



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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Reporter: "Live United"

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



With his welcoming smile and a mighty swing of his gavel, **President Kerry Glass** called the meeting to order.

Ed Hara led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Misti Tyrin shared words of inspiration from her own life experience. **Misti's** parents were both 16 years old when she was born. When **Misti** was 13, her mother went through her second divorce and was pregnant with her third child. **Misti** has not let that define who she has become... an accomplished, positive and caring individual who inspired us with these words that she lives by: **"Give Gratitude. Find Joy in Giving. Be Thankful."**



President Kerry thanked our greeters for the day:

District Governor Phil Sammer, Lorraine Shin and Gene Tao.

Lorraine introduced our guests: Assistant District Governor for East Hawaii and Hilo Bay Rotary Club member, **David Hurd**; District Governor and Waikiki Rotary Club member, **Phil Sammer**; **Lisa Rantz**, guest of **Corey Kawamoto** and **Christina Dhillon**, guest of **Kerry Glass**.

Mahalos to Reporter **Gail Takaki** and Photographer **Ed Hara** for last week's Lava Flow.

Hiroshima South Visit

President Kerry updated us on the upcoming visit by our sister club, **Hiroshima South**. Sixteen adults and 9 children will arrive at Hilo Airport on Thursday, August 15th at 3:05pm. If you are able, please help us give them a warm Hawaii welcome by coming to the airport to greet them when they arrive. That evening, starting at 5:30pm, our club will host them at a Welcome Steak Fry at Wailoa State Park. Let's all come out and show them a good time!

Their agenda for Friday, August 16 includes golfing and touring and a Farewell Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm at **Helene & Harvey Tajiri's** home. Thank you for hosting, **Helene!**

We were in need of one more member to host two sisters with the group and **Alberta Dobbe** generously came to the rescue! Mahalo **Alberta!**

The **Hiroshima South Rotary Club** members are always very gracious and generous hosts to our club members when we visit them in Japan. We're asking our members to please help us reciprocate and host them in the true spirit of Aloha!

Lobster Festival Update

Our Rotary Club together with the Volcano club are sponsoring the Lobster Festival on Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day, at Wailoa State Park. **Cindy Boots** and **Sally O'Brien** are coordinating the following assignments and responsibilities for our club. 1) Need club members to sell tickets (see **Misti Tyrin**); 2) Silent Auction Item Donations: Our club receives all proceeds from the auction items that we contribute; 3) Need 4 to 5 volunteers on event day.

Members were also reminded that we don't have to eat a whole lobster. You can have half of a lobster or shrimp or even a hot dog. Contact **Cindy** (alohabts@hawaiiantel.net) or **Sally** (sobrien27@hawaii.rr.com) if you can help with any of the above needs.

Upcoming Club Events:

Aug. 6 (Tues)... Youth Exchange Student arrives at Hilo Airport at 7:21pm.

Aug.14 (Wed)...East Hawaii Hump Day Celebration at Palms by the Bay at 5:00pm

Aug.15 (Thur)...Steak Fry for Hiroshima South at Wailoa State Park at 5:30pm

Aug.16 (Fri)...Potluck for Hiroshima South at Helene Tajiri's House at 6:00pm

Sept.2 (Mon)...(Labor Day)... Lobster Festival with Volcano Rotary Club at Wailoa State Park

Celebrating Birthdays:

Gene Tao on July 20th and **Cowboy Kaneshiro** on July 24th.

Celebrating Club Anniversaries:

Misti Tyrin... July 23, 2010 (3 years) and **Jim Kennedy**...July 24, 1998 (15 years)

HEAPS OF HAPPY DOLLARS!

Nancy Cabral gave 100 happy dollars towards the **Hiroshima South** visit because by being at the meeting early today (due to attending the board meeting) she discovered that we actually say the Pledge of Allegiance and have Words of Inspiration which she normally misses. Yay **Nancy!**

Lorraine Inouye found out she couldn't golf with the **Hiroshima South** group due to a prior golfing commitment, but she kept her original monetary commitment and wrote a check for \$58 (that pays for one Hiroshima golfer) that went to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**. **Susan Munro** was \$4.00 happy because **Alberta** volunteered to host the last two Hiroshima South students.



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 26 DG Phil Sammer

Fri. Aug. 2 Alice Moon
Hilo Downtown Improvement

Fri. Aug. 9 Club Assembly
Rotary Park Project Update

Thurs. Aug. 15
Hiroshima South Rotarians Arrive
Steak Fry/Meeting

Fri. Aug. 16 No Meeting

Fri. Aug. 23 Julie Mitchell, Ex. Dir.
Ku'ikahi Mediation Center

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



District Governor Phil Sammer was \$5.00 happy to be in Hilo meeting our members and attending our meeting.



Asst. Governor David Hurd was \$5.00 happy to begin his weekend by attending our club's meeting.

Cindy Boots was \$5.00 happy because she saw **Stew Hussey's** daughter, **Christina**, in her performance in Beauty & the Beast. She strongly encouraged members to go if they can. **Christina** is a very talented performer we can all be proud of!



Joe Hanley was \$5.00 happy because he made up a meeting online. He watched a video on CPR and learned a lot.

President Kerry coughed up \$5.00 because he mistakenly announced **Misti's** Club Anniversary as her wedding anniversary.



Sam Wallis was \$5.00 happy and he congratulated **Misti's** parents on doing a great job in raising such a fine daughter. She's definitely a keeper!



Gene Tao was \$10 happy because he had a very happy birthday party.

District Governor Phil Sammer's Address

David Hurd, the assistant District Governor for East Hawaii introduced our guest speaker, **District Governor Phil Sammer**. **DG Phil** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Waikiki since 1992 and served as president, 2000-2001. At the District level **Phil** is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and has served as Assistant Governor. **DG Phil** has been in the hotel industry for over 35 years, getting his start in French Polynesia. He has been General Manager of the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki since 1984. **Phil** is a member of three Rotary Fellowships that reflect his interests: Yachting, Flying and Musicians.

District Governor Phil Sammer explained that there were two reasons why he liked being a greeter at meetings he attends: One is because he gets to meet and know the members. Two is because since they now have met him, he feels they'll be less likely to throw something during his

address or less likely to leave while he's speaking.

DG Phil encouraged us all to have fun as Rotarians. He also said brevity is the soul of wit and so he intended to be brief with his speech. He said that prior to the meeting when he used the men's bathroom, there was a sign on the hand dryer that said, "Press here to hear a message from **DG Phil Sammer**."

DG Phil's main focus was to ask, "Why are we in Rotary?" He encouraged members to stay forever young in spirit, young in projects and young in membership.

Perks that come with being a DG:

- 1) Learning curve for Rotary is vertical... straight up like a rocket. You learn a lot fast!
- 2) Provides great training... You meet people from all around the world.
- 3) The best part is meeting other Rotarians Rotary is fellowship and fellowship is the glue that holds the club together. We become family. **DG Phil** recounted when his brother passed away unexpectedly in the Marshall Islands in 2000. He had to take a leave from Rotary to take care of his brother's affairs. The first Rotary meeting he attended upon his return, he said his entire club was lined up to welcome him back. His Rotary Ohana.

DG Phil is asking clubs to increase their membership by 20%. He said he, himself, would have become a Rotarian sooner, but no one asked him. But, increasing membership isn't enough. Clubs need to work to retain them. Rotary membership worldwide has remained the same... around 1.2 million members. He advised to keep members engaged in the club to maximize retention.

DG Phil is challenging clubs to venture into new projects. He reminded EVERY ROTARIAN to give every year to the Rotary Foundation. **DG Phil** quoted a Nobel Poet EVERY YEAR Laureate from Africa: "Don't

let the forces of indifference rule." Step up and do good through the foundation. The Bill Gates Foundation has pledged to give 2 to 1 matching funds up to \$35 million for donations given to eradicate polio. October 26th is Polio Day. If District 5000 raises \$20,000 amongst all of our clubs, the Gates Foundation will give a 2 to 1 match of \$40,000 for a total of \$60,000 coming from District 5000. **DG Phil** urged members to spread the word about Rotary and what Rotary is doing to impact their communities and the world. Use both traditional media and social media. He said don't be quiet and effective. Be LOUD and effective.

Jim Cheney then gave \$10 happy dollars because he fessed up that he was the Lava Flow reporter who had written that **DG Sammer** would be speaking to us and "gushing" about Rotary. The table jar donations (\$27) added to all of the happy dollar donations totaled \$239.00 collected to go toward the **Hiroshima South** visit.

Welcome To Our Newest Member!

DG Phil assisted in inducting the newest member into our club. **Lisa Rantz** was sponsored by **Corey Kawamoto**. Lisa works in education with at-risk children.



Lisa received her Rotary Member Pin, along with other goodies, including her membership invoice. True to her word, **Nancy Cabral** donated \$100 towards **Lisa's** membership and she reminded us that as long as she is Membership Chair, she will continue to do this with new member inductees.



Energizer Awards

DG Phil asked **President Kerry** to choose members to receive Energizer Awards. In recognition of the magnificent job they did chairing our successful **Hilo Brewfest** and in recognition of how much energy it has created not only in our club, but also in the community, **President Kerry** selected **Bob Hanley** and **Treena Breyfogle** to



receive the Energizer Awards. Well deserved! Bravo!

Paul Harris Fellow Plus One

DG Phil presented **John McVickar** with his **Paul**

President Kerry announced that **Sam Wallis** will be filling in as President next Friday while he is off on his annual salmon fishing trip. Upon his return he will regale us with fishing tales of the ones that got away.

Helen Hemmes led us in the **Four Way Test** and **President Kerry** adjourned the meeting.



Harris Fellow Plus One signifying that he had reached the \$2000 level of giving to the Rotary Foundation.

