



Rotary News *lava* FLOW

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92 Years of service

Reporter: **Cindy Boots**

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Party in the Park!!

Rotary Club of Hilo 93rd Installation of Officers.

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Program MC, **Newton Chu**, set the tone of the evening with his rendition of some Rotary history which included a little fun with stale cigars and cheap whiskey.



Mitchell Dodo led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Helene Tajiri** had a special blessing for the gathering



which was really more than just cigars and whiskey, and instead, a moment together to honor the core values of Rotary that we bring with service above self to our community, and in the way we live our daily lives.

Special guests for the event were announced: Prosecuting Attorney (and soon to be new member) **Mitch Roth** and his wife **Noriko**, Assistant District Governor, **David Hurd**, and special friends of **Kerry** and **Susan**, **Raquel Dow**, **Dr. Richard Robbins** and wife **Lois**. Also on hand to celebrate the installation were newly installed



presidents of: Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, **Cedric Mitsui**, **Lisa Kwee** of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and **Glen Calvert** and wife **Fran** of the Pahoa Sunset Rotary Club. Outgoing ADG **Charlene Meyers** rounded out the list of Rotarian officers, and was especially pleased to present our



club with an **EREY** banner for yet one more challenge met through President **Kusunoki's** term.



Rotarians were able to introduce their spouses and partners, and then the fun shifted back to our **Newton** sending everyone toward the very delicious and bountiful buffet line.

After all had indulged in dinner, **Newton** called for a round of



applause for both outgoing President **Alan Kusunoki**, and incoming President **Kerry Glass** for their energy and service to support and encourage continued participation in Rotary. President **Alan** was then called on to perform his last duties of his 2012-2013 year. **Alan** was also treated to the lighting of a stale cigar and a nice swig of whiskey, and announced that the whiskey tasted much

better of the two! Described as: "Short on stature, but big in song and heart", President **Alan** proceeded to thank his board, special directors, and all other members who had helped to keep the club running smoothly throughout his year of leadership. Special accomplishments of the year included The **Peace Forum**, another successful year of **RYLA Camp**, and most recently the very well-received **Brewfest**. Also on the list were the 2 youth exchanges supported by our club and director **Rand Mundo**. Another achievement for the club was becoming a **100% Paul Harris Club**. A very special Mahalo was given to **Lorraine Inouye** and hubby **Vern** for their generous donation of all the beautiful floral arrangements.

Guest speaker, **Mitch Roth** took a few moments to comment on



how this year's theme, **Engage Rotary, Change Lives** expands on how we're all responsible for keeping our community safe, and how Rotary itself has accomplished much around Hilo. **Mitch** pointed out that projects such as VASH, Downtown Hilo Clean-up, Weed'N'Seed, are all evidence of how Rotarians treat others with dignity and respect, and take

on community challenges that DO CHANGE LIVES.

Russ Oda was called upon to do the honors of the Installation



Ceremony of **Kerry Glass** and his new 2013-2014 board. Of course, another couple cigars were lit, and shots of cheap whiskey had to be shared first!

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 12 Club Assembly
 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 Silvers-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

New President **Kerry**, took over his responsibilities with his first job of presenting now



Past President **Alan** with his "bling" past-president pin, a special mounted gavel plaque with his years of leadership, and the Peace Through Service flag. **Kerry** also had a special gift for **Russ Oda**.



It seems, that the year that **Russ** served the club as President (1970), funds were in quite a slump, and **Russ** had never received his own gavel. So, **Russ** was presented with a special Past President Gavel plaque too. That was the good news, the bad news was, that **Russ** would become the first



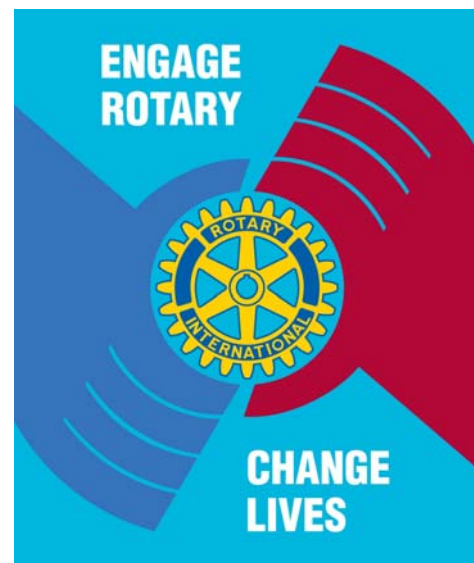
to be fined in **Kerry's** year, as Rotarian with most longevity in the club. **Russ** cheerfully donated a \$100 check to the **Rotary Foundation** in his grandson, **Reese Ching's** name. In a quick twist, PP **Alan** pointed out to **Kerry** that he'd forgotten to announce **John McVickar** as Foundation Chair



of The **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**, so **Kerry** ended up fining himself \$20 too!. President **Glass** then thanked everyone for entrusting him with

leading the club in the coming year, and reiterated the purpose of giving service above self and taking on the responsibility of leading club toward changing people's lives in the coming year.

Glenn Harris was asked to lead the gathering in closing with the **4-Way Test**.



Copy this link in your browser to see all the photos that Jim and Mitchell took:

<http://s1217.photobucket.com/user/hpchilo/slideshow/>

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