



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



Greeters, **Wally Wong** and **Steve Handy** had lots of fun welcoming anyone walking through the door on this Friday, June 21st, the longest day of the year.

President Alan Kusunoki greeted members and guests with an "Aloha Kakou", and quickly asked **Kui Costa** to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone joined in singing *America the Beautiful*. **Alberta Dobbe** shared, that Rotary represented all races and religions, and gave thanks for Rotary friends.



Steve Handy introduced **Toshi Aoki's** guests from Japan: **Masoud**, and **Matt Sobhani**. **Tammy Silva** hosted her Assistant Dir. of Nursing, and potential new member, **Louisa Serikoyku**. **Carol Van Camp** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay was the only visiting Rotarian for the day.



Mitch Dodo and **Alberta Dobbe** were recognized for their team effort on the June 14th, Lava Flow, and then **Prez. Alan** reminded everyone that annual club dues should be paid as soon as possible.

Announcements: **Installation Dinner** is set for **Tuesday, July 2**, and the event will be held at the Wailoa State Park Pavilion, with social hour starting at 5:3 PM. Price per person is \$45.00, and payments will be taken the night of the event if you've not paid **Judy Gibson** already. The club will be hosting a **steak fry-social** to entertain guests from sister club **Hiroshima South**, on **August 15** at the Wailoa State Park. More details will follow closer to the date. Our **Rotary Club of Hilo** is joining forces with the **Volcano Rotary Club** for their **Annual Lobster Fest** on Labor Day, Monday **September 2**. The event will also be held at the Wailoa Park Pavilion.

Biff Kennedy had a *June 21st birthday*, but luckily was not present, so he didn't get to be serenaded with a birthday song. **Ted** and **Sylvia Dixon** celebrated their *23rd wedding anniversary* on June 16th, and **Cindy** and **John Boots** were celebrating *28years of marriage* on June 21st. **Cindy** had **\$28** to donate to the Hiroshima Steak Fry.

Happy Dollars:

Glenn Harris recently returned for many weeks on the mainland, where his father had passed away, and he'd been helping make necessary family arrangements, and had **\$20** to say how grateful he is for the caring thoughts and gestures he'd received from our club members. **Bobbie Stivers-Apiki** had **\$5** to share table top information sheets about the **Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii** organization and encouraged folks to get involved with support or donations. Please go to the website at: www.BBBSHAWAII.ORG for additional information. **Gail Takaki** has recently taken on the position of Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii, here in Hilo. **Stew Hussey** was **\$10** proud to share that his daughter **Christina** had received a Scholarship to the New York Film Academy where she'll be able to further enhance her theatrical and drama skills. **Jeanine Atebara** was **\$5** happy to invite everyone to attend **The Hawaii Island United Way Fundraiser, An Evening in Paradise**. The event will take place on July 13, at the Mauna Lani Hotel, and will include wonderful food, wine and entertainment. There will also be a Mayor's Cup Golf tournament earlier in the day for those interested in making a full day of fun. For more information please go to: www.HIUW.org. **Jim Cheney** was **\$6** happy to be the one "gent" at a table of 6 good-looking women. A **\$100** donation to the **Rotary Foundation** was made by **Tom Brown**, as he was very proud that **Dr. Shikuma** has been named one of the top doctors in Hawaii, and that **Dr. Craig** has been doing a great job of keeping **Tom, Tim** and many others healthy every year, in spite of their wild ways! **Newton Chu** was also happy to report that one of his volunteer helpers on the security patrol at the Brewfest was so impressed with the event, that he donated **\$100** to the **Hilo Rotary Foundation**. **Newton** and his crew did a very impressive job throughout the whole day. Lastly, **Toshi Aoki** was **\$20** glad to be playing golf over the weekend with his guests from Japan, and expected to be well beaten as one of the guys is a well known professional golfer in Japan.

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

Vocational "getting to know you better" talks were fun highlights to the meeting.

Hilo born and Mountain View raised, **Corey Kawamoto** attended Waiiaka High and then got his Masters Degree in Business at the UH-Hilo. After graduating in 1995, he was hired at CU Hawaii for a position working in the computer area. In the following 18 years, **Corey** has held positions in financial accounting, auditing, and is currently holding a position in Internal Auditing. When asked to tell something we didn't already know about him, his claim to fame was swimming across the border between Alaska and Canada... basically due to falling off the boat!



Glenn Harris grew up in Washington State in a small town near Seattle. He graduated from the UW-Washington State with a degree in Forestry and worked for



the Shipping and Forest Service up in Alaska for a few years. He then made a transition into Education, and in his late 20's became Principal of a small school in Mariposa County. Eventually, **Glenn** became the Superintendent of Schools in Portola for Plumas County, in northern California near Reno. One of the best things he learned through his years in administration, was that it's NOT a good thing to make decisions based on the cut of the cards.

Ian Hatch was presented with his **Paul**



Harris Fellow pin and certificate, and he was also recognized for his special talent as the webmaster for our Brewfest website.

To wind up the meeting with a little bit of fun, **Bobbie Stivers-Apiki** passed out a test of brain teasers to see "how local are you?". Gosh, everyone had fun trying to figure out the local terms to all 24 questions, yet very few came up

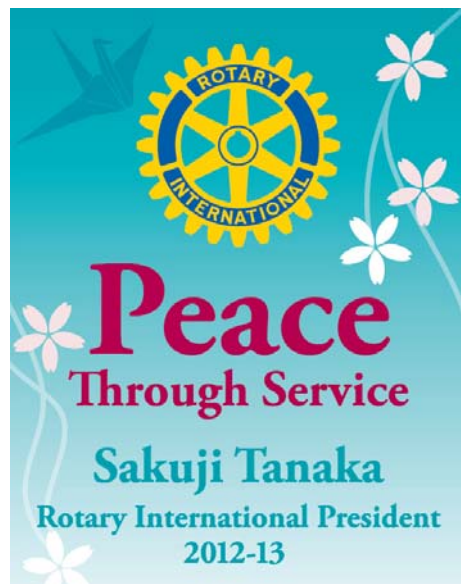


with the correct answers. **Tom Brown, Alberta Dobbe and Cindy Boots** did manage to get more than most, so were awarded bright colored hats as prizes.



Bobbie, I think we need easier games! Good fun was had by all, plus we had to scramble a few brain cells too.

Sally O'Brien led the **4-Way test** to close the meeting.



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