



Rotary News *lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Theresa English

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

President **Joe Hanley** opened his final meeting as our President, welcoming us to the oldest Rotary Club on Big Island, 2nd oldest club in Hawaii with 92 years of history.



We had a volunteer lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Alberta Dobbe**



gave an inspirational message. **Alberta** referenced **Joe Hanley** stepping up as our president, and taking responsibility, both when things went right and even more important when they did not go as planned. The quote sure does fit **Joe's** year as our enthusiastic president. "A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame, and a little less than his share of the credit" - John C. Maxwell. Mahalo **Joe!**

Greeters **Mitch Dodo** (a last minute standin) and **Helene Hemmes** welcomed our guests: **Sylvi Cook**, Girl Scout Troop Leader (her spouse **Vaughn Cook** is incoming President of the Hilo Chamber of Commerce), and Girl Scouts: **Corinna Cook** and **Brynne Wilcox** (Father is a Rotary Member) were introduced by **Newton Chu**. **Lori Rodgers**, Executive Director of the Hilo



Medical Foundation and **Donna "Wandering" Chalmers**, need no introduction to us.

Girl Scouts **Corinna Cook** and **Brynne Wilcox** spoke about their Troop 2007 Project for their Junior Bronze Achievement Award. They are collecting slippers of all size (new or gently used) for the children in transition—served by the Children's Justice Center, who do not have slippers in good condition. They request we bring

new or gently used slippers to our July Rotary meetings. We will have a bag at the door to collect the slippers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President **Joe** announced **Dr. Richard Crowe's** life celebration, Sunday at the Imiloa Astronomy Center at 4:30 PM.

Hilo Rotary Foundation members, **Susan Munro**, **John McVicker** and **Donna Chalmers** presented a check for **\$2500** to



the Hilo Medical Foundation. **Lori Rodgers** as the Executive Director



of the Foundation accepted the check and thanked us for our ongoing efforts to fund-raise and the recent work on the Cottage. **Lori** mentioned **Richard Johnson**, as a new Board Member, **Dr. Shikuma's** support, and **Mitchell Dodo's** mother's

involvement. "People Like You" do make a difference. Good news is on the horizon. Hospital continues with room renovation on the third floor. We can sponsor a room. **Dr. McCoy** is the new Director of the Rural Residency Program, and coming from Rural New Mexico, already shows he is a good fit for our local program.

The Installation of our new President and Officers is Thursday at 5 PM at the Hilo Yacht Club

President **Joe** recognized **Ed Hara** with a big hand for his help with the printing for our club. **Jim Cheney** did a great job with 20 plus names (intentionally) misspelled in last week's newsletter. **Saeko Hayashi** was not present to hear the kudos for last week's photography.

HAPPY DOLLARS: **Ed Hara** was \$25 happy flying direct to New York city from Honolulu. Also very happy that **Newton Chu's** son **Devin** (an Aide to **Senator Inouye**) gave **Ed** and wife **Portia** a personal tour of the Senator's Offices in Washington DC, especially his Appropriations \$\$\$ Office. **Jeanine Atebara** is \$20 Happy to be on board with The **Hawaii Island United Way** and VERY happy that her daughters, both graduated from their Pharmacy programs (**Kelsey** in May from UH Manoa, and **Kristen** in June, from Oregon (Corvallis). **Rand Mundo** was \$20 happy he went on the Disney Fantasy Cruise Ship on a Caribbean Cruise with his family. Driving on the right side or as **Rand** said "on the wrong side" is quite an experience. **Rand** also made a plug for the **Rotary Youth Exchange**.

Birthdays:

Ian Hatch June 3
Chuck Porter June 4
Judy Gibson June 6
Dirk Yoshina June 14
Shauna Tuohy June 15
Lorraine Inouye June 22
Ron Dolan June 30
Russ Oda June 30

Club Anniversary:

Mitchell Dodo June 4
Randy Hart June 15
Saeko Hayashi June 30

Wedding Anniversary:

Stan & Nancy Fortuna June 2
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:

Thurs. June 28
Installation 2012 - 2013
Hilo Yacht Club
Fri. June 29
NO Meeting
Fri. July 6
Club Assembly
Fri. July 13
Barney Sheffield - American Red Cross
Family Emergency Preparedness
Fri. July 20
Peter Kubota
Hilo Bayfront Trails
Fri. July 27
Jeff Melrose
Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline Study

President	Joseph Hanley
President Elect	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President	Stewart Hussey
Secretary	Richard Johnson
Treasurer	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Tamm
Director - Club Administration	Kerry Glass
Director - Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Director - Rotary Foundations	Susan Munro
Director - Membership	James Cheney
Director - Public relations	Robert Hanley
International Service	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service	John McVicker
New Generations	Rand Mundo
Club Service	Thomas Brown
The Rotary Foundation	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation	Mitchell Dodo

Doug Arnott was \$10 happy with the Hilo Medical Center Services. A guest of Arnott Lodging was injured and cut her face and went to the Hilo Medical Center for stitching. The doctor for the follow up said the stitching was exceptional. **Ian Birnie** was \$2 happy that Germany defeated Greece in soccer. **Mike Robinson** said great! "I had taped the game to watch tonight!!" Had to be there to hear the laughter.

Alan Kusunoki, our Incoming President,



announced we have a full Board for his term. The Board members are:

Tom Brown, Club Administration
Nancy Cabral, Membership
Bobby Stivers, Vocational Service
Tim Beatty, Club Service
John McVicker, Sergeant of Arms and Hilo Rotary Club Foundation.

Joe Hanley motioned for a voice vote, so moved as read, with no discussion.

Kerry Glass was our speaker.



The topic was the **Rotary International Convention** held at the Bangkok Impact Convention Center. 36,000 Rotarians attended the convention. Forty came from Hawaii wearing kukui nuts

and Hawaiian shirts as their attire at the event. **Alan Kusunoki** observed only 5000 Rotarians came from the United States. The world has done so much to promote Rotary globally looking at the worldwide attendance to this big event.

This event was the largest venue ever seen for a Rotary Convention. **Alan Kusunoki, Kerry and Susan Munro, Richard and Jenny Johnson**



Photos by **Stew Hussey**

attended from our club. Twelve Hawaii Rotarians and their guests continued on, traveling through Thailand, enjoying the hospitality of Thai Rotarians. **Kerry** gave the African contingent the "best dressed" award and felt the flag ceremony of 200 flags was the most moving event with the national anthems sung providing a "chicken skin" moment. There were simultaneous interpretations in 10 languages; this is the first year with the Russian language. **Susan Munro** sent around the brochure of the event. Rotary projects were show cased. The venue provided lots of cheap "good food". Next convention in 2013 will be Lisbon, Portugal. Our club members enjoyed the hospitality of the Thai Rotarians who visited us last year. There is only room to mention a few highlights, the River Cruise in the land of 1000 smiles, temples, lots of banner swaps, visited a rotary water project, trip north to an Elephant Conservation Center, the Bodhi Tree where Buddha received enlightenment, back to Bangkok. **Kerry** said of the trip from up North, back to Bangkok "we hit a Honda and nobody was hurt." Highlight of the last dinner was a delicacy, "honey comb bee larva baked". Gifts were handed out from the trip. Winners were **Helen Hemmes, Sandy Song and Joe Hanley**.

President Joe's final words to close the meeting



"My honor to be your president and it's been a terrific experience."

Jim Kennedy volunteered to lead the **Four Way Test**. Meeting adjourned.

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