



Rotary News

# Lava FLOW

July 25, 2014

94 Years of Service

Reporter: Tammy

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

### Opening Act:

Members of the Rotary Club of Hilo embraced Friday, July 25, 2014, with greeters **Steve Handy** & **Tom Brown**. **President Richard Johnson** promptly called the meeting to order, & he gently put the preceding past president, **Kerry Glass**, on the spot by asking him (**Kerry**) to lead the eager group in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag.



### Inspiration:

The inspirational words of wisdom was delivered by none other than Rotarian - **Steve Handy**. **Steve** delivered a "Handy" quote by the great legend, Muhammad Ali:

*"Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill, and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill."*

### Warm Welcome:

It was great to welcome & see visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay:

**Pete Muller** - Past District Governor

**Marcia Sakai** - Visiting Rotarian

It was equally terrific & inspiring to become acquainted with guests of our fellow Rotarians. Thank you all for bringing dynamic community members to visit with our energetic group of Rotarians:

**Cindy Boots** has blessed us with the visit of **Jennifer Torres** (guest speaker) - Educational Outreach Worker for Family Programs Hawaii. You are an asset to our community, **Jennifer**... Thank you very much for all that you do?

**Tammy H. Silva** introduced the group to her 11 year old daughter, **Kulia Silva** - avid soccer player (left forward) for Ha'aheo Soccer Club U12 Girls. Go get um' **Kulia**??

**President Richard Johnson** acquainted the attending Rotarians to his guest, **Susan Douglass**. Susan's father, **Paul Douglass**, served as the President of the club in 1973 & 1974. **Susan** is an associate at Ron Dolan CPA, & according to **President Richard**, he & **Susan** met by accident via e-mail; that's how he discovered that **Susan** was the daughter of a Rotarian. This was a pleasant accidental meeting??

**President Richard** was busy at work marketing our club & reaching out to members of our local community; he also familiarized the group with his second guest, **Eric Cohen** - Semi-retired Patent Attorney. We are all pleased to meet you, **Eric**?

### Special Thanks:

A B-I-G MAHALO was expressed by **President Richard** to last Friday's, July 18, 2014, Lava Flow volunteers:

-Reporter - **Jeanine Atebara**

-Photographer - **Jim Cheney**

-Lava Flow Coordinator - **Tammy H. Silva**

-Lava Flow Publisher - **Ed Hara**

ALWAYS AN AWESOME JOB!!! ?

### Upcoming Events:

Aug. 1, 2014 - **Club Assembly**

Aug. 8, 2014 - **District Governor Visit**

10:30a Board Meeting

12:00n Club Meeting

Aug. 9, 2014 - **Primary Election Day**

Aug. 13, 2014 - **Board Meeting** at Hilo Rice Noodle 5:00p - 6:30p

Aug. 15, 2014 - **NO Meeting** due to Hawaii Statehood Day

Sept. 1, 2014 - (Labor Day) **Lobsterfest Fund Raiser** in Volcano

Cost = \$50 / lobster & \$30 / shrimp

Oct. 3, 2014 - **Oktoberfest** at Sangha Hall

Cost = \$45 per person

### Rotary Members in the News:

-Past Presidents **Kerry Glass** & **Mitch Dodo** were featured in the Hawaii Tribune Herald on Sunday, July 20, 2014 for presenting 2014 Waiakea High School graduate, **Lindsey Yamane**, with a **\$5000 Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship**. **Lindsey Yamane** plans to attend Azusa Pacific University in California; she was the president of the Interact Club. Way to go, **Lindsey**!!!

-**Lorraine Inouye**, a Rotarian & a candidate for State Senator - District 4, and her fellow candidates communicated their views on pressing issues in the Honolulu Star Advertiser on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Good luck, **Lorraine**!!!

-On Wednesday, July 23, 2014, **Jimmy Yagi** was shown in the Hawaii Tribune Herald talking to little "BALLERS, SHOT CALLERS" at his 2nd annual Jimmy Yagi Summer Hoops Camp at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium. It is a co-ed camp for ages 9 - 17 years. You are an inspiration to our future leaders, **Jimmy**... Keep on bouncin'?

### Let's Celebrate !

#### Birthdays

-**Gene Tao** = July 20

-**Cowboy Kaneshiro** = July 24

#### Club Anniversaries

-**Mitch Roth** = July 19 - 1 year

-**Christina Dhillon** = July 23 - 4 years

-**Misti Tyrin** = July 23 - 4 years

-**Jim Kennedy** = July 24 - 16 years

### Rotary Announcements

\*Membership dues were due on July 1, 2014 - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CLUB FEES

\*Rotarians are encouraged to bring your family members into Rotary... **President Richard** suggested that there's room for more **Hanleys** in the club... Bring it on!!!

\***H-A-P-P-Y Clap** ? ?... Following the clap, **President Richard** assured **Past President Kerry** that the group really have their short-

## 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 Kurohara July 12, 2013 (1)  
Jean Sugiyama July 12, 2013 (1)  
Lorraine Shin July 17, 2009 (5)  
Mitch Roth July 19, 2013 (1)  
Christina Dhillon July 23, 2010 (4)  
Misti Tyrin July 23, 2010 (4)  
Jim Kennedy July 23, 2008 (16)  
Lisa Rantz July 26, 2013 (1)  
Sally O'Brien July 27, 2010 (2)

## Wedding Anniversary:

Eddie & Portia Hara July 1 (36)  
Stew & Alessandra Hussey July 12 (28)  
Randy & Lydia Hart July 17 (21)  
Tom & Delia Brown July 29 (33)

## Announcements:

Fri. August 1 - Club Assembly  
Fri. August 8 - Laura Steelquist  
District 5000 Governor

President ..... Richard Johnson  
President Elect ..... Wally Wong  
Immediate Past President ..... Kerry Glass  
Vice President ..... Mitchell Dodo  
Secretary ..... Susan Munro  
Treasurer ..... Corey Kawamoto  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Cindy Boots  
Membership ..... Christina Dhillon  
Public Relations ..... Alberta Dobbe  
Rotary Foundations ..... Alan Kusunoki  
Club Service ..... Tom Brown  
International Service ..... Jenny Johnson  
Community Service ..... Misti Tyrin  
Youth Service ..... Glenn Harris  
Vocational Service ..... Biff Kennedy

term memory intact, & these Rotarians really can learn... Just do it!!!

## Happy \$\$\$

-**Dirk Yoshina** was \$10 happy just because it was Friday... That's awesome, **Dirk!**

-**Past President Kerry Glass** was literally a "happy camper" since he & **President Richard** are planning to leave for Alaska for a camping & fishing trip. According to **Kerry, Richard** tends to give his fish away; however, the opposite is true for **Kerry**... He enjoys his fish way too much?

-**Alberta Dobbe** was \$20 happy... Thank you, **Alberta!**

-**Christina Dhillon** was \$20 happy... "Happy anniversary, *Baby, I got you on my mind*" ~ Little River Band

-**Past President Mike Robinson** wanted to see how far he could make **President Richard** walk (he was forced to walk across the room)... This made him \$5 happy... Crack the whip, **Mike!!!** Just kidding... **Mike** was happy to announce Phase 2 of the Rotary Park. **Mike** thanked all Rotarians who was involved in the project 10 years ago. **Mike** also plans to update fellow Rotarians about Phase 2 of the Rotary Park at the August 1, 2014 meeting... C U there ?

-**Nancy Cabral** was \$50 happy for the upcoming Hilo Orchid Society Show & Sale "Symphony of Orchids" at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium; this is a benefit show for Ku'ikahi Mediation Center & HOS Scholarship Fund:

July 31, 2014 6p - 9p Gala Preview Party (tickets sold separately - \$65 includes wine or beer glass / \$25 of each ticket is tax deductible)

August 1, 2014 9a - 6p

August 2, 2014 9a - 5p

August 3, 2014 10a - 2p

-**Russ Oda** was \$10 happy for the Grand Master from Japanto visit Hilo to perform a Tea ceremony; he served as vice president for 20 years & as president for 16 years... Whoa!!! That's a lot of years, **Russ.**

-**Cindy Boots** is in charge of the upcoming silent auction at the **Lobsterfest**; & she's \$5 happy that she's not in charge of the whole event. Whew!!! We feel you, **Cindy.**

\*We are accepting any gently used items for the silent auction... Please bring any & all donations

\*Our club gets a profit for anything our club sells (see **Cindy** or **Richard** for details)

## Guest Speaker

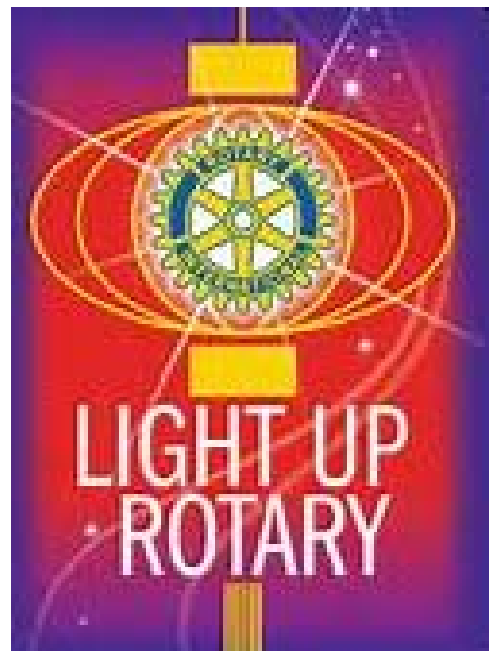


**Cindy Boots** had the pleasure of introducing our guest speaker, **Jennifer Torres** - Education Outreach Worker for Family Programs Hawaii. **Jennifer** impressed the group by painting the picture of her childhood upbringing & her life experiences that beckoned her to her chosen profession.

**Jennifer** was a foster youth who aged out of the foster program without permanent placement within a foster home or foster family; she was 1 of 6 children.

As a foster youth, **Jennifer** was compelled to attend multiple schools & engage in participating in ever changing spiritual practices to better suit her current foster placement; she learned to be a chameleon at such a young age to adapt to her current living arrangement - she made the best of her situation despite the fact that she was separated from her siblings.

Approximately 10 yrs ago, **Jennifer** attended school to become a nurse; however, her career path changed when she told her story about being a foster youth; following suit, she shared her story nation wide.



Photos by **Stew Hussey**



**Jennifer's** presentation about her life experiences helped fellow foster children connect to her story & allowed them to find their own identity.

Throughout her career, **Jennifer** has worked to create chapter meetings, work with legislation to pass bills that allow youths to collect & benefit until age 21, she lobbied for youths to obtain their driver's permits & licenses rather than have them drive illegally & work their way back into the legal system by getting arrested.

**Jennifer's** life has come full circle when she chose to work & became a valuable part of the program & associates who functioned as her own personal guardians.

**Jennifer** helped to create a program for high school seniors - out of home placement. These programs aid high school seniors to create their transition plan & helps them complete their student aid & scholarship forms. As a result, 98% of the student participants go to college, & 99% receive a full ride scholarship.

Through this program, the youth pay it forward & they become mentors to other children who face the same fate - this value is instilled within the youth participants of this program.

### Project visitation

Project Visitation is a program that provides monthly visits & special events for siblings separated by the foster care system.

This program strives to support family relationships by bringing together brothers & sisters who are living apart.

Eligibility requirements include a family history of foster care involvement (regardless of current legal status) & continued separation of siblings.

Community volunteers are utilized to fulfill the program's mission.

Volunteers set up outings, transport the children, & supervise the visits.

This program is a piggy back to the former Casey Family Program.

It is unfortunate that this program is NOT YET island wide; it is not available for the Kona youth - more volunteers & sponsors are needed to achieve an island wide program

### Sponsors of the Program

Hilton Waikoloa opened up dolphin interaction this summer for children of the program

Camp connections are now done on the Big Island instead of Oahu... Great plan

The program accepts gas gift cards for the volunteers

October through December 2014 - Ohana Gas or Minute Stop will give a portion of proceeds to the program

### Good Point

According to **Nancy Cabral**, the self-proclaimed "Big Mouth" -

*"...we can all say, 'Look at those bad kids, & now I have to pay for them in jail'; these kids don't know. These kids had no option. We need to help instead of looking at them as being the anchor that weighs down our society."*

### Conclusion

Prior to concluding our pleasurable weekly meeting, **President Richard** gifted our visiting guest speaker with a small token of appreciation, a rotary cup... Thank you, **Jennifer**, for sharing your life



experiences & the wonderful outcomes of your labour of love. You are definitely a Rotarian at heart... Service before self?

With the recent flash flood warnings, **President Richard** "flashed" x2 lost & found umbrellas to the crowd. According to **Theresa English**, the green umbrella looked familiar & she was willing to dish out a few bucks for it. The other umbrella was given to **Tammy H. Silva**, as she identified that, when driving during a rainy day, she tends to give away umbrellas to individuals walking in the rain without an umbrella... It's always good to do a small act of kindness?

To conclude our meeting & to jump start the weekend, **President Richard** kindly asked **Jeanine Atebara** to lead the group in the **Four-Way Test**... Let's live our lives by these words of wisdom...

