



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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92 Years of service

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



On an overcast day March Day, **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and **Yoko Hayano** were at the door with a friendly greeting. We then heard the gong and the familiar words, "Welcome to the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo, Chartered in 1920" spoken by **President Alan Kusonoki**. **Trenea "TB" Breyfogle** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Alan** inspired us to sing "YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG". **John McVickar's** thought for the day seemed Irish in honor of Saint Patrick's Day: "A best friend is like a four leaf clover: Hard to find and lucky to have... God invented whiskey to keep the Irish from ruling the world".

Our President thanked **NEWTON CHU** – THE DON, reporter and **SCOTT BRAND**, photographer for our last Lava Flow Report.

Greeter, **Yoko Hayano**, introduced **Noko Yoshida** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. **Noko**, in turn, introduced visiting Rotarian guest, **Kar Gutien**, visiting from wintery cold Madison, WI. We learned that Madison hosts the fifth largest rotary club in the world., as also sharing with us a long club history of 100 years. **John McVickar** introduced **Biff Kennedy** who gave us his background as a Canadian from Vancouver, BC, transplanted to CA, who serviced office equipment for 20 years, and is now happy to call the Big Island home. **Kui Costa** filled her table with **Waiakea High**



Rotaract guests: **Adrel Vicente** (Student Advisor), **Shayla Ortiz**, **Kylie Sasaki**, **Amber Nakata** and **Kylie Nagata**. **Helene Tajiri** introduced her guests, Rotarians **Tim Haynes** and **Jean Sugiyama**, hailing from North Carolina. **Helene** was surprised and delighted her guests treated for lunch.

Announcements--**District conference** this weekend on March 16th. **Kerry** has one opening that has been paid for. The **District Conference** is located at the Kamehameha Campus in Keaau. **Bobby** announced sign-upa for business visitations April 5th. There are four venues. We are dark April 5th. Our **Chicken Hekka Social** is scheduled April 18 th (Thursday) at Wailoa State Park. A **Rotary Work Day** is scheduled for Sat April 27 at the Boys

& Girls Club. A **Group Study Exchange** is scheduled April 28 – 30. **The District Council** is coming up May 17-19 at Turtle Bay (\$40 registration). **President Alan** would appreciate silent auction ideas. **Jenny Johnson** mentioned a Peace Poster from the Peace Forum.

Help is needed on the **Brewfest** to be held on June 1 ST at the Wainaku Conference Center. We've been asked to contact favorite restaurants to get them involved, and help out i.e. arrange for shuttle service, etc. Members are asked to contact **Bob Hanley** and /or **Trenea Breyfogle**. 700 attendees are anticipated. A meeting is scheduled after Rotary Lunch today for planning our signature **Embalmers Ball** event. We'll discuss budget, PR, ticket prices, drawings, food, donations etc. are the immediate concerns. We have a joint venture, a **Lobster Feed**, on Labor Day with the Volcano Club. We'll sell tickets, get silent auction items, and provide 4-5 volunteers on event day. The good news is we share the profits. This is a good collaborative project. The **installation of incoming Officers and Directors**, for 2013/2014 will be at Wailoa State Park on Tuesday, July 2nd. Save the date!

Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition +1 Pins were presented to **Kerry Glass**, **Susan Munro** and **Richard** and **Jenny Johnson**.



Chris Tamm received a **Paul Harris**



+ 3 pin. **WOW!** The plus one is recognition for an additional \$1000 above the initial \$1000. A plus three certifies another \$3000 plus the initial \$1000 contribution for a total of \$4000 in contributions.

Happy Dollars: **Glenn's** wife **Annie** had surgery in Kona (not elated because of that--but because he has opportunity to take care of his wife for two weeks.) **Alberta Dobbe** gave \$5, proud that her Granddaughter is a junior at Carnegie Mellon (Just back from spring break in Fla.--glad she's back.) **Nancy Cabral** is happy **Misty Tyrin** left a large corporation (AT&T) to work for her, and also that **Gay & Chuck Porter** left on a world cruise, especially pleased Day Lum Real Estate sold the **Porter's** house. **Gail Takaki** is \$10 happy and appreciates all who supported **RYLA**. It's about having fun together!

Our guest visiting form South Carolina is happy he's moving to Hilo and likes it a lot!

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 22
Jim Mellon - UHH

Fri. March 29
NO MEETING (Good Friday)

Fri. April 5
Business Visitations

- 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

RYLEA presentation by attendees focused on giving positive feedback on their experience in Volcano at our Leadership Training Program. They gained confidence--somewhat scared at first, great experience. Each person said they earned a lot about leadership and they met people from all over island. Advisor thanks members for sponsoring the Interact club. The importance of 4-way test was examined in depth.

Kui Costa introduced Richard Ha (her uncle) who spoke as a representative of the Big Island Community Coalition. What is the Coalition? The website states their mission is "to work together as an island community



for the greater good of Hawaii Island and its people. Their #1 priority is to make Big Island electricity rates the lowest in the state by emphasizing the use of local resources."

The #1 Concern is our oil dependency. Oil will be a significantly depleted resource in five years. Their group started five months ago. The first issue is the 4.2% HELCO rate increase before PUC. The second issue is the cost of biofuel.

Understanding issues of cost of alternative fuels is key to good policy. They are pushing geothermal which has the lowest costs. The \$350 budget to start, set up their website. They project to raise \$\$ to get scholarships for students. Best predictor of income is level of education.

Question: *What is future of geothermal?* Richard Ha is optimistic about it. He feels there are adequate safety checks and balances.

Question: *Who is the best resource to learn about geo thermal?* Mike Kalikini as the manager of the Island's Geo Thermal Plant is the best source.

Chris TAMM from our Rotary noted that HELCO talks about energy conservation. If we conserve, revenues go down, leads to more rate increases. As long as HELCO is a "for profit" business he sees no solution. Oil and other fossil fuels are expendable. Richard Ha indicated they expect to have over 50% in biomass and geothermal in next 20 years

President Alan thanked Richard Ha and have him a special handmade koa pen. Our next speaker will be Jim Mellon of UHH and the topic is International Students at UHH.

Susan Munro led us in the 4-way test and meeting was adjourned.

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