



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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94 Years of Service

Reporter: Cindy

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

LIVE, coming to you from the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel..... **Kathleen McGilvray's** awesome MC's voice encouraged the roomful of Rotarians to welcome our wild and energetic **President Wally Wong** to the Friday July 24th meeting. **Past President Joe Hanley** was asked to lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Alan Kusuno's** melodic voice prompted folks to sing the Hawaiian Doxology which glorifies parents, family and the spirit of God, to make good in this world and also in the spirit world. This song is often sung at family gatherings, birthday and graduation ceremonies to celebrate everyone coming



together with Aloha.

President Wally shared a Hawaiian Proverb: *Ika aku, ike mai. Kokua aku, kokua mai. Pela ka nohana 'ohana.* which means: *Watch, observe. Help others, accept help. That is the family way.* Words to live by and help us all become a Gift to the World.

Visitors from other Rotary Clubs: **Past DG Pete Muller** and wife **Roberta**, **Bryan Lindsey** and **Sharon Scheele** all from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. Visiting from La Mesa Sunrise Club in San Diego were



Muff Warren, her daughter **Bobbi Warren** and son **Chad Warren**. **Bobbi** exchanged the La Mesa Club flag and related that their club was quite small but quickly growing. The club had grown from just 18 to now 50 in just the last several years and has been involved in numerous community and international projects.

Pres. Wally then introduced his guests: **District Governor Dell Green**, returning guest **Nina Decker** and new guest **Meridith Stewart**. **Joe Hanley** brought his son **Travis** along for lunch, and **Jonalynn Nosaka** introduced her daughter **Lynell** as her guest.

Lava Flow reporter **Jeanine Atebara**, and photographer **Stew Hussey** were recognized for their efforts for the July 17th meeting, and **Ed Hara** and **Tammy Silva** were thanked for their continued work coordinating and publishing the newsletter for all to enjoy each week.

Clips from the recent project helping to clear bamboo in Liliokulani Park showed Rotarians **Alan Kusunoki**, **Susan Munro**, **Jessica Tolar**, **Tina Jimenez**, **Harvey Tajiri** (**Helene's** always willing helper) and energizer rabbit **Wally Wong** all pitching in on the very hot and humid Saturday July 18th event.

August 1st will be another **Malama Honua** (Care for our Earth) event, at the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. This will be phase 2 of this on-going program helping the more than 35 residents at the shelter. This phase will be to create gardens for growing fruits and vegetables for the home. On August 8, volunteers will be working on phase 3 at the HIHR by painting walls and halls. Be sure to sign up.

On this coming Wednesday, July 29th **Reese Mates** will be delivering the books collected by the club to the HIHR at 4:30 PM. If you want to help **Reese** and **Wally** please call **Reese** at 847-220-3325 or just come to the home at 440 Kapiolani Street across from ST. Joseph Gymnasium to join in.

Reminder!! Rotary dues are due, please touch base with treasurer, **Alan Kusunoki** as soon as possible if you haven't already paid up. The \$350 collected at the July 17th meeting for the Backpack Project coordinated thru the Hawaii Police Department and Hope Services, received a matching \$350 from our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** to supply backpacks for underprivileged children here in East Hawaii. We'll be shopping for the backpacks this coming Thursday July 30th at Target at 4:30PM. If you can help with this, please call **Reese Mates** at 847-220-3225 or email her at knake1@yahoo.com to let her know you're willing to assist.

July Birthdays, and Wedding or Club Anniversaries:

The only person in attendance, who could be recognized for their July celebration was **Susan Munro**, who generously donated a check for \$68 in honor of another year of good living! Hauoli La Hanua **Susan!**

The exchange student from Brazil, **Caroline "Carol" Pazian** was scheduled to arrive in Hilo at 7:49PM on Saturday evening July 25th. Rotarians were invited to help welcome her to the island. **Carol** will be staying with **Reese Mates'** family as the school year begins. Be sure to introduce yourself to her when she is a guest at our next club meeting, and touch base with **Reese** if you'd like to spend some time with **Carol** and help to get her settled in her new community.

Glenn Harris announced the start of the Rotary in Kindergarten project in early August, and that due to the changes last year in registration age, this year there'll be a much larger group of classes in need of "readers". Please let **Glenn** know if you could volunteer for a slot to read once a month in one of the schools. There will be a sign up sheet circulated at the July 31st meeting.

August 6th is the Preview Party Wine event for the Hilo Orchid Society. This year's event will be a special memorial tribute to long time member and contributor, **Sandra Song**. The event will be at the Afook-Chinen Auditorium, 6-9PM at a cost of \$65 per person which includes wine, beer, catered foods, live music and pre-sales of orchids.

Next on the agenda, **Connie Ichinose**, **Cindy Boots**, and **Tina Jimenez** extended a 3-part(not quite harmony) invitation to the August 14th Happy Hour with Rotary and Friends. August is Membership Month, and the idea of the event is to bring new friends to share in some fun with Rotary. It will be held at Coqui's Hideaway from 5—7PM on Friday August 14th. *note, this event replaces the noon



Birthdays:

Lisa Rantz July 3
 Jim Kennedy July 17
 Gene Tao July 20
 Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
 Mitch Roth July 28
 Treena 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 29 - "Building a Library" at
 Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. 4:30 pm
 July 31 - Susan Scott
 Aloha Social Services Bangladesh
 Aug. 1 - Malama Honua Garden Project
 Hawaii Island Home for Recovery.
 Aug. 7 - K.T. Cannon-Eger
 Lilloikalani Garden 100th Anniversary
 2017 update
 Aug. 8 - Malama Honua Garden Project
 Hawaii Island Home for Recovery.
 Aug. 14 - Wine Social @ 5 pm
 Coqui's Hideaway
 Aug. 21 - Brian Nussbaum - Kuikahi Mediation Ctr.
 Foreclosure Dispute Resolution
 Aug. 28 - Tim Hansen - Hi County Special
 Projects Coordinator

President Wally Wong
 President Elect..... Glenn Harris
 Immediate Past President..... Richard Johnson
 Vice President Mitchell Dodo
 Secretary Susan Munro
 Treasurer Alan Kusunoki
 Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
 Membership Connie Ichinose
 Public Relations Marcia Prose
 Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
 Club Service Lisa Rantz
 International Service Stew Hussey
 Community Service Reese Mates
 Youth Service Tammy Silva
 Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

meeting. Cost is: \$20/person which covers heavy pupus. There will be a no host bar with Happy Hour prices and some fun and fellowship. Be sure to sign up and bring a friend who just might find out that Rotary is more than just service projects and meetings.

With a little time for **Happy \$**, **Chris Tamm** had **\$10** to report what an awesome trip he and wife **Barbara** had just returned from. They had a great time covering lots of territory from Alaska, thru British Columbia and then Washington State.



Senator Lorraine Inouye had **\$25** for the **Backpack Project**, and shared information about the upcoming construction of the roundabout on hi-way 130 at the intersection in Paho.



The construction is scheduled to start August 10th, and there will be a meeting at the Puna Community Center on Wednesday evening at 6PM on July 29th to advise the community of the traffic patterns,

diversions and areas of concern. **Bob Fox** was **5** very happy dollars happy that he and his wife **Nina** had recently moved out of the Paho area and into Hilo and would NOT have to suffer through the roundabout construction project and traffic.



Hearing about **Bob's** recent move to town, **Past DG Peter Muller** quipped up some unhappy \$ that now **Bob** was a closer neighbor.

Pete also was happy to announce that he and wife **Roberta** had recently become grandparents to twin girls. Congratulations to the **Muller** family!. Guest from La Mesa Sunrise club, **Muff Warren**, was very happy to be visiting the Hilo side of our island and enjoying the area greatly. So much so, she's considering moving here.

Joe Hanley was **\$20** to share his green stick fishing story (for real??) about his great day off, fishing in Kona and hauling in 2 awesome Ahi totaling more than 160# ...and yup, he said it was mmmmmmm great!



Johnalynn Noaka had a crisp **\$10** of happiness just for having her beautiful daughter with her to share time together. **Glenn Harris** had **\$10** worth of happiness to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Mauna Kea Resort and how it's contributed to this island.

Our esteemed guest speaker for the day, was our 2015-2016 **District Governor Del Green**. In his life other than Rotary 5000, **DG Del** is a practicing attorney in Honolulu, was born on Maui and then moved with his family to the mainland. He was able to come back with his brother and spend many summers in Lahaina Maui at his grandparents' home enjoying plantation life and learning the real meaning of "Hawaiian style". **Del** compared the



Hawaiian-style culture of giving and sharing found here in the islands to the Rotary motto this year, "Be a Gift to the World." During his summers on Maui, **Del** learned the importance of family, friendships and was especially blessed by having his uncle **Charlie Nalepa** spend time with him and his younger brother. His Uncle **Charlie** taught him the importance of helping other people, and gave him his first Rotary shirt. Rotary is not a 1 size fits all organization. It allows for members to have many interests, and participate in a variety of avenues of service, be it community centered or worldwide projects.

Asking the questions, Why do people join Rotary and Why do they stay, **DG Del** shared that a survey taken recently showed that most members responded with: to gain new friendships and to make an impact in their communities.

One special report shared this month is that Nigeria is now 1 full year without any reported polio cases. That leaves just Afghanistan and Pakistan to see eradication, and thanks to the efforts of Rotary Volunteers worldwide, Rotary has made an impact on the world. With Rotary in Hawaii celebrating it's 100 year centennial, our **DG** suggested doing some sort of centennial project impacting our community to share the good that Rotary can do. At the end of this Rotary year, there will be a Centennial Conference in Honolulu honoring the 5 oldest clubs in the state, and yes, being #2 the **Rotary Club of Hilo** will be recognized, so think about joining in the celebration. (more details to come at a later date) **DG Del** also pointed out the our new **President Wally Wong** is a special gift to our club, and by joining **Wally** and his board as projects come up, we can all be a **Gift to the World!** Go out and have fun, invite friends to join in your projects and make an impact wherever



you are. On behalf of our club, **DG Green** was presented with a very special **Rotary Club of Hilo** apron to be worn proudly at all his up-coming gatherings.

New member **Johnalynn Nosaka** was called on to lead the members in the **Four Way Test**, with a hearty Have Fun for the "fifth way".



Photos by **Kerry Glass**

Happy Hour

Two bright yellow lemon slices are positioned behind the 'Happy Hour' text. One slice is partially cut, showing the segments.

with Rotary & Friends

Friday, August 14
Coqui's Hideaway
5 -7 p.m.

\$20.00

- Heavy pupus
- No host drinks
- Happy hour prices
- Replaces Friday lunch meeting

August is Membership Month!

Bring a friend!!!!

