



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

July 12, 2013

92 Years of service

Reporter: Double H

Ta da!



Today is the 1st day of the new regime of **Kerry Glass**, resplendent in his bright green Rotary Aloha shirt. A couple of observations before we proceed with this report. After having a full year of **Alan Kusunoki's** term, one has to adjust their visual line of sight accordingly, upwards by about a foot and a half or so.

This will have to take a little getting used to but should be no problem.



Also, we need to come up with some sort of nickname for **Pres. Kerry** (or **Pres. Glass**). **King Kerry** sounds good but doesn't really fit Rotary's image. Using adjectives like Broken, Water, Half-a, Whiskey or others like this doesn't seem fitting or appropriate for such a dignified position. We're going to have to come up with something and maybe one of the other *Lava Flow* reporters can expand their minds and give us something good.

And thirdly, **Pres. Kerry** didn't seem to be nervous or on edge for his 1st meeting. This reporter can remember many past presidents practically upchucking before their 1st meeting. **Pres. Kerry** seemed right at home, like he belonged and was used to speaking before dignified audiences like our. Good for him.

So with no change in the room set-up from previous administrations, **Pres. Kerry** started the meeting shortly after 12 noon, allowing us a little time to socialize.

GREETERS



Welcoming all to our meeting today were **Ian Hatch** and **Susan Munro**.

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

After a slight pause to see who he wanted to lead us in the Pledge to our flag, **Cowboy Wayne Kaneshiro** was selected from the back table.

Instead of an actual Invocation from one of our members, we were given an inspirational (and well done, by the way) video presentation from Rotary about "We are this close" in our efforts to eradicate polio. You had to be there to see this because this video gave us the feeling that Rotary is actually virtually reaching its goal of getting rid of this dreadful disease.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Greeter **Ian** had it easy in doing this task since there were NO visiting Rotarians and only a few guests of members:

Beth Leeds by **Glenn Harris**

Conne Kurihara by **Nancy Cabral**

Jean Sugiyama by **Helene Tajiri**

Francisca Pinkney and leave-of-absence member **Vivian Birchall** (and baby daughter) by **Susan Munro**.

THANKS

Kudos and gracias were given to our last meeting's *Lava Flow* reporter and photographer, **Jim Kennedy** and **Jim Cheney**, respectively along with the reporter, **Cindy Boots**, and photographers **Jim Cheney** and **Mitch Dodo** at the Installation dinner.

NEW MEMBERS

What a wonderful way to start off **Pres. Kerry's** first meeting by inducting 2 new members right off the bat before doing virtually anything else. Maybe this will set the tone for the year in generating new candidates for membership and having them inducted quickly. **Helene** and **Nancy** were called up to introduce their candidates,



Jean Sugiyama and **Connie Kurahara**, after which **Pres. Kerry** formally inducted them and brought them onto our membership rolls. Those in attendance gave them a standing ovation welcome. Congratulations **Jean** and **Connie** on your joining the oldest (and best) Rotary Club on the Big Island. Along with the normal items provided to the new members, **Helene** and **Nancy** were awarded Sponsorship Pins, which they should wear proudly with their regular Rotary Pins.

Birthdays:

Jim Kennedy July 17
Gene Tao July 20
Cowboy Kaneshiro July 24
Susan Munro July 30
Treena Breyfogle July 30

Club Anniversary:

Marcia Sakai July 2
Alberta Dobbe July 11
Lorraine Shin July 19
Misti Tyrin July 23
Jim Kennedy July 24
Sally O'Brien July 27

Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1
Stew & Alessandra Hussey July 12
Ted & Sylvia Dixon July 16
Randy & Lydia Hart July 17
Vivian & Daniel Birchall July 17
Tom & Delia Brown July 29

Announcements:

Fri. July 19 Keli'i Mendonca
Student Exchange to Spain

Fri. July 26 DG Phil Sammer

Fri. Aug. 2 Alice Moon
Hilo Downtown Improvement

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	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
New Generations	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

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS

In trying to wrap up **Past Pres. Alan's** term, he was called up to present **Paul Harris**



Fellowship awards to **Vivian Birchall, Cel Ruwethin** and **Sandy Song**. These were the final 3 required for our Club to attain the **100% Paul Harris Fellow** status in Rotary. What an accomplishment, much of this due to the generosity of our members donating award points in their names so they could reach the amount required. Now ALL of us (except for brand new members **Jean** and **Connie** who count for this Rotary year and not last year) are Paul Harris Fellows. Way to go everyone – a proud accomplishment indeed!!!

And not to be outdone, **Jenny** and **Richard**



Johnson were called up to accept their **+2 Paul Harris** pins, meaning they have donated lots and lots to this fund. Good for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder that 16 members of our sister club, **Hiroshima South Rotary Club**, along with 9 children, will be visiting us in mid-August. They will be coming in on August 15th with lots of various activities planned for them. **Jenny Johnson** is coordinating events, including a steak fry that evening and making sure our guests are treated properly. Any of us who have visited their Club in Hiroshima know that they treat us like royalty when we are there, understand that we should reciprocate the welcome they provide for us.

Jenny needs additional helpers and volunteers to provide transportation and assistance in many of the events planned. Please contact her to offer your services, and she will be very appreciative. And, on this note, **Helene Tajiri** volunteered the use of her home for the Friday evening get-together and pot luck. What a generous contribution on her part.



And naturally **Judy Gibson** is still collecting donations to help fund all the activities over these few days. This event was not included in **Pres. Kerry's** budget and is expected to cost about **\$2,500.00**. So far only about **\$1,100.00** has been raised so we are in need of additional monies to make this a decent visit for our guests. Please be bighearted in helping make us reach the **\$2,500.00** goal. **Pres. Kerry** started things off in this subsidizing by donating **\$200.00** in his and **Susan's** name.

The **Lobster Fest Fund Raiser** jointly sponsored by our Club and the **Rotary Club of Volcano** is on Labor Day, Monday September 2nd at Wailoa State Park. Tickets are available and we are encouraged to sell as many as we can to the community. Silent auction items are wanted so if anybody has something they could provide, it would be appreciated. And, of course, volunteers are needed to help run the event. We (our Club – not our Foundation) share in the profits from whatever tickets we sell. See **Misty Tyrin** for the tickets and their pricing structure breakdown.

Our illustrious District Governor, **Phil Sammer**, will be visiting us at our July 26th meeting. Be prepared for the usual Rotary gush, which at times in past years from various other DG's has been very interesting and enlightening. This should be a memorable meeting.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Twins **Russ Oda** and **Ron Dolan** celebrated their **birthday** on 06/30. Funny, they don't look the least alike.

Also on 06/30, **Mike** and **Phyllis Robinson** celebrated their **Wedding Anniversary**. On 07/01 **Ed** and **Portia Hara** celebrated theirs and (TODAY - 07/12) **Stew** and **Alessandra Hussey** celebrated their.

Club Anniversaries were noted for **Marcia Sakai** (07/02) and **Alberta Dobbe** (07/11).

HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS

Joe Hanley complained that "someone" took his badge or, heaven to murgatroit, he lost it. But as you know, he is a car dealer and will say anything to cover his you-know-what in unflattering situations. But to make up for it, he is offering a **\$10.00** donation for getting it returned if someone knows where it is. (Later in the meeting, it was discovered that the badge was in slot #29 in our badge box – **Cindy Boot's** slot – and **Joe** absolutely denies any knowledge of how it got there. He did contribute another **\$10.00** in thanks for the quick recovery though).

Alberta contributed **\$20.00** for being in the Club again (this is her 2nd term) for 5 years already and her current Club anniversary is only 1 day off from her original wedding anniversary with dear departed husband **Morris**.



Richard Johnson was \$20.00 happy for having the opportunity of attending the Rotary International conference in Lisbon and thinks it was a fabulous event. He encourages others to go in the upcoming years, in Sydney in 2014 and in HONOLULU in 2020. Think about it.



Nancy contributed (gasp!) \$300.00, to be split up among our various areas of need, to help make up for the 3 weeks of regular Friday meetings she missed and to pay ½ the dues for new members **Jean** and **Connie**, like she promised she would last year for any new members being inducted during her term as Membership Chairman. What a gal!



Lorraine Shin was \$20.00 happy for noting that her family has about a zillion JD Penns in its ranks. Plenty of nieces, nephews and grandkids all having those initials. How does anyone keep them straight without getting mixed up is a wonder.



The other **Lorraine** in our Club, **Ms. Inouye** offered her help to **Jenny** for the golfers in August and would pay the green fees for one of the Hiroshima players.



Cindy gave \$50.00 to the Hiroshima project fund with the thought that we need to ensure that our visitors experience as good a time here as they show us over there.



Mike Robinson only had \$33.00 in his pocket, which was close to the number of years, 34, he has been married. This is also designated to the Hiroshima project.



Gail Takaki thought she was officially retired but the Boys & Girls Club made her an offer she couldn't refuse so now she is a part-time director in that organization. Good for \$20.00.



Stew noted he was not having anything for lunch today because like right after the meeting he was having a special dining occasion with his lovely bride on their special day today. Also he was proud of his daughter being the lead in the play up at Volcano Center (Beauty and Beast – we are presuming she is playing the beauty cause **Stew** didn't specify which part she has) and her getting a scholarship to the New York Acting Academy. Wow! And he and the family will be going to Italy in 3 weeks for their annual visit there. For all this **Stew** provided \$100.00 to our **Rotary Club Foundation**.



Vivian contributed \$17.00 cause she's will be married for 2 years on the upcoming 17th of the month. And wanted to thank everyone for their generosity in attaining her **Paul Harris Fellowship**. And for the opportunity to show off her daughter to everyone.



Visitor **Francisca** related to us in a quick and very detailed rendition of how she came to America from Nigeria and her stories about going to school there. This little tale was extensive and told very fast (this writer could not keep up) but was very interesting. In wrapping it up, she was asking for help in possibly bringing more kids and others from Nigeria, where there is extensive poverty to America. She will send into to our website so we can see how we can help.



Immediate **Past President Alan** was \$10.00 happy to be sitting with the peons again and not having to be responsible for the regular weekly meetings. And he was happy that the City of Hilo Downtown area qualified for being repainted along with 19 other towns around the Country. This is quite an accomplishment for all the people that voted regularly and often for Hilo.

Glenn Harris was also happy about Hilo's qualification and winning - \$10.00.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR PROGRAMS

Community Service Director **Wally Wong**



informed us that this year we will continue to do our renown projects like Keiki Vision, Dictionaries for the 3rd graders, Read Aloud and put together activities that will benefit the environment and be meaningful to the local

community.

Youth Service Director **Glenn Harris** just took over that assignment so he hasn't had time yet to work up a project schedule but should be able to have something for us shortly, once he gets a chance to look into things.



Bobby Stivers-Apiki, as Vocational Director,



will keep after us to provide vocational talks so be ready to say yes when he asks you. He has the 1st set planned for Aug. 9 so be prepared. Also he is thinking about Career activities and shadowing for our Interact students, maybe like business visitations for them. He would

some of us to work with him (basically become committee members) to help organize and insure the projects go as planned.

Tim Beatty (not present today) as Club Service Director has put on the agenda events we like and are familiar with, like our Hekka party at the park, Chili cook-offs, Steak fries, etc. Other things will be offered also as the year goes by.

The other Directors were not in attendance today but their plans will be made public once they more formulate them.

MEETING'S END

With just a few minutes left to the hour, and so he doesn't run over, **Pres. Kerry** decided to call his 1st meeting to a close. And for a first time, it wasn't that bad, considering all things.

But before the recitation of the **4-way Test**, **Sam Wallis** got up and said next week he would like to bring some of **Sandy's** (his wife) artwork in to maybe auction off to help providing funding for the Hiroshima event. She has made some terrific beautiful things which are of considerable value and some of our members would really like to have an opportunity to get a chance to have some of these things.

With that, **Joe Hanley** was called upon to lead us in the recitation of the **4-way Test** and the meeting was officially called to a close.

See you all next week.

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