



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



"Aloha Kakou." President Alan Kusunoki welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of the new Rotary year, calling on Past President **Alberta Dobbe** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We then sang the patriotic song, "America," with songster **President Alan** and most members knowing the tune and words!

President Alan shared words of inspiration that he found serendipitously based on a quotation found on an email from **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, a quotation that led him to research on the book entitled *Attitude* and the Maxwell Winston Stone series authored by Ernie Carwile. Favorite quotations include, "It is easy to recognize the people who have good attitudes - - they are usually SMILING" and "If I were more like my dog, I'd be a better human being."

Past President **Stew Hussey** and **Theresa English** served as greeters, with **Stew** introducing visiting Rotarians and guests.



Visiting from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was **Karolyn P. Lundkvist**, back with her "birth" club after serving as Charter President of the Pahoia Sunset. "Kilo from Hilo" **Walter Killough** was visiting from the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset, and from Kona Mauka, **William F. Jones**.

Karolyn Lundkvist's guest, **Sally O'Brien**, was warmly welcomed, returning to Hilo in her retirement.

President Alan recognized Past President **Alberta Dobbe** for her superb job on the June 28 issue of the Lava Flow with recognition of now Past President **Joe Hanley** and the induction of the Club's new leaders. Also recognized were the Club's five most senior members, all still active, and in attendance: **Bobby Fujimoto**, **Jimmy Yagi**, "Did you know...." **Russ Oda**, **Aki Watanabe**, and **Sam Wallis**.

Announcements.

The new pins featuring the theme, "Peace through Service," are here. Please wear them! RI President is **Sakuji Tanaka**. (Check out the web site www.Rotary.org.)

Dues for the fiscal year are due with many members still needing to pay. Invoices were sent electronically. Treasurer is **Ron Dolan**.

In three weeks, District Governor **Chester "Chet" Dal Santo** will be present for his annual visit. Did you know there are forty-eight clubs in the District?

Former Rotarians **Shauna Tuohy**, **Saeko Hayashi**, **Ketura Waiki**, **Christina Dhillon**, and **Doug Espejo** have opted not to renew their membership, for various and sundry reasons. We will miss them.



President-Elect **Kerry Glass** announced the Board's enthusiastic endorsement of **Richard Johnson** as President-Nominee. Yeah! The slate is now



complete.

Recognitions

Recognized for **June birthdays** were **Lorraine Inouye** (celebrating on the 22nd), who said, "I broke" due to paying the dues, contributions to the Foundations, a generous birthday contribution, and donation for "slippahs" not to mention costs of campaigning! "Did you know you need to think backwards for **Russ Oda's** 38th birthday on June 30?"

Cindy and **John Boots** celebrated their wedding anniversary on June 21, and did you know that **Bobby** and **Alice Fujimoto** were married on June 23, 1951? **Theresa** gave \$40 to the **Rotary Foundation** for forty years of marriage to "good guy" **Bobby**. **Mike** and **Phyllis Robinson's** special day is June 30, and **Ed** and **Portia Hara** celebrated thirty-four years of wedded bliss on July 1.

Club anniversaries included that of **Saeko Hayashi** on June 30, and **Marcia Sakai**, who gratefully acknowledged her sponsor, **Craig Shikuma**. Did you know that you can (and should) go to the Club's webpage (www.hilorotary.org) to update your profile and add information such as your sponsor?

Happy Dollars

John McVickar, Sergeant-at-Arms, donated \$1 to convey the message that a goal this year is to have every Rotarian donate to the Rotary Foundation (Every

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Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) and to encourage all Rotarians to join him today.



Past President **Helen Hemmes** gave \$5 to share the news of her husband's newest accolade, accepting a Betty Crocker landscaping award (from Scenic Hawaii, Inc.) for the University of Hawaii at Hilo botanic gardens in the community gardens category.

"Kilo from Hilo," visiting Rotarian from Honolulu Sunset and former member of our Club, gave \$5 to celebrate being back in Hilo for the week.

Past President **Joe Hanley** gave \$10 to wish the new president and leadership all the best in the coming year and \$10 for **EREY**.

Richard Johnson gave \$5 in honor of his #1 daughter visiting from Baton Rouge and his #1 granddaughter.

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 13
Barney Sheffield - American Red Cross
Family Emergency Preparedness
Peter Kubota
Hilo Bayfront Trails
Fri. July 27
Jeff Melrose
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

Karolyn Lundkvist gave \$5 to acknowledge her friendship with Sally O'Brien over the years and to share that Sally had sent 36 boxes to her house in response to her offer to help with her move back to Hilo. Cindy Boots donated \$5 to share another Sally story: it turns out her sister in Milwaukee had a reiki appointment, with someone who used to be from Hilo. Yes, it was Sally!

Stan Fortuna gave \$38 for not being fined for something and \$33 to share that his daughter and her husband raised \$33,000 with over 300 people participating in a walk to raise funds for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) research, in memory of their daughter.

Program – a Club Assembly

Membership. Nancy Cabral announced that she was back as an elected director: "You have only yourselves to blame since you voted me in." The goal of this "sweet, shy, and nice" leader is 90 members—only around 20 more. She invited Rotarians to think about the people you do business with, check out the listing of professions (circulated at the meeting), and complete the application form (also distributed). She's looking for Rotarians to serve on the Membership Committee.



Vocational Services. Bobby Stivers-Apiki shared ideas for a year-long emphasis on vocational services, starting in August with a vocational talk at the first meeting of every month. There will be a contest with an invitation to drop off your business card.



If your card is selected, your business will be featured in the "Lava Flow." Two main projects will focus on connecting our Rotarian 'ohana: first, with young people via a career day with young people in Interact and Rotaract, and secondly, with the visiting of the businesses of Rotarians, an emphasis for the months of February and March. To strengthen our ethical integrity, Rotarians will be encouraged to display the Rotary Rules of Conduct at their business sites. Copies will be made available. The committee of one—at this point—welcomes members!



New Generations. Gail Takaki shared the joys of volunteering with young people—doing so is fun plus gives great hope for the future. Did you know how you can help?

Via WHS Interact, with Ed Hara the champion of Interact, and Kui Costa. Volunteers are needed to attend meetings and chaperone.

Via Rotaract, co-sponsored by all five Rotary Clubs in East Hawaii, with Rand Mundo often in attendance.

Via RYLA, scheduled for March 1-3 at KMC, with a goal of 45 students participating thanks to volunteer support.

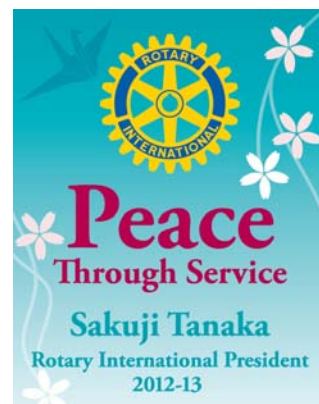
Via Rotary Exchange, under Rand Mundo's leadership, with the Club's sponsoring of an outbound student, Keli'i Mendonca, to Arabusa, Spain, and an inbound student, Chotika Tanburana or "Fern" for short, from Thailand. A host family is still needed for April/May.

Via the Peace Forum, January 25-27, 2013, in Honolulu with Past President Mike Robinson volunteering as a facilitator and wife Phyllis to provide support as needed. The forum provides a fabulous opportunity to volunteer and meet Rotary International leadership.

Via the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, with funds contributed providing scholarship to worthy students. Contact Past President Mitch Dodo for more information.



Community Service. Past President Wally Wong made a pitch for involvement for fellowship and membership retention as well as community benefit. The Rotary Foundation's "Future Vision" Plan lists six key areas: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease and Prevention, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development. Club projects fall within these areas and include the current "Back to School Drive" effort for backpacks to needy kids via the non-profit Project Hawai'i, Keiki Vision, and Dictionary distribution. The Club may want to help with the Community Assisted Literacy Center at the library (teaching adults how to read) and the Read Aloud Program. "Firecracker" Misti Tyrin is a key to Club participation, but the involvement of all is needed. With other Clubs in



Photos by Chris Tamm

East Hawaii and with the leadership of Past President **Mike Robinson**, the Club will be working on Phase II of the centennial project, the park in Keaukaha.

Club Service. **Tom Brown** kept us entertained as he acknowledged last year's leadership (thanks,



Kerry!) and his recruits for year again this year, with **Steve Handy, Jr.** as his key assistant, **Judy Gibson** as Attendance Secretary, **Helene Tajiri** as head of greeters, **Susan Munro** for Program, and **Cindy**

Boots for the "Lava Flow." You had to be there to hear the job description of greeter (yes, you all qualify, even **Tom Brown**) and emails pertaining to whipped cream, or was that just an email from **Cindy Boots**? We'll plan on four socials again this year.

Public Relations. Time nearly running out, **Bob**



Hanley shared that his job was to get the message out about the club's good deeds via public releases and the newspaper "ad" featuring clubs in East Hawaii. President **Alan** thanked him on behalf of the Club for the centerpieces updating weekly that feature the next week's speaker.

In Closing.

Did you know? Rotarians were asked to check out the Club's support of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) via the handout, "**Our 2011-2012 Contributions to TRF.**" Congratulations for the 100% EREY support in 2011-2012, the three new Paul Harris Fellows, and all those with a change in PHF (Paul Harris Fellow) status!

The Rotary Foundation

All time giving: \$ 355,461.80

Members: 74

Paul Harris Fellows: 58

Benefactors: 4

EREY Donors: 74 (100%)

Per capita: \$ 155.92