



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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92 Years of service

Reporter: Mitchell

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

On this overcast Hilo day **President Alan Kusunoki** called the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel's Mokuola Room. Leading the group in the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" on Flag Day was **Jerry Watanabe** followed by the President leading the membership in a rousing rendition of singing "You're a Grand Old Flag".



Gail Takaki quickly followed the President with an inspirational moment consisting of the story of **Rodrigo Guzman**; a nine-year old boy who attended Jefferson Elementary School in Berkeley, California and was denied re-entry into the United States after spending Winter Break in Mexico due to a non-renewed visa. His fellow classmates are currently rallying politicians and the government for his return. Check with **Gail** for the full story.

Our greeters for the day included **Cindy Boots** and **Biff Kennedy**, whom both cheerily welcomed members with smiling faces and words of salutation.



Guests for the day included **Noe Noe Kekualua** and **Soon-Nee Garcia**, both who simply showed-up at our meeting today after attending the recent BrewFest and became interested in finding out more about Rotary;

Shari Hartman (guest of **Helene Tajiri**), who met **Helene** while purchasing BrewFest T-Shirts at the event and also became interested in Rotary;



Lisa Rantz (Guest of **Corey Kawamoto**);

Roxy Wells (Guest of **Lorraine Shin**),



and **Kathleen McGilvray Nielsen**, of the YWCA, and also our guest speaker for the day.

President Kusunoki proceeded with thanking **Theresa English** and **Mitchell Dodo** for being our "Lava Flow" reporter and photographer at last week's meeting. He then queried the membership with a question from "Rotary ABC's" by Past Rotary International President **Cliff Dochterman**; "What is a Rotary Club?" The answer of course consisting of these 31 words: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world." More questions to test your Rotary knowledge will be forthcoming in the last few weeks of the **Kusunoki Presidency**, so be prepared!

Announcements of upcoming events followed with the **Installation Dinner** for **Incoming President Kerry Glass** and the 2013-2014 Rotary Board to be held on the evening of July 2nd (Tuesday) at the Wailoa State Park; **A Steak Fry** to welcome members of our sister-club, **Rotary Club of Hiroshima-Minami (South)** on the evening of August 15th (Thursday), also at Wailoa State Park; **Rotary Club of Volcano's Lobsterfest** at noon September 2nd (Monday) again at Wailoa State Park; the collection of approximately \$700.00 in the table jars for our upcoming Hiroshima sister-club events, and the invitation for members to attend a celebratory reception for the Microsoft "Imagine Cup" (technology competition) champions from UH Hilo on the evening of June 21st (Friday) at the UH Hilo Campus Room UCB 127 at 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Flyers for this event were circulated on all tables. **President Alan** finally announced he found on the podium today a handwritten thank you card from "Trixie", conveying her appreciation to the Club for putting on the recent **Hilo BrewFest** and her anticipation of attending the event again next year.

The only **birthday** for the day was that of **Dirk Yoshina's**. As a welcomed turn-of-events from the normal, **Dirk** got to enjoy the club members singing "Happy Birthday" to him for a change! **Wedding anniversaries** included **Yoko** and **Yutaka Hayano**, 19 years on June 6th, for which she was \$20.00 happy and **Cel** and **Shoshanna Ruwethin** on June 14th (today). No club anniversaries to report.



John McVickar came up next to give a preliminary financial report for the **Hilo Brewfest** and again encouraged club members to give praise to event chairperson **Bob Hanley**.

Birthdays:

Ian Hatch June 3
Chuck Porter June 4
Judy Gibson June 6
Dirk Yoshina June 14
Lorraine Inouye June 22
Ron Dolan June 30
Russ Oda June 30

Club Anniversary:

Mitchell Dodo June 4
Randy Hart June 15

Wedding Anniversary:

Jimmy & Jeanne Yagi June 7
Yoko & Yutaka Hayano June 12
Cel & Shoshanna Ruwethin June 14
Ted & Sylvia Dixon June 16
Cindy & John Boots June 21
Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23
Theresa & Bob English June 25
Mike & Phyllis Robinson June 30

Announcements:

Fri. June 21 Regular Meeting

Fri. June 28 Russell Subiano
Protecting against Investment Fraud

Tues. July 2 Installation Dinner Meeting

Fri. July 5 No Meeting

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



The President recognized **Dr. Craig Shikuma** for being voted as one of the best doctors in Hawaii by "Honolulu Magazine". What made it even more special was the fact the voting was done by other physicians and it was the first time three doctors from the Big Island that were selected to be honored.

Recognitions included **\$30.00** extracted from **Loirie Bass** by **President Alan** for being so proficient with her usage of the Rotary "Ignite Program" and to fulfill her unpaid recognition fees for the Rotary year and **\$25.00** from **Joe Hanley** for his brother **Bob** doing an outstanding job of chairing the **Hilo Brewfest**.

Happiness Dollars included **\$10.00** from **Dr. Bob Fox** for his still pending purchase of a new Ford Fusion from Orchid Isle Auto Center and the professionalism of the management and staff; **\$5.00** (unhappy) from **Chris Tamm** upon hearing the news **Past Rotary District Governor Pete Muller** had recently resigned from Rotary; **\$200.00** from **Joe Hanley** for having a great company (Orchid Isle Auto Center) / great marriage (29 years) / great brother (**Bob Hanley**) for chairing **Hilo Brewfest** / and his son **Joe's** recent military career achievements; **\$10.00** from **Lorraine Shin** for her recent purchase of a van from Orchid Isle Auto Center, which **Joe** sold to her at "cost", and his generosity in donating a portion of the sale of some vehicles to the Penn Foundation; **\$20.00** from **Theresa English** who was glad to see **Glenn Harris** back at the meeting; **\$5.00** from **Alberta Dobbe** who was happy it was **Flag Day** and for the donation of miniature flags at each table from **Tim Beatty**; **\$20.00** additional from **Yoko Hayano** for her the two years she has been a member of the club; **\$20.00** from **Tom Olcott** for his granddaughter's recent accomplishments.



Our guest speaker for the day was **Kathleen McGilvray Nielsen**, Chief Executive Officer, of the Hawaii Island Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). **Kathleen** started her talk about the YWCA by informing the audience of their mission: "The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA has roots in Hilo dating back to the year 1919 where "visionary Hilo women" responded to the need for safe housing for young women, which led to founding of the Hawaii Island YWCA. Today they remain an advocate for women and children, ready as ever to respond to the

needs and desires of women to make their place in the world. The YWCA of Hawaii Island is a non-profit, 501(c) 3, governed by a volunteer board of directors representing the membership. They are of all ages, of diverse ethnicity and occupations, and accepting of any, all or no religious preferences. They are supported in their work toward equality for women by men who join the YWCA as non-voting associates. Affiliate membership is made available to businesses, clubs, and organizations that support their purpose. Currently, the Hawaii Island YWCA offers programs in Aquatics, Preschool, Summer Childcare, Healthy Start & Enhanced Healthy Start, Teen Court, Sexual Assault Support Services, and offer meeting places available to rent at their 145 Ululani Street and 1382 Kilauea Avenue sites. More about the YWCA can be learned by visiting their website: www.ywcahawaiiisland.org. Some questions and answers followed and **Kathleen** was thanked for her time and presence at our meeting. She was presented the customary **Gerard Carter** handmade Koa Pen as a sign of appreciation and friendship from the Rotary Club of Hilo.



Glenn Harris led the group in the recitation of the **Four-Way Test** and the meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00 p.m.

Photos by **Alberta Dobbe**

