



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



PRESIDENT ALAN called upon **STEW HUSSEY** to open the meeting with the Pledge to our flag. Our president then led us in a rousing Rotary rendition of *AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL*. (We'll be ready to take our Rotary Choral group on a road tour if we keep this up!)

ALBERTA DOBBE followed with some thoughtful remarks on the month of March and a quote from *Robert Louis Stevenson*: "Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." **Alberta's** March research is attached for your further enjoyment.



Our greeters for the day (**LORRAINE INOUYE** and **JIM KENNEDY**) were acknowledged by **PRESIDENT ALAN**, after which



the following Rotary guests and guests of Rotarians were introduced—**ARABEL CAMBLOR** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and **NOKO YOSHIDA** from the Rotary Club of Homer, Alaska.

RAND MUNDO introduced his guest, ROTARACT representative **KELLI YAMANE**, and **NANCY CABRAL** introduced a father-son architectural team who just arrived in Hilo, **Kim Hatch** and his son, **Ian Hatch**. Our members extended a warm welcome to all!



This being another "Club Assembly" meeting, **PRESIDENT ALAN** came armed with a host of announcements, which are faithfully copied on page 3.

Editor's note: This is one busy organization!!!

Recognitions—

Birthdays included **LORRAINE SHIN** (2/20), who contributed \$50 to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**. Other birthdays included **NAOMI MANOR** (2/23), **WAYNE ATEBARA** (2/23), **JIMMY YAGI** (2/18) and **JIM CHENEY** (2/28). This reporter did not observe any further contributions from our birthday celebrants. No doubt **PRESIDENT ALAN** will follow up at a future meeting to see just how happy these members were to be celebrating their birthdays.

Wedding Anniversaries—**SAM WALLIS** (03/01—MEETING DAY!) was \$20 happy for his 44th wedding anniversary. He was only about half as happy as he might have been on an anniversary

marked by gold, diamonds or something more special than the 44th year symbol of "groceries!" As **SAM** has lost several close friends and relatives to cancer, he donated the \$20 to the American Cancer Society.

Club Anniversaries & Sponsors—Congratulations to two of our members with over 25 years of service to the Rotary Club of Hilo: **BOB FOX** (2/24/1984—29 years; sponsor: **Bill Green**); and **ED HARA** (2/27/1987—27 years; sponsor: **JIMMY MAEDA**).

Happy \$\$\$\$

JIM KENNEDY opened this part of the meeting by paying respect to his father, who passed on three weeks ago in Fresno. He said his dad was a second generation Rotarian "making him a THIRD generation Rotarian." His father was past president of his Rotary club, and always involved in community projects. One mentioned by **Jim** was a "Rotary Playland" park—complete with a train, which **Jim** has driven. **Jim** had the honor of being present as his Fresno Rotary Club honored his father. **Jim** described him as "a great Dad, humanitarian and Rotarian." **Jim** donated \$20 to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation in honor of his father.

GLENN HARRIS was happy to give \$5 to our Club in support of literacy projects.

DIGGER O'DELL MITCH DODO gave \$5 to the club because his daughter convinced him to take some time out to go star gazing the night before. (Scanning the skies for the next asteroid catastrophe, **Mitch**?)

ALBERTA DOBBE contributed \$5 to assist **BOBBY STIVER'S** program for Friends of The Children's Justice Center.

LORRAINE INOUYE shared with the membership that a close relative died last week and wanted to donate his vital organs to the UH Medical Center. Her sister-in-law thought the process would go smoothly. But, after contacting Hospice and several other organizations for help, she still did not know how to handle the process—which is extremely time-sensitive (the transfer must be made within 72 hours). A call to a Mortuary (NOT the **DODO**-one!) produced the response that if they paid \$2,000 immediately, the mortuary might be able to help. Happily, with a few more telephone calls, they were able to determine what steps were necessary to fulfill the wishes of the deceased—and were able to do so in a timely way. In concluding her account, **Lorraine** noted that when she was in the Senate, she had tried to educate the general public about this process—and that much more education needs to take place, as few still know who manages the process, what forms are necessary, etc. **Lorraine** donated \$20 to the **Rotary Foundation**. But the story does not end there! After **LORRAINE** finished her account, **MITCH DODO** leapt to his feet and delivered an impassioned appeal in support of his fellow morticians. For this blatant advertising **MITCH** offered the Club the amazing sum of \$1!

At which, ever-reticent wallflower, **NANCY CABRAL** rose from her chair and exclaimed: "I'm a capitalist, you know; but **MITCH**—

Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6
Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cindy Boots March 7
Tom Brown March 17
Naomi Menor March 18
Laurie Bass March 18
Theresa English March 19
Chris Tamm March 24
Helene Tajiri March 25
Gail Takaki March 28
Doug Arnott March 30

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1
Jon & Kamali McElvaney March 19
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19
Helene & Harvey Tajiri March 23
Aki & Emiko Watanabe March 25

Announcements:

Fri. March 8
Roz Cooper - D5000 - EREY Chair

Fri. March 15
Richard Ha

Sat. March 16
East Hawaii District Assembly
See Kerry Glass for info

Fri. March 22
Doug Simons - Exec. Dir. CHFT
Laser Adaptive Optics on Mauna Kea

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

HE will make a marketing opportunity out of ANYTHING! For that remark, she added \$20 to the club's coffins (er, COFFERS).

Now **MITCH**—This reporter thinks there might be an opportunity here to minimize any latent guilt and make up the other \$19. **Lorraine** has identified a serious community need. You are known for your resourcefulness. Maybe some of our members would be willing to put their heads together with you and use our Hospital connections to see how the Club could help out on this?

Vocational Services Director BOBBY STIVERS then introduced **LORRAINE SHIN** to give a THREE MINUTE member profile. When **LORRAINE** took the microphone you could tell she was going to take that limit seriously. Then, with rapid-fire efficiency **LORRAINE** said something like this:



She had hard-working, entrepreneurial Korean and Hawaiian parents; UH degree in business; built her first house when she was 23; started several businesses in Oahu, including a pest control business and management of nine gas stations; was president of the Coalition for the Homeless; moved to Hilo in 1983; on board of Palace Theater; elected to Hawaii County Council; appointed by President Bush to serve as Hawaii representative on handicapped issues; proud mom supporting **BJ Penn's** martial arts prowess—arguably one of the most famous martial arts practitioners on the planet. Established several foundations including the **BJ Penn HI Youth Foundation** that works with disadvantaged kids to instill values of confidence, humility, respect, and a caring, responsible attitude. The underlying theme: Trying to make positive difference for kids. **LORRAINE** paused, took a deep breath—and you knew there was a lot more she could have said.

PRESIDENT ALAN thanked **Lorraine**, and added,

“I road up to Waimea with her—and that's only a small part of what she's done!”

PRESIDENT ALAN then turned to the February 23rd Rotary International 108th birthday—noting that we now are 1.22 million members strong with over 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. **PRESIDENT ALAN**

complimented our members for their contributions toward global elimination of polio—now within only three countries of a polio-free world. Rotarians have raised over \$850 million US dollars and given countless volunteer hours toward achieving that goal. He then turned toward the future, suggesting that “basic education” may well be a major RI focus in coming years.

With just a few minutes remaining on the clock, **PRESIDENT ALAN** turned to member **CHRIS**



TAMM and asked him how he came to the Rotary Club of Hilo? **CHRIS** indicated that he first joined one of the Honolulu clubs (sponsored by a member of the Reagan administration) and then transferred his membership to the **Rotary Club of Hilo** (which turned out not to be the easiest thing to do). **ED HARA** became his local sponsor.

PRESIDENT ALAN then asked **JERRY**

WATANABI (who joined this club in 1989) the same question. However, as the paparazzi were busy taking pictures at the back table, this reporter could not hear his complete answer. **JERRY** did seem to indicate that he was offered the only classification available at that time for his profession as an architect.

Finally **PRESIDENT ALAN** asked one of our newer members, **TAMMY SILVA**, how she connected with the Hilo Club. **TAMMY** replied, “By the grace of God.” **HELENE TAJIRI** was her sponsor. **TAMMY** will be celebrating her first anniversary this year—and donated \$50 to the **Rotary Foundation**.

LORRAINE INOUE then offered to transfer 100 of her Rotary Foundation points to help **TAMMY** toward her first Paul Harris Fellowship.

PRESIDENT ALAN reminded members that next week **ROZ COOPER** will speak to the Club on “**The Paul Harris Society.**”

JOHN MCVICKAR then led the assembly in the **Four-Way Test**.

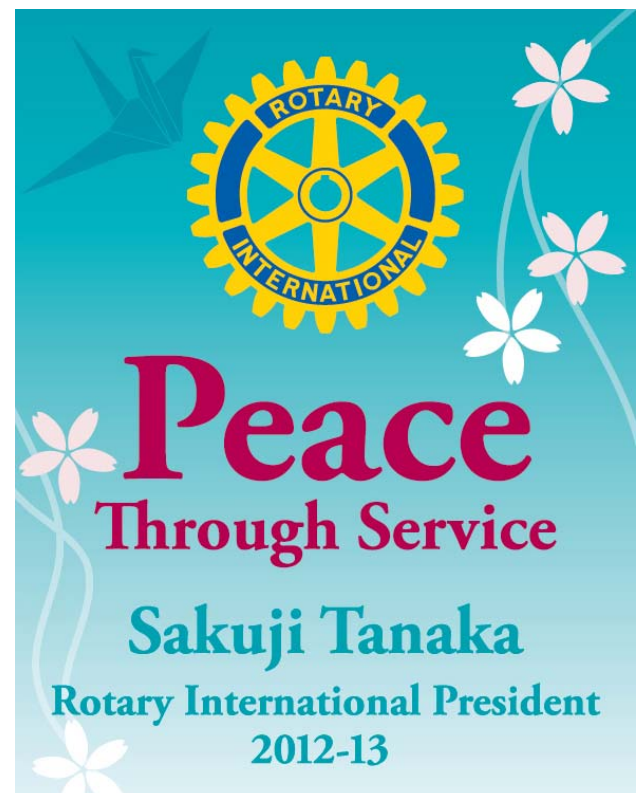
ACKNOWLEDGMENT: This reporter wishes to thank member **JOHN MCVICKAR** for taking the initiative in providing the Lava Flow reporter with accurate information regarding the amounts of members' contributions, and the targeted foundations. This is a HUGE assist to Lava Flow reports. **MAHALO NUI JOHN!!**

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

• ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. March is Rotary Literacy Month – talk about later for Club Assembly
2. RYLA, March 1-3 – **TONIGHT!**
3. Heart Walk, Mar 2 – **WALLY WONG**
4. Rotaract Week, Mar 11-15 -- Rotaract @ UHH, Relay for Life – **KELLI YAMANE**
5. E. HI District Assembly @ Kamehameha Schools, March 16, sign-up sheet – **PASS AROUND**
6. Right after Assembly, St Patrick's Day fund raiser by RC of S. Hilo at YMCA, 5 pm
7. Hump Day by RC of S Hilo – Wed, Mar 20 at Palms
8. Easter Egg Hunt by RC of Volcano – Sun, Mar 31
9. Business Visitations, Fri, Apr 5 – **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI**
10. Rotary Work Day or Rotary Gives Thanks: Sat, 04/27 – Boys & Girls Club
11. Group Study Exchange (GSE), Apr 28-30 – housing okay? – Albert Jeyte – club visits?
12. Hilo Huli by RC of S Hilo, May 5 on Coconut Island, \$45
13. District Conference @ Turtle Bay, May 17-19 (Fr/Sa/Su) -- \$40 registration – silent auction ideas? – cl poster for Peace Forum (Jenny)
14. First Annual Hilo Brewfest, June 1 (Sat.): **BOB HANLEY**
15. _____
16. _____

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■ ROTARIAN
■ EVERY
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ten interesting facts you should know about March



March is the third month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar, it was the first month in the early Roman calendar with March 1 designated as the new year.

It was named Martius after Mars, the Roman god of war.

Great Britain and her Colonies continued to use March as their beginning month until 1752.

March's birthstone is aquamarine and bloodstone.

Its birthflower is the Daffodil (Narcissus).

The Anglo-Saxons called the month Hlyd monath which means Stormy month, or Hraed monath which means Rugged month.

In the USA March is National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Women's History Month and American Red Cross Month.

March starts on the same day of the week as November every year.

Four U.S. Presidents. Andrew Jackson, James Madison, Grover Cleveland and John Tyler were born in this month.

When the Anglo-Saxons converted to Christianity, they held their chief season of fasting at this time the month 'fast of lenet monet' which in time became 'Lent'.

Robert Louis Stevenson: Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.