



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



Bell is rung! **President Kerry** was "almost" doing a happy dance (soon to be Past President), and announced today is National Donut Day. Americans have celebrated "Donut Day" since 1944, the date we recognize the Salvation Army's role in providing donuts and the comforts of home to our soldiers. 70 years ago (1944) from today, over 150,000 troops from the USA joined forces with the allied soldiers, and insured the success of the invasion of German held Western Europe.

This date will forever be known as the D-Day Invasion of Normandy. This reporter remembers because her Dad was there with the Canadian Front, and happily he survived, so I could be here to write this report.

Cel Ruwethin the "in charge guy" for the Hilo Salvation Army led us in the Pledge.

Jean Sugiyama gave us a Father's Day Inspiration. "Dad wished for me enough sun to keep your attitude bright, enough rain to appreciate the sun more, enough happiness to keep your spirit alive, enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger, enough gain to satisfy your wanting, enough loss to appreciate all that you possess, and enough Hellos to get you through the final good-bye."



Connie Kurohara and **Jean Sugiyama** welcomed visiting Rotarians **Phoebe Lambeth** and **Keith Marrack** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. **Jimmy Yagi** introduced his cousin **Lester Yagi**, who is visiting from South Kohala.



President Kerry said a big thank you to last week's Reporter **Jean Sugiyama** and Photographer **Jim Cheney**, Coordinator **Tammy Silva**, and our Publisher **Ed Hara**, and the on-going staff for their effort and timeliness of the weekly reports.

THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING FRIDAY JUNE 13th. We'll be preparing for the Hilo Brewfest.

SIGNATURE EVENT:

HILO BREWFEST, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014. AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED! PASS THE WORD ON TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND SUPPORT OUR CLUB EVENT! Tickets are available at MEHANA BREWERY (directly across from the Junior College, 275 E. Kawili St). MEHANA BREWERY requires Cash. **Susan** created merchandise that is being sold at the event. Check out the T-Shirts, Tank Tops, and Tote Bags made locally that will be in the gift shop at the event. The T-Shirts for the volunteers



were ordered from club member **Connie Kurohara**. Friday June 13th volunteers (Required for Beer Tenders) arrive at the Wainaku Gate at 5 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 13th is the **Installation of Officers and Directors** at Wailoa State Park. let's all celebrate our incoming President and President Elect and the Rotarians who said YES they would serve as our Officers and Directors. **Richard Johnson**, our incoming President has a surprise, so show up and enjoy some special "Good Eats".

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Gail Takaki is in the newspaper. Go **Gail** who, with four others, is holding a check for \$7000 on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, received from Ohana Fuels. Her husband **Gordon Takaki** was recently in a fun photo as a "Hippy Dippy Hippy" for a Chamber Event.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

Prez Kerry announced he was sure each of us wanted to show how happy we are with our Happy Dollars. **Jean Sugiyama** (happy to have her in our club) is \$100 happy to the the **Hilo Rotary Foundation**, in appreciation of last week's great presentation from the Waieka High School Interact Club. **Jean** found it unbelievable how many outreach activities the Interact members accomplished in this past school year. **Mitch Dodo** gave \$15 celebrating 15 years as a Rotarian, and raised it to \$20 because his mom was not mentioned. **Chuck Porter** gave \$100 and telling quite a story. My apology if the reporter did not get the story quite right. **Chuck** went on a horseback ride, way up in the Kohala area in the Pohalo Valley, with long time buddy **Eddy**, and there was tall grass to go with the tall story, wind and young horses (like wives?), their horses took off, and then more about his birthday celebration, attractive women, ending with a wonderful date with his wife **Gay**, and this was his Best Birthday celebration in a long time. Our visiting Australian Rotarians gave **Cel** an extra \$44 to help defray the fuel cost for driving them around in the Salvation Army Van and an additional \$30 happy dollars for the great visit. **Sandy Song** sent her resignation letter from the Foundation, and a thank you along with a \$50 check to our **Hilo Rotary Foundation**, with a special thank you to the Foundation Board Members. **Sandy** indicated she plans to rejoin at some point in the future. **Stew Hussey** gave \$50 to the **Rotary Foundation**, being a grateful member, and recognizing our club is the second oldest in the state, and happy to have the current **Chancellor Straney** and prior chancellors at UH Hilo as members of our club over the years. **Gail Takaki** is \$12.50 Happy to have collected \$2200.



Birthdays:

- Jeanine Atebara June 1
- Jean Sugiyama June 2
- Ian Hatch June 3
- Chuck Porter June 4
- Judy Gibson June 6
- Kathleen McGilvary June 7
- Dirk Yoshina June 14
- Biff Kennedy June 21
- Lorraine Inouye June 22
- Glenn Harris June 26
- Ron Dolan June 30
- Russ Oda June 30

Club Anniversary:

- Mitch Dodo June 4, 1999 (15)

Wedding Anniversary:

- James & Jeanne Yagi June 7 (34)
- Yoko & Yutaka Hayano June 12 (20)
- Cel & Shoshanna Ruwethin June 14 (9)
- Ted & Sylvia Dixon June 16 (24)
- Cindy & John Boots June 21 (29)
- Bob & Alice Fujimoto June 23 (63)
- Theresa & Bob English June 25 (42)
- Marcia & Bill Sakai June 28 (45)
- Mike & Phyllis Robinson June 30 (35)

Announcements:

- Fri. June 13 No Meeting
- Brew Fest Prep
- Sat. June 14 Brew Fest (Meeting)
- Fri. June 20 - Kerry Glass
- The Year in Review
- Thurs. June 26 - Club Installation (Meeting)
- Fri. June 27 - No Meeting

- 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 Jenny Johnson
- Community Service Wallace Wong
- Youth Service Glenn Harris
- Vocational Service Bobby Stivers-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

Alberta Dodde has had her ups and downs, and is \$5 happy to report granddaughter, **Judy Fox** recently graduated from Carnegie Mellon, with a degree in engineering. **Judy** has a job with ALCOA. **Judy Gibson** missed the opportunity to be happy about her



June birthday.

RECOGNITION

Stew Hussey received his **Paul Harris Plus 5 Sapphire Pin** (the maximum number) which translates to \$12,000 in donations to the **Rotary Foundation**.



Cowboy Kaneshiro, thanks to **Bob Fujimoto** with a boost of 1000 points, received a **Paul Harris Plus 3 Sapphire Pin**. **Cowboy, Steve Handy** and **Corey Kawamoto** travelled to Fiji and built a school, delivered books and changed lives. **Toshi Aoki** today has achieved **Paul Harris Fellow Plus 1**.



Today's Speaker:

Dr. Donald Straney - Chancellor of University of Hawaii, Hilo.



Dr. Straney became the seventh chancellor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in 2010. In that same year he was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Hilo. Prior to coming to Hilo, **Chancellor**

Straney was Dean of the College of Science and professor of biology at California State Polytechnic University. He previously served as Chair of the Department of Zoology at Michigan State University and Assistant to the Provost of Faculty Development total of 23 years. He is an evolutionary biologist by training with his BS and MS in Zoology from Michigan State and his PHD in Zoology from UC Berkeley.

The presentation from **Dr. Straney** was informative and the reporter is recapping only the highlights starting with the benchmarks of success, to reflect the progress forward the University has made, and followed by the Challenges ahead.

UH Hilo has completed three projects. The new buildings: the Hawaii Language, Student Service, and New Housing at a total cost of \$100 Million. The next success is finally receiving funding

for the Pharmacy Building: The cost for the Pharmacy Building is estimated to be roughly \$33 Million.

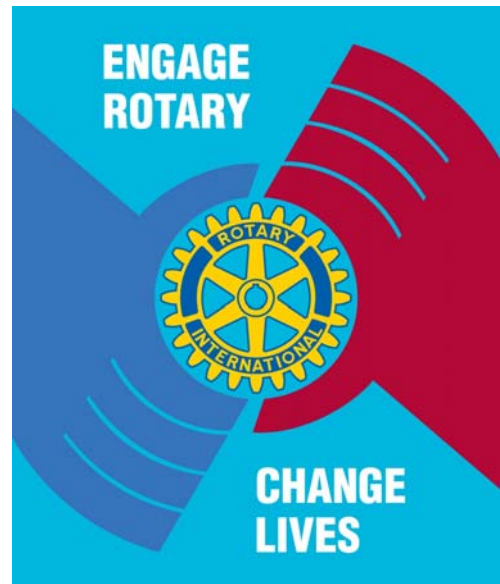
UH Hilo has new Masters Degree Programs in Marine Science and Native Hawaiian Language. New Benchmarks: UH Hilo awarded their 344th Doctorate Degree this year and only four years ago the 1st Doctorate Degree was awarded. The IT Conversion of the phone system to Voice Over IP results in no more dropped calls went off without a hitch. Three of the Faculty received awards for books published. Both men and woman won the Pac West Golf Championship and they were Hawaiian Born students.

2013 there were 199 students graduating from UH Hilo. They've learned students from Hawaii succeed at UH Hilo, better than the students who come from the Mainland. The Challenge is to keep, retain and recruit students who will succeed and graduate from UH Hilo, so the number of students graduating will increase each year. Graduation statistics continue improving, and undergraduates, graduating are currently at 75%. The challenge is to keep, retain and graduate students.

The University's initiatives include growing research, student involvement in research, and creating jobs. The goal is to increase the number of students with business skills who can take their ideas to market and be successful. The university received \$14 MM in grant money in 2013. UH Hilo Science and Technology Park has 400 employees. The goal is to model an indigenous serving institution.

Our next meeting is Downstairs on June 20th - The Year in Review.

We ended the meeting with **The Four Way Test**.



Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**