



Practically brand new **President Alan Kusunoki** called the meeting to order. Searching the crowd for a volunteer, **Alan** picked on **Past District Governor Pete Muller**, who led the Club members in the Pledge of Allegiance. With a nod to **Jim** "we-sing-shamefully" **Cheney**, **President Alan** led the Club in singing *America*. However, it was still short in the "gusto" department.

This was followed by a respectful moment of silence for the people, families, and our country affected by the tragedy in Aurora, Colorado.

Inspiration **Alberta Dobbe** provided the Inspirational Moment with a reminder that putting off happiness now, by spending one's life doing things intended to bring happiness later, is really missing the point. The only day we will ever have for sure is today, and the only moment we will ever have for sure is now. Happiness is rather like wine – when postponed too long, it's likely to go sour.

Visiting Rotarians Greeters **Tom Brown** and **Yoko Hayano** welcomed members and guests.



Well, actually, **Yoko** really did the greeting part (and very well, too). One the other hand, **Tom** seemed totally absorbed in conversation at the Back Table. When **Prez Alan** then called on **Tom** to introduce the guests, **Tom** didn't even know where the sign-in sheet was! **Tom**

eventually introduced visiting Rotarians **Past District Governor Pete Muller** and **Carol Van Camp** from the Hilo Bay Club, and **Alan Strohschein** from the Columbus/Fall River club in Wisconsin, and his guest **Kathy Hoch**.

Guests of Rotarians **Alberta Dobbe** introduced her guest, **Cathy Lawder**.

Announcements

President Alan thanked Lava Flow scribe **Cindy Boots**, who stepped in at the last minute, and photographer **Kerry Glass** for their outstanding work on last week's Lava Flow.

With regrets that were echoed by the whole assembly, **Alan** noted the resignation of long-time member **Gerard Carter**. **Alan** noted **Gerard's** innumerable contributions to the Club. **Alan** noted that there was still a good supply of the world's finest koa pens, and that **Gerard** had promised a few more. There was an immediate motion from the floor to elevate **Gerard** to Honorary Membership. **Alan** said he would take it to the Board at the next meeting. (**Gerard** just thought he could get away...)

Treasurer **Ron Dolan** reminded that there were 17, oops now 16, members who had not paid their annual dues. **President Alan** then made some remarks about the disturbing things that would befall those 16, if they did not ante up promptly.

On happier notes, **Alan** noted that new **District Governor Chet Dal Santo** would be attending and speaking at next week's meeting. He will be attending the other local clubs too, so there will be several opportunities to meet him. **Alan** also announced that member-candidate **Sally O'Brian's** application had been approved by the Board to be advanced to the Club membership for comments.

Rand Mundo announced that the Club's incoming exchange student "**Fern**" **Chotika Tanburana** will be arriving at the Hilo airport on July 30th. **Rand** would like to have a big crowd at the airport to meet and greet her with leis and Hawai'ian style, when she steps off the plane! A sign-up sheet is being circulated. **Rand** also noted that **Fern** is being hosted by the **Mendoncas**, whose son **Keli'i** is an outgoing exchange student, heading for Spain in September.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Club Anniversaries

Gene Tao and **Jim Kennedy** celebrated birthdays during the past week. **Randy** and **Lydia Hart**, as well as, **Vivian** and **Dan Birchall** celebrated their respective wedding anniversaries.

President Alan noted that **Alberta Dobbe** had a Club anniversary, and **Alberta** remarked that **Helen Hemmes** was her sponsor. Ever the one for fine details, **Alan** asked why the sponsor name wasn't on the website and would **Alberta** correct that. **Alberta** responded, "I guess so...". Fortunately for **Lorraine Shin**, who also had a Club anniversary, she wasn't present to deal with **President Alan's** inquisition. (Although, given **Lorraine's** sons' occupation, perhaps **Alan** would have passed on that.) And for all those conversations, **Alan** didn't collect a single penny!

Happy Dollars

Jim Cheney gave \$10, apologizing for having his computer address book being hacked, resulting in many people getting an "inappropriate" message. **Jim** declined requests to disclose the content thereof, despite an offer from the Back Table to pay a princely sum to hear what it was.

Sandy Song was \$20 happy that the County had provided a grant to help support the Orchid Show. **Alberta** gave \$25 to the Fiji project in loving recognition of the third anniversary of husband **Morris'** passing.

Steve Handy gave five happy dollars marking his imminent departure for Fiji to work on the hearing aid facility project and his appreciation of a \$1,000 contribution by the **Johnsons**. **Gail Takaki** kicked in another \$25 for the Fiji project.

Past President Joe Hanley had \$20 happy dollars. Ten in recognition of all of **Cathy Lawder's** efforts over the years for the Children's Justice Center, and ten more in anticipation of his son coming home from overseas deployment.

Susan Munro gave \$20 in thanks for all of **Gerard Carter's** contributions.

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 27
Chet Dal Santo, District Governor
Fri. Aug 3
Karolyn Lundkvist - "Ignite"
Fri. Aug 10
Christopher Phillips, Imiloa
Reach for the Stars - Afghanistan
Fri. Aug 17
Jeff Melrose, Island Planning
Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline Study
Fri. Aug 24
David Howard Donald
The Volcano Project

- 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

Program

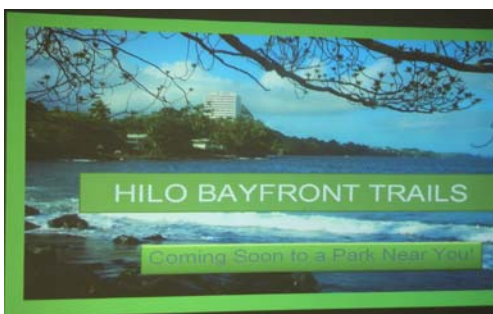
John McVickar introduced the meeting's speaker, Peter Kubota. Peter is a Hilo native who graduated from the UH Business School and received a degree in law. He now practices estate planning, probate, business, and real estate law in Hilo.



Peter has been working with a number of people in the community, including

Ron Terry and James Leonard, for a few years now on an ambitious project called Hilo Bayfront Trails.

The project is a County of Hawai'i three-phase project to plan, design, and construct a path system from the Wailuku River at Reed's Island to Hilo Harbor's cruise ship terminal, so that residents and visitors can better enjoy the beautiful shoreline features along Hilo Bay by walking, biking, or using other non-vehicular modes of travel. The project was conceived as a system of paths to connect existing recreational sites along the Hilo Bayfront area, both mauka and makai of Kamehameha Avenue.



The Hawaii County Resource Center is managing the planning phase. This part has been funded by a grant from the Hawaii Tourism Authority Natural Resources Program with matching resources provided by the County of Hawaii.

The planning effort is a highly collaborative initiative, guided by an informal advisory committee consisting of representatives of county, state, and federal agencies alongside representatives of key stakeholder groups including canoe clubs, youth and adult soccer leagues, and a large number of community support organizations.

A comprehensive Master Plan has been developed, the final environmental assessment has been published, and the Special Management Area (SMA) permit has been granted. Additional permitting requirements are in process. The community group plans to establish a 501.c.3 corporation to oversee and raise funds for the actual construction phase. The plan is to begin the first phase of construction in June 2013.

Four-Way Test

Ron Dolan proved once again that he could read and count (to four at least) by leading the Club in the Four-Way Test.



District Governor Chet Dal Santo

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