptu 30-second commercial. Despite her spontaneity, she did an excellent job! **Kathleen** announced that she is an associate at the YWCA; the YWCA is an organization that helps to empower women by helping them make better choices for positive outcomes. The YWCA also supports the Healthy Start

Preschool. Additionally, the YWCA facility is available for rent for any of your upcoming events. Please contact Rotarian - **Kathleen McGilvray** with any questions or concerns regarding the YWCA

- **Nancy Cabral** served as a substitute orator for **Misti Tyrin's** 30-second commercial. Upon taking the floor, **Nancy** publicly declared that she "...had no words" to articulate. In shock & disbelief, many onlookers interjected identifying that this was a first for **Ms. Cabral** (to be stymied for words). To colonize the hullabaloo, **Tammy H. Silva** chimed in & donated **\$5 HAPPY DOLLARS** to **TRF (The Rotary Foundation)** tagging this once in a lifetime event. Finding her voice & in pitch perfect tune, Rotarian - **Nancy Cabral** identified her company, Coldwell Banker Day-Lum Properties, as a for-profit real estate brokerage firm. They specialize in buying houses, selling houses, & renting houses. It is important that where you live is a good, safe, & clean location & associates of Coldwell Banker Day-Lum Properties do their personal best to service individuals and families

- None other than **President - Wally Wong** can deliver superior customer service with a smile & represent Hawaiian Telcom.



According to **President - Wally Wong**, technology with Hawaiian Telcom is so advanced that they are now offering Hawaii's fastest Internet services with speeds up to 1 Gig. Contact Hawaiian Telcom for your very own personal technician support & individualized service bundles (T.V. + Internet, Internet + Phone Services, etc.). As consumers, you are challenged to compare, switch, & move because Hawaiian Telcom is driven to provide you with the best possible service at the best possible prices

Guest Speaker:

• **Rita Palma** of the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery** was the guest speaker. She



identified her business organization as a place that provides transitional housing for individuals & families in need. This facility is located on

Kapiolani Street, behind Saint Joseph School

- They service the impoverished populace of Hilo, most of which have mental health issues

- Their business teach these individuals & families to spend their time in a healthy way

- Nevertheless, everything cost money & the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery** has limited funds; therefore, it is very difficult for them to maintain the grounds

- With this in mind, members of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** has scheduled July 11, 2015 – Malama Honua Garden Cleaning for the **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery**

- Please continue to kokua (donate) your time & resources for a much needed good cause

Fiji Literacy Project:

- When **Kui Costa** first started in Rotary, she developed an opinion about "those guys" on the **Bad BoyZ** table. When offered to participate in the **Fiji Literacy Project**, she was very hesitant to



go. Nevertheless, she went against her gut feeling & found herself in Fiji following a 6-hour trip. To her surprise, they were all greeted with a warm welcome of music & festivity; she felt like a celebrity. The shocker was that everyone knew **Steve Handy**; these people were actually very happy to see & greet him. At this point, **Kui** felt that is was actually kind of nice to be around **Steve**... No offense, **Steve** ?

- Following the long air flight, the crew of Rotarians still needed to drive over to the other side of Fiji; this required a 3-hour road trip. Alarmingly, this 3-hour journey was an additional \$500 expenditure; conversely, without batting an eye, **Corey Kawamoto**, **Cowboy Kaneshiro**, & **Steve Handy**

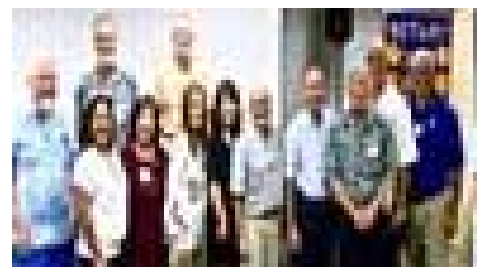
generously doled out the cash & paid for their rides... Thank you **Bad BoyZ**... Or is it **Good BoyZ**???

- **Kui's** 8-year old son had a really good experience too... Way to go **Kui**... Your son is learning to provide **SERVICE ABOVE SELF** at a very impressionable age

- In the end, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** Rotarians made it into the local Fiji newspaper; the Fijian people were very thankful & appreciative

- **Steve Handy** walked in on cue... Right at the end of **Kui's** presentation. As in high Fijian fashion, **Steve** was greeted with applause & someone called out referring to him as "Celebrity Steve"

Introduction of the Board of Directors & Conclusion:



- Prior to concluding the first official Rotary Club of Hilo meeting of 2015 – 2016, **President - Wally Wong** introduced members of the Board of Directors for the current year

- Plans for the upcoming year was touched upon

- A list of upcoming guest speakers was provided (Rotarian - **Reese Mates**, current District Governor, etc.)

- **Past President - The Don** (aka **Newton Chu**) was asked to lead the assemblage in the **4-Way Test**. According to **The Don**, we close the meeting & leave with these thoughts in our minds (**the 4-Way Test**). We may or may not act ethically for the rest of the day since our meetings are held on Fridays... *Hhhmmmm*... It is because of this that a suggestion was made to have our weekly group meetings on Mondays instead; this is with the hope of our group members behaving themselves throughout the whole week rather than just the remainder of our Fridays. Must we say that **The Don** is on point!!!

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