



# Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

July 13, 2012

92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Cindy Boots

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Arriving members of the Rotary Club of Hilo were greeted by **HELENE**



**TAJIRI** and **JERRY WATANABE** with smiles, hugs and handshakes. President **ALAN KUSUNOKI** quickly brought the meeting to order with the welcoming Hawaiian greeting Aloha Kakou! **Col. RANDY HART** was called upon to lead the members in The Pledge of Allegiance, and in the absence of **TAMMY SILVA** to give some words of

Inspiration, **ALAN** led everyone through a patriotic rendition of "America". And at that point, **TAMMY** rushed into the room with apologies for being a little late, but that her eldest daughter had called from home with some critical abdominal pains and **TAMMY** had been dealing with calling 911 to be sure that assistance was on it's way, and that her daughter was in good hands. With a sigh of relief, **TAMMY** assured all that her daughter was ok, and she shared some very significant quotes which actually seemed appropriate for her challenging morning events. *"When it is dark enough, you can see the stars"* by **Ralph Waldo Emerson**. And then, *"It is through adversity that we, as individuals, are strengthened and grow in our walk here on earth. As Christians of all denominations, we face many storms and it is through these storms that we gain our strength and become refined."* **TAMMY** was a true example of strength through adversity, and by making sure to get to the meeting to honor her commitment to give the inspiration, gave new meaning to our Rotary slogan, *"Service above Self"*.

**HELENE TAJIRI** introduced **Arabel Camblor** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and Rotarian **Brian Thomas** of the North Hawaii Club in Waimea, who was a guest of **LORRAINE INOUE**. **MYSTI TYRIN** proudly introduced her young son **Luke Tyrin**, and also shared that her "in process" baby will be a little brother for **Luke** in a few months.

Lava Flow reporter **HELEN HEMMES**, and photographer **CHRIS TAMM** were both acknowledged for a job well done on the July 6th newsletter. And **CHRIS** was also noted for his photo contributions snapped during the Installation event June 28th.

Past President **JOE HANLEY** was presented with a presidential award of a wooden gavel plaque in appreciation for his 2011-2012 year as President of the Rotary Club of Hilo. **JOE** humbly accepted the plaque, and shared that his year was successful due to the hard work of his entire board of directors and all the membership who supported all the club projects and achievements. He will be hanging the award with great pride in his office.



Members were reminded that Rotary dues should be paid to **RON DOLAN** as soon as possible so our club can complete the 2012 paperwork for Rotary International requirements.

### Announcements:



Please make a special effort to attend the Friday July 27th meeting, as **District Governor Chet DalSanto** is scheduled to address the membership. It would be great to have a good strong showing at the noon meeting. The Board of Directors has approved the proposed new membership of returning member **Sally O'Brien**. Club members have 10 days to confirm approval, so **ALAN** can induct **Sally** at the July 27th meeting as our first new member of the 2012-2013 year.

There will be a **Rotary Social** gathering "Hump Day" to celebrate getting over the "hump" of Wednesday, which is scheduled for July 18th at the new Mexican restaurant Casa De Luna starting around 5PM. The event has been initiated by the **Rotary Club of South Hilo**, with hopes that this can become a good way for the East Hawaii clubs to gather and mingle. One of the initiatives for the coming year is to have more interaction between our clubs so we can share more projects around the community.

### HAPPINESS DOLLARS \$\$\$

**STEW** and **Alessandra HUSSEY** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 7/12, and **STEW** shared that he was \$25 happy to model his Greek style clothes which are the result of his wife and best friend Alessandra's 25years of wonderful influence and participation in his life.

**CHRIS TAMM** was \$5 glad that he now can stroll into the meetings just before the bell rings after having relinquished the Sgt of Arms duties to **JOHN MC VIKCAR**.

**JIM CHENEY** added \$5 to the happiness pot to recall a meeting he'd attended in Canada where over 200 members belted out the national anthem "O Canada", which was an awesome experience, and pointed out that our rendition of America the Beautiful was in need of a lot more practice. In his words, "we suck!"

**MYSTI TYRIN** shared \$5 of gladness that she'd been able to talk Target into a \$100 donation for our Keiki Backpack project, and reminded everyone to be sure to have their donations turned in or added to the money jars by the 24th so the backpacks can be presented to the Keiki for their graduation from their summer camp project

### A ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE:



**SUSAN MUNRO** clarified options for \$100 contribution included in **Annual Rotary bill**. Members have the option of specifying a focus area you'd prefer your donation to be applied to, such as, maternal and child health, peace or clean water. If unspecified, the donation will go to the Annual Programs Fund. Another option is to specify online to have your donation dedicated to Polio Plus. If the club has a specific Approved Foundation

Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

Alberta Dobbe July 11  
Lorraine Shin July 19  
Misti Tyrin July 23  
Jim Kennedy July 24

Wedding Anniversary:

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

Announcements:

Fri. July 20  
Peter Kubota  
Hilo Bayfront Trails  
Fri. July 27  
Jeff Meirose  
Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline Study

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

Grant, members may also specify contributions be directed to the grant (please check with Susan to see what the name of the approved grant is) All contributions are allocated as Paul Harris recognition points, and count toward the club's Annual Programs Fund Giving goals. Our club goal is \$125.00 per member per year.

Our guest speaker, American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year, Joy Memmer was introduced by SUSAN MUNRO. Joy has been a volunteer for over 10 years, and mentioned that Friday the 13th seemed like a great day to talk about being prepared for all kinds of emergencies or catastrophic disasters. Joy also explained that in the recent past the Red Cross has reorganized somewhat, and Barney Sheffield is now the only paid employee here on the Big Island, and that volunteers are much needed and welcomed. With hurricane season one of the major concerns at this time of year, there are still many other disasters that put the Hawaiian Islands in a category 10 for disaster relief.



Just think about: Tsunami, Earthquake, Volcanic eruptions and flows, landslides, power failure, drought, dam failures, Hazmat spills, airport terrorism, biological terrorism, radiation leaks or tornado spouts. Many of these kinds of emergencies have made our local news over just the last several years. Joy touched on important points to be aware of to prepare your home and family in the case of any emergency. Top of the list is to have a Disaster Kit already prepared and stored in an accessible place, or even to have 2 kits prepared, 1 for your home and 1 for your car.

Items to be included:

- \*Water: 1 gallon per person per day for up to 5-7 days at a shelter, or up to 3 weeks at your home. Add a water purification kit for around \$10.00
- \*Food-Non perishable, easy to prepare and IMPORTANT include a manual can opener in the kit. Also include food for your pets if necessary. Matches or a propane lighter build a cooking fire if necessary.
- \*Flashlights and extra batteries, and a battery powered or hand crank radio
- \*First Aid Kit and any special medications you and your family require.(7 day supply)  
Include a list of prescriptions
- \*Copies of personal documents/ID's, insurance cards, deed or lease for home/car extra set of car keys and house keys
- \*Family emergency contact list with phone #'s or e-mail addresses.
- \*Extra Cash
- \*change of clothes (pack a separate duffel bag of clothing for all family members)
- \*bedding/towels if evacuating as there will be no cots in a hurricane shelter

**\*cell phone and chargers**

(think about your kit as if you are preparing to camp out for several days, and include items you would take with you to survive without electricity and water)  
\*pack your kit in a cooler, as the cooler is also an important item to have too.

Another valuable suggestion to prepare your family, is to make a plan and discuss with your family and household members. Discuss options for places to meet up if you do get separated, and also how or who you will contact on the mainland to advise your situation. Discuss what to do if you have to evacuate, and which route you'll take to get to the nearest shelter. If possible, have someone in your family take a training course in first aid and CPR.

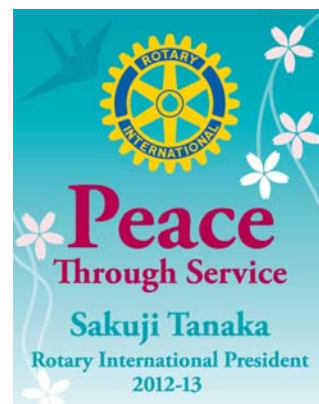
Radio and TV stations and NOAA weather channel are all methods of notification. It's important to follow instructions, as decisions for evacuation and shelter are normally made by the Emergency Operations Centers before the information is released to the media, so when you are hearing a warning, danger is often imminent. You can call your Civil Defense office and sign up for emergency notification via phone or text, and many of the new smart phones have an app you can download for disaster notification in your local area. If you want to gather more information you can go to: [Americanredcross.org](http://Americanredcross.org) or [fema.gov](http://fema.gov). Above all: Plan NOW, Listen to local announcements, Remain calm.

ALAN thanked Joy for all her fantastic and important presentation and also presented her with a Koa pen made by GERARD CARTER.



To close the meeting with the 4Way Test, ALAN called on JIM CHENEY to lead the members, very loudly and with Gusto, which JIM did mighty well!

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Photos by Kerry Glass