



Rotary News

# Lava FLOW

March 2, 2012

92 Years of service

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Although it was a cloudy, rainy, day in Hilo, you could not tell by the "sunshiny" smiles of greeters, **Corey Kawamoto** and **Cindy Boots**, and the happy chatter



echoing throughout the meeting room. All rose as **President Joe Hanley** rung the bell, expressed Greetings to all. Then the Pres. reminds us, as he does regularly, that we are the oldest Rotary Club on the Big Island,

the second oldest in Hawaii, 92 years.

**PP Sam Wallace** volunteered to lead us the Pledge of Allegiance. **Theresa English** was called upon to give us our weekly inspirational message. She read writings by the Dali Lama, which stressed the importance of the people of the whole world being a family and all, are equal.



**Pres. Joe** thanked our greeters and **Cindy Boots** before recognizing our

guests wished all women and girls a Happy Girls' Day. Our guests for the day:

From the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, **Richard Crowe** and **Chester Cabral**; **Leon Bruno**, a Past President of our club and now a member of the Rotary Club of Valley, Vt.; Richard and **Jenny Johnson** hosted guests **Don** and **Alisa Michael**.

**Announcements** were in order:

March 6, Vision Testing, Connections School  
March 20, Vision Testing, De Silva School (am), St. Joseph's School (pm)  
March 24, District Assembly  
March 16, Reforestation (Sign up on line, should be fun)  
March 28, Service Project at Friends of the Children's Justice Center (maintenance)  
April 1, All Club Picnic

**Steve Yoshida** gave **Pres. Joe** a package of omiyagi from the **Rotary Club from Kiyoto**. The package was put up for auction starting at **\$100**. It ended up going for **\$200**, which the **Pres.** and **Newton Chu** divided and donated to the **Rotoract Club** for their Relay for Life.

**Ed Hara** was thanked for his support of the Interact Convention and for sharing pictures of the event.

**Nancy Cabral** was called up to the podium for a special recognition. **Pres. Joe** announced that she was now a **Paul Harris Fellow Plus 3**. He gave an explanation of how **Paul Harris Fellow Funds** helps Rotary to make the world a better place. He congratulated **Nancy** and gave her the Plus 3 pin.



**Nancy** said one of the reasons she loved Rotary was because she could make contributions that help eliminate Polio around the world (several organizations have tried, but Rotary did it), and still help our local kids. She was glad that she could change individual lives and the world through Rotary.

**Cindy Boots** rose to say that she too was happy that she was a Rotarian because she helped a friend find a place to hold the Wood Turners display this year. As a Rotarian she had resources (**Nancy**) that could help her friend. Problem Solved with a win-win result. The Wood Turners show will be held at the Hilo Shopping center starting on March 3.

Following that gracious speech about **PHF** our President reminded us about **EREFY**. **Chris Tamm** wanted to help us reach this goal so he donated **\$20** because of some Rugby win and wanted it to be used for members who have not already contributed to **PHF** so we could reach our goal to be an **EREFY** club. **Susan Munro**, Foundation Chair, who will contact individuals for their approval, will use the funds.

**Rick Newkold** was thanked for writing his last Lava Flow before resigning and embarking on a two-year worldwide trip. Happy Trails to you and **Ricky**.

**Saeko** was thanked for her photographic skills for the same issue.

**Birthday Boy, Jim Cheney** (2/28) was wished happy birthday, although he was not present. **Ed Hara** celebrated a club anniversary, but he was also absent. **Sam Wallace** and **Sandy** celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary, and **Sam** credited his wife for the longevity of their marriage, she had to put up with him all those years. (It is the truth, right?) **Sam** retired at 55yrs. old, and was frequently asked how he could retire at such an early age. His words of wisdom, "Have the same wife, the same job, and the same house".

**Leon Bruno** had a check he promised to have this week as he also had celebrated a wedding anniversary. But before he would give the check to us he had an important correction to make to last week's Lava Flow issue. His wife for the past 55 years is **ELLEN**, not Ann as reported in the newsletter. Oops, we all make mistakes. Pardon!!

**Shauna Tuohy** happily donated **\$25** for the successful Heart Walk held last weekend. They made **\$145,000** plus!!! Our club participated with 18 Rotarian walkers plus four non-Rotarians that joined their group and contributed **\$1,726**. **Shauna** also announced that she would be leaving as Director of the Heart Association. She also appreciates all the support she received from Rotarians during her years as director.

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## **Birthdays:**

**Bob Fujimoto** March 6

**Helene Tajiri** March 25

## **Club Anniversary:**

**Cindy Boots** March 7

**Tom Brown** March 17

**Naomi Menor** March 18

**Laurie Ball** March 18

**Theresa English** March 18

**Chris Tamm** March 24

**Helene Tajiri** March 25

**Gail Takaki** March 28

**Doug Arnott** March 30

## **Wedding Anniversary:**

**Sam & Sandra Wallis** March 1

**John & Kamali McElvaney** March 19

**Jerry & Sandy Watanabe** March 19

**Helene & Harvey Tajiri** March 23

**Akira & Emiko Watanabe** March 25

**Doug & Mary Espejo** March 29

## **Announcements:**

**Tues. March 6**

**Keiki Vision Testing @ Connections**

**Fri. March 9**

**Darren Rosario (Fire Chief)**

**Tues. March 20**

**Keiki Vision Testing @ E.B. deSilva  
& St. Joseph Elementary**

**Fri. March 23**

**Club Assembly**

President .....	Joseph Hanley
President Elect .....	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President .....	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President .....	Stewart Hussey
Secretary .....	Richard Johnson
Treasurer .....	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Chris Tamm
Director - Club Administration .....	Kerry Glass
Director - Service Projects .....	Mitchell Dodo
Director - Rotary Foundations .....	Susan Munro
Director - Membership .....	James Cheney
Director - Public relations .....	Robert Hanley
International Service .....	Steve Yoshida
Community Service .....	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service .....	John McVickar
New Generations .....	Rand Mundo
Club Service .....	Thomas Brown
The Rotary Foundation .....	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation ....	Mitchell Dodo

**Rand Mundo** reintroduced the Rotoract Members. Treasurer **Andrew Yoshimoto**,



announced that the University of Hawaii Hilo was having a Relay for Life on March 9, and the Rotoract Club would be entering a team in the event. President **Kelli Yamane**, asked for our support and many members contributed to their cause. Before the Relay begins a dinner will be held for cancer survivors. They invited any of our members or members of their families and friends who are survivors and to spread the word to other survivors. **Newton Chu** then explained why he bid so high for the omiyagi package. He knew of the successes of **Andrew** and his twin brother. They earned their Eagle Scout Status by accomplishing some very needed repair to the Hilo High Gym and building a fence on the street side of the soccer field so balls would not go on the street. He was proud of these young folks, "Rotarians in the making." The applause from the members confirmed their agreement.

The President had to interrupt any more activity to leave time for our program.

**Susan Munro** made a quick introduction of



our speaker with the Canine Search and Rescue team, **Deb Wilson** who is a K-9 Handler. **Deb** introduced her fellow travelers, **Juliet Moncrief**, also a K-9 Handler, and **Kuma Davis** a member of the support staff, and last but not least her dog **Phocus**. **Phocus** sat politely by as **Deb** gave us some interesting information about the Canine Search and Rescue Team and also had pictures showing some of the things she was describing. Dogs are used for this purpose because of their sense of smell. She went into the training process. Dogs are rewarded for positive behavior by playing. A very interesting fact for this reporter was that there were different kinds of dogs. Some dogs are trained for search and rescue, meaning finding people that are still alive, and some dogs are trained to find victims or as she put it cadaver dogs. Canine Search and Rescue teams are called upon after a natural disaster or explosion, or collapses of buildings to determine if there are any persons still alive in the rubble. When the dogs can't find anyone alive then the cadaver dogs are called in.

(If you have been watching the news lately you may have seen these dogs at work after all the tornados that have hit many of the states on the mainland.) If you need any help in this area contact the Department of Emergency Management. She presented such interesting information that if you were not there or would like more information on this subject you can go to Hawaii Search and Rescue.org.

**Deb** was thanked and given the world's best-made Koa Pen, handcrafted by our member **Gerard Carter**.

The meeting ended with the Four Way Test led by **Shauna Tuohy**.

PS Members went up to great and pet **Phocus**.



Photos by **Helen Hemmes**

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