



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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94 Years of Service

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President Richard Johnson officially welcomed all to the weekly meeting, calling on **Helen Hemmes** to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Earlier, president-elect **Wally**

Wong and **Lisa Rantz** greeted us with smiles and words of welcome.

Treena Breyfogle gave the words of inspiration. Since she's a leader in the Club's Brewfest on June 13, she chose quotations to inspire us to participate and volunteer:

For readers of the classics: *"For a quart of ale is a dish for a king"* (William Shakespeare's "A Winter Tale");

For historians, *"Give my people plenty of beer, good beer, and cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them"* (Queen Victoria);

For humorists, *"When I heated my home with oil, I used an average of 800 gallons a year. I have found that I can keep comfortably warm for an entire winter with slightly half that quantity of beer"* (Dave Berry); and

For all, *"Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut."* (Ernest Hemingway). Thanks, **Treena!**

President Richard recognized **Tammy Silva**, reporter, and **Stew Hussey**, photographer, for volunteering their talents for the March 20 issue of the Lava Flow.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests.

Lisa Rantz introduced the sole visiting Rotarian, **Past ADG David Hurd** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo; **Frona** and **Tony Harris**, the Club's guests; **Christine Simmons**, a volunteer with **Frona** and **Tony Harris** and **Cindy Boots'** guest, and **Bob Hanley's** guest, **Donald Demuth, Jr.**

Induction of New Member.

President Richard inducted **Donald (Donnie) Demuth, Jr.** into the Club as our newest member, calling on **Bob Hanley** to give him a Rotary pin. The Club welcomed **Donnie** with a standing ovation. (**Donnie** is a software engineer/instructor, and his classification is software development.)

Bequest Recognitions.

President Richard invited Rotarians who knew what the "Bequest Society" was to raise their hands. Yes, you all knew that members of the **Bequest Society** have provided in their will or trust the gift of \$10,000 or more upon their demise to the **Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation**. The Club's newest members to the



Bequest Society were then congratulated and recognized with special pins plus a crystal plaque on which the names were spelled correctly, per **Kerry**. Congratulations, and thank you, **Susan Munro** and

Kerry Glass!

Announcements of Upcoming Events.

The March 20 Lava Flow has a superb listing of upcoming events, as does the Club's website at www.hilorotary.org. Check them out!

For starters, there is no meeting on Friday, April 3.

Rotarians are encouraged to sign up for **Business Visitations**

on Friday, April 10, at four locations: the



Prosecuting Attorney's office with **Mitch Roth**, **Mike Robinson** at **Hawaiian Homelands**, **Connie Kurohara** and **Creative Arts**, and **Lisa Rantz** at **Hilo Medical Center Foundation**. **Mike** will talk



about the Christmas tree initiative, **Connie** will give a tour of the screen printing and embroidering that goes into the making of local products, from start to finish, and **Lisa** promises a superb lunch thanks to the new chef at Hilo Medical Center. (**Steve Handy's** superb Subway sandwiches will be available at the other three sites for \$10/Rotarian.) Please call or sign up with **Biff Kennedy**, Vocational Services Director.

It's also time to sign up to march in **The Merrie Monarch Parade** with other Rotarians on Saturday, April 11.

President Richard noted that the Club is nearing its FY2014-2015 goal of contributions to **The Rotary Foundation**. Per **Alan Kusunoki**, just one member more needs to give to the Foundation for the Club to reach its **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)** goal. Let's make it happen—by April 30 at the latest—with the member's donation and/or with the member's permission for someone to give in his/her name!

Four volunteers are needed to drive vehicles—and stay an extra night—at the Hilton Waikoloa for the District Conference at the Hilton Waikoloa, May 22-24. Contact **Alan Kusunoki**, who will be in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms at the conference.

Tickets are now available for the **Brewfest**, with **Misty** encouraging



Rotarians to sign up as corporate sponsors. Thanks, **Nancy Cabral**, for your "Keg" sponsorship (\$3,000), and **Cindy Boots**, as "pint" (\$500) sponsor.

Recognitions and Happy Dollars

What a special month for **Helene Tajiri** with a birthday, wedding anniversary, and club anniversary all falling in March! Three foundations benefited to the tune of \$50 each. Mahalo plenty, **Helene!**



Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6
Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cindy Boots March 7, 1997 (18)
Tom Brown March 17, 1989 (26)
Ian Hatch March 18, 2011 (4)
Naomi Menor March 18, 1988 (27)
Theresa English March 19, 2010 (5)
John McVickar March 19, 2010 (5)
Tammy Silva March 23, 2012 (3)
Chris Tamm March 24, 1995 (20)
Helene Tajiri March 25, 1994 (21)
Gail Takaki March 28, 2008 (7)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1 (46)
Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12 (10)
Jim Cheney & Xia Ying Sun March 18 (10)
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (26)
Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (47)

Announcements:

April 3 - No Meeting (Good Friday)
April 10 - Business Visitations
April 17 - David Lillis - Toshiba America
Technological communications

President Richard Johnson
President Elect Wally Wong
Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
Membership Connie Kurohara
Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
Club Service Tom Brown
International Service Jenny Johnson
Community Service Misti Tyrin
Youth Service Glenn Harris
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

Mike Robinson's \$2 prompting resulted in President Richard's giving \$5 to note that February is Literacy Month and that March is ... a special month.



Treena Breyfogle gave \$20 for President Richard's sharing of his pruning skills on her fruit trees.

David Hurd gave \$5 to state that he has tickets for his Club's Hilo Huli on Sunday, May 2. (Tickets are also available on line.)

Marcia Prose gave \$5 to promote April happenings at the Palace Theatre, with copies of the monthly newsletter available for interested persons at the end of the meeting.

Kui Costa gave \$100 for the pleasure of



going with Steve Handy, Corey Kawamoto, and Cowboy Kaneshiro to Fiji for the Literacy Project and seeing just how much effort and personal resources go into making the trip a success. Her son went too. Thanks, Kui!

Program

Cindy Boots introduced our speakers, Fronda and Tony Harris, co-founders of the not-



for-profit organization Heart Ranch. They shared just a little of their personal background, with Fronda noting that her father had been a Rotarian as had her husband, Tony. Fronda and Tony took a leap of faith in starting the program about four years ago and are pleased it now has 501(c) 3 status.

Our speakers stated they would be talking as technology wasn't cooperating; the brief video they had hoped to show was available on their website, www.HEARTRANCH.org.

Heart Ranch mission's is "to build Confidence, develop Leadership and Encourage Personal Growth in children and families." Heart Ranch is a mentoring program that works with youth ages 8 through 18 and their families at the ranch site on Akolea Road in Hilo.

Youth are paired one-on-one with a mentor for a 90-minute session for six consecutive weeks. The first thirty minutes consist of a chore activity, such as pulling weeds, and then time might be spent grooming, riding, and/or connecting with a horse. Horses, we learned, mirror emotions, and youth have to learn to draw healthy boundaries

in the relationship with a horse—a skill that serves youth well for other facets of their lives. The mentoring program helps build social-emotional skills, self-awareness, and open communications.

The program is open Tuesday through Friday, starting in February and ending in mid-November. It's run by volunteers and by donations, though the agency got a grant in the amount of \$10,000 last year to help build a larger tent area where family members can wait, interact, and even "nap" in the hammock while waiting for their youth.

Interested youth must attend an introductory meeting with a family member, and youth may come back after their first session as a "fill in." The program is advertised via word of mouth, though many youth are involved in organizations such as QLCC, Hale Kipa, Care Hawaii, and Easter Seals.

Frona and Jim's passion for working with youth and their understanding of the challenges that all parents face in raising children came through with their sharing of basic information as well as their touching stories of transformational moments between youth and mentor and youth and horse.



In Closing.

Nancy Cabral, who knows horses, thanked Fronda and Tony for their generosity, stating that "they are putting out a lot to make it happen" – just considering the feed bill and insurance costs alone!

President Richard called on Randy Hart to lead the Club in the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do, and the meeting was adjourned.

Hiroshima South Rotary Celebrating their 50th Anniversary April 2016 Naomi is planning a super itinerary. More details to be given shortly. Save your \$\$\$