



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

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94 Years of Service

Reporter: Gail

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

The March 6th meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo was called to order by **President RICHARD JOHNSON**. **BOB FOX** asked our guests and members to recite the Pledge of Allegiance along with him. **MITCH DODO** shared an inspiration from his book, "Winner's Edge" by Danny Yamashiro. The quote shared is by Walter Chrysler, "Whenever there is a hard job to be done I assign it to a lazy man; he is sure to find an easy way of doing it."

February 27th meeting reporter **NEWTON CHU** and photographer **CHRIS TAMM** were thanked for their contribution along with **TAMMY SILVA** and **ED HARA**, Lava Flow Coordinator and Publisher.

JOHN McVICKAR and **JENNY JOHNSON** were our *Greeters* and **JENNY** introduced our guests. Visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay were **KAROLYN LUNDKVIST**, **RICHARD CUNNINGHAM** and **STEVE BADER**. Rotarian guest from the Rotary Club of South Hilo was **PHOEBE LAMBETH**. Visiting from the Rotary Club of Romeo (Oakland #3) was **ROMEO GARCIA** who is hoping to make Hilo his home. **ROMEO** is from the third oldest club in the nation. He also brought a guest, **Neal Scott** who is from the Makery and is interested in Rotary.

Club members also brought guests. **Donnie Demuth** was the guest of **BOB HANLEY**. **CINDY BOOTS** introduced our guest speaker, **Miles Yoshioka** of Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. **MITCH ROTH** was joined by his daughter, **Alexandria Roth** who is vying for Miss Hawaii.

The next four weeks are very busy months for our club.
March is Literacy Month

March 7 – Hilo Heart Walk. **Kerry** announced the 7:30 am team photo at the stairs of Hilo Bay Care.

March 11 – RC Hilo Board Meeting, 5:00 pm, Hilo Rice Noodle

March 12 – **Chili and Dessert Social**, \$20, Cook your chili and/or bring a dessert.

March 13 – No Friday meeting

March 13-14 – Relay for Life, Support Rotaract of East Hawaii (UHH) with your donations at http://mian.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15PL?pg=entry&fr_id=64955

March 14 – **Interact Garage Sale**, **Yoko** will receive donations at her home on Friday from 3pm. Please sign up for one of two garage sale shifts on Saturday, 6:30 – 9:30 am and 9:30 – 11:30 am.

March 20 – Club Meeting in Mala Ikena Room

March 28 – **Rotary Park Workday #2**, **MIKE ROBINSON** encouraged member sign-up with him and mentioned that volunteers had a good time on workday #1.

April 3 – No Meeting – Good Friday

April 10 – **Business Visitations**

May 9 – **D5000 District Assembly**, **WALLY WONG** is attending **PETS**, so **PRESIDENT JOHNSON** encouraged our attendance.

May 22-24 – **D5000, District Conference**, Waikoloa Hilton

May 26 – **Steak Fry Social for Taiwan RFE**. **KERRY** founded the final Rotarians to host our visitors.

October 29 – Nov 1 – **D5000, Zone Institute**, Waikoloa Hilton

June 7-10, 2020 – **D5000, RI Convention**, Honolulu



Returning with flags from recent travels were **MIKE ROBINSON** and **GLENN HARRIS**.



Celebrating this week are *birthday boys* **JIM CHENEY** and **BOB FUJIMOTO**, and celebrating their *46th wedding anniversary* are **SAM** and **SANDY WALLIS**.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON announced that our club now has 72 members and shared incentives to get us closer to our goal of 77.

Project Kokua was a great success with 100% profit of **\$14,813** for the Puna Lava Relief and 192 pieces or 197 pounds of canned goods for The Food Basket. Guests enjoyed the food, booze and fellowship.

We finally got to long chain of **Happy Dollar** donations. **MITCH ROTH** shared **\$50** to honor his daughter, **Alexandria's** next pageant for Miss Hawaii and he announced the creation of Hawaii Island Honors and its first event on May 8 to honor outstanding robotics educators **Dale Olive** and **Eric Hagiwara** of Waikeka High School.

Karolyn Lundkvist shared **\$10** she collected from **Phoebe Lambeth** to announce a Jazz Concert at her home in honor of her father. **Steve Bader** added details on the musical entertainment for the event. **PRESIDENT JOHNSON** suggested more dollars for the long announcement.

Theresa English was happy that she found common ground with our guest **Romeo**, attending the same high school. **CHUCK PORTER** had **\$20** unhappy dollars because he saw **MITCH DODO's** company vehicle getting new tires at Costco instead of Lex Brodies. **CHUCK** had thought to purchase the deluxe Dodo Mortuary plan, but now considers being buried in a pasture.

\$40 seemed little for the lengthy happy dollar shared by **STEW HUSSEY** who praise technology and how he enjoyed studying online from his bedroom to achieve his MAI advanced degree.

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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)
Mitch & Karen Dodo March 12 (10)
Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun March 18 (10)
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19 (26)
Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23 (47)

Announcements:

March 13 - No Meeting
March 20 - Michael Chung
Salvation Army Family Intervention Center
March 27 - Rhonda Harris-Heart Ranch
Building Confidence - Developing Leadership
in Youth
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

Richard Cunningham talked about the Koa box he is crafting to benefit HRYF for \$2 happy dollars. All donations \$50 received one opportunity to win it in the drawing in the first week of April. RC Hilo has already donated \$3,000.



With her happy dollars, GAIL TAKAKI extended her mahalo to RYLA contributors ALAN KUSUNOKI, KATHLEEN McGILVRAY, KUI COSTA, JUDY GIBSON, JEANINE ATEBARA and all monetary donors for a very successful camp. GAIL upgraded her \$20 happy dollars to a \$50 donation to HRYF.



Guest speaker Miles Yoshioka, Executive Officer of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce finally had his opportunity to speak. Miles has a very supportive wife Wendy and two children. He had over 30 years of work in building materials and construction before joining HICC. He continues other community service with the Better Business Bureau Hawaii, Hilo Downtown Improvement Association, Japanese Community Association and extensive efforts with the Boy Scouts of America. Of his 5 years with HICC, Miles



sometimes feel it is his calling.

Invited by club member DR. CRAIG SHIKUMA a couple months ago, Miles accepted this opportunity to speak to us and share an amazing story, the birth of our astronomical economy on Hawaii Island. A video he shared featured the vision and efforts of Mitsuo Akiyama, the Executive Officer of the HICC in 1960 when Hilo was devastated by tsunami. Mr. Akiyama began his quest to find a new economic source to boost our island economy. He was the spark that introduced the right parties and the advancing astronomy on Mauna Kea.

The HICC has been impactful in its 115 year history including the creation of the national park around Kilauea volcano, the building of the breakwater in Hilo Bay and the first sponsor of the Merrie Monarch Festival. Chamber members gain influence and involvement in making a difference in the community and building their businesses through a collective voice in the political arena, collaboration with other Chamber of Commerce and businesses and a continued flow of vital information and education. STEW HUSSEY and MITCH DODO provided testimony about the HICC and value to our community and its membership.

A last minute scribe for JEANINE ATEBARA, I send my apologies to our member who brought our meeting to a close by leading the 4-Way Test.

Aloha, Gail Takaki

