



# Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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94 Years of Service

Reporter: Lycheemama

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

President **Kerry Glass** rang the bell and opened the meeting with a welcome to the Rotary Club of Hilo members and guests. **Biff Kennedy** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Christina Dhillon** provided inspirational words about the importance of a smile. A smile is considered to be the universal sign of happiness. A smile provides a shift



in our energy. Smile facts indicate babies are born with the ability to smile, and they do smile over 200 times per day, children smile over 400 times per day, women smile over 62 times per day, and men smile on average 8 times per day. Some good quotes were provided to us. **Mother Teresa** – “Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.” **Dalai Lama** – “I love friends, I want more friends, I love smiles. That is a fact.”



**Toshi Aoki** and **Naomi Menor** greeted our guests **David Hurd** and **Keith Marrack** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo and **Mike Gleason** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. **Misti** introduced her guest (and husband) **James Tyrin**, also a member of Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. Our member **Ron Dolan** introduced his guest **David Owens**.

President **Kerry** thanks our Lava Flow Editor, **Ed Hara** and the on-going staff, for their efforts to provide us a quality weekly report. **Newton Chu** last week's reporter and **Bob Hanley** provided the photos.

We were notified that **Aki** (aka **Coach**) **Watanabe**, our club member for 44 years has passed, and his funeral service is Sunday, March 30th at 2:00 PM at Dodo Mortuary. Visitation starts at 12:30 PM. A card is going around for our signatures. **Aki** joined RC Hilo October 17, 1969. **Sam Wallis** spoke about knowing **Aki** and friend, and his father **Richard's** connection working at First Insurance, back when **Aki** worked on Kauai.



They share a 38-year connection between their families. **Sam** and **Aki** share the same birthday. **Aki** is a great guy, and he will be missed.

**Gay Porter** reminisced and remembers how much fun **Aki** had sitting back at the “boys table”. **Aki** always had time for a smile and a wave. His wife indicated **Aki** took a fall, when he was working at the back of his workshop, and didn't suffer. He may have known his time was near. He took the time recently to send off papayas to his relatives. **Aki** loved to travel, and knew how to balance family and work. He loved what he did, and kept detailed notes,



making it easy for fellow workers. There were no regrets. **Gay** spoke of **Aki's** uniqueness as an icon of integrity, intelligence and service. **Aki** was **Gay's** role model when she was 28. He remained low key and did not draw attention to himself. He worked behind the scenes, giving equally his talent and time. Our Rotary Club and the Boys and Girls Club are receiving contributions from his family.

### PROGRAM

**Bobby Stivers-Apiki** provided the attendees informative entertainment today. A person at each table was asked to pull a strip of paper from **Bobby's** hand. Each strip posed a question. I was thinking magic. This was better than magic. Our table discussed what do we like to do for relaxation, and with whom? We mainly liked to spend time with family and friends, and take time visiting places on the Big Island, and helping when we can (ex beach cleanup.) Examples of questions discussed at various tables: *If you were to have a weird unusual pet what would you select?* **Susan** selected a Ferret. *What character in a book would you select?* Superman was one answer. A favorite toy was a slinky or putty. *What do you think is beyond the stars?* Infinity. Pick your own name. One answer was **Bill Gates**. another was “I wouldn't change”. Tell me the best thing about you. I liked the answer one person gave. I am the opposite of my spouse. **Bobby** indicated that a recent survey indicated that many families see each other less than one hour a day. This exercise reminded me of the importance of conversation. We ended the exercise playing the game rock, scissors, stone. We each contributed a dollar. **Glenn Harris** and **Jenny Johnson** were the finalists. **Glenn** as the winner donated \$47 to his favorite cause. You guessed correctly. The money went to the Read A Loud program (literacy).



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:** Our esteemed fellow Rotarian **Chuck Porter** will be recognized April 6th for small business of the year. Seats are available for the event. Contact **Misti Tyrin** at DayLum Rentals to purchase tickets. Attendance is encouraged.

Birthdays:

Bob Fujimoto March 6  
Helene Tajiri March 25

Club Anniversary:

Cindy Boots March 7 (17)  
Tom Brown March 17, (25)  
Laurie Bass March 18 (3)  
Ian Hatch March 18 (3)  
Naomi Menor March 18 (26)  
Theresa English March 19 (4)  
John McVickar March 19 (4)  
Tammy Silva March 23 (2)  
Chris Tamm March 24 (19)  
Helene Tajiri March 25 (20)  
Gail Takaki March 28 (6)

Wedding Anniversary:

Sam & Sandy Wallis March 1  
Mitchell & Karen Dodo March 12  
Jim Cheney & Xiao Ying Sun March 18  
Jerry & Sandy Watanabe March 19  
Helenel & Harvey Tajiri March 23

Announcements:

Fri. April 4 - Club Assembly  
Fri. April 11 - Ka'ui Kimura  
What's happening at 'Imiloa  
Fri. May 2 - Business Visitations  
Fri. May 9 - Robin Benedict  
Friends of the Children's Justice Center

President .....	Kerry Glass
President Elect .....	Richard Johnson
Immediate Past President .....	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President .....	Alberta Dobbe
Secretary .....	Susan Munro
Treasurer .....	Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Cindy Boots
Membership .....	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations .....	Robert Hanley
Club Administration .....	Tom Brown
Service Projects .....	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations .....	Alan Kusunoki
Club Service .....	Tim Beatty
International Service .....	Jenny Johnson
Community Service .....	Wallace Wong
Youth Service .....	Glenn Harris
Vocational Service .....	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation .....	John McVickar
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation .....	Mitchell Dodo
The Rotary Foundation .....	Alan Kusunoki
Attendance .....	Judy Gibson
Greeters .....	Helene Tajiri
Programs .....	Treena Breyfogle
Lava Flow Editor .....	Tammy Silva

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS:

-Work Day at the Salvation Army is scheduled April 19th (Sat); the crew appreciates (if you can bring) outdoor paint supplies.

-Five Club Steak Fry is on April 24th (Thursday) for the RFE visit. Our Club is walking in the Merry Monarch Parade on April 28th (Sat) – there's no preparation or T-Shirt requirement for walking in the parade. Your horse or dog is welcome to walk with you.

-Bobby Stivers-Apiki has a surprise for Business Visitation May 2nd (Friday) meeting (Hilo Hawaiian).

South Hilo Rotary's Annual Hilo Hui is coming up on Sunday May 4th at Coconut Island.

Reminder: Sign-up to volunteer for our signature Hilo Brewfest on June 14th (Sat). Gail Takaki is in charge of ticket sales. Ticket sold out last year, so good idea to contact Gail and buy now - if you have not signed up as a volunteer.

Glenn Harris brought the Mercer Mare Books to distribute for April's read a loud assignment.

Jenny Johnson and Susan Munro enjoyed their March read-aloud assignment. Alan Kusunoki told the story how he brought his typewriter as a prop to the classroom.. Alan guessed correctly the students had not seen a typewriter in their lifetime. Jim Cheney gave a shout that reading aloud in the schools is as much fun for him as the students,

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:

March of Dimes walk (April 5th-Sun 7am-10am) starts at Wailoa State Park.

Hui Ho'okupono Ohana Fun Day (April 12-Sun 10am-1pm) to clean Akina Park-Hilo.

Easter Egg Hunt at Wong Stadium (April 18, 7-9 am Good Friday).

Pahoa Elementary School 20th Anniversary (May 2nd Fri 11 am-1:45 )

BIRTHDAY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY and CLUB ANNIVERSARY:

Helene Tajiri is celebrating all of the above! This is very cool. Helene's birthday, wedding anniversary and club anniversary are all on March 25th although different years. Helene has been married to Harvey for 46 years. She appreciates the prayers of many individual for Harvey to feel relief from his severe back pain. Therapy and acupuncture have also helped him. She appreciates Harvey who never complains about his pain. Helene has enjoyed 20 years with our Rotary club. She has three checks totaling (\$150) \$50 each to the Rotary Foundation, Hilo Rotary Club Foundation and the Sunao Wada Foundation.



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Ian Hatch	Mar 22	2013
Tammy Silva	Mar 23	2012
Chris Tamm	Mar 24	1996
Helen Tajiri	Mar 25	1995
Gail Takaki	Mar 28	2008

RECOGNITION AND HAPPINESS MONEY:

Kui Costa stood up with a big smile, announcing she is \$150 happy, and has time to play, after flying to Honolulu, and passing an 8-hour appraisal exam. Kui is officially a Hawaii Certified General Appraiser.



Stew Hussey stood up and complemented Kui's persistence. Kui previously had a management position for Aloha Airlines. Stew finally hired Kui as an apprentice at slave wages. The new laws in place for becoming an appraiser require a longer period of apprenticeship. Stew is \$100 happy, and directs the money to the Rotary Foundation. Mitch Dodo directed a complement



to Stew Hussey and his dapper attire. This one you had to see to appreciate both men wearing the same pin striped shirt and grey pants one would expect of a funeral director. Mitch paid \$20 for his observation and to hear the laughter. Russ Oda's comment "quite an undertaking" was priceless.

Alberta Dobbe gave \$20 (directed to Rotary Foundation) as the happy winner of the Koa Mirror, raffled last week, and gave a shout to Glenn Harris, for the school read aloud program. Cindy Boots \$3 Happy for Happy Hour in Mexico, is also happy to be home. Cindy also gave a shout reminding us that the Woodworkers Display's last day today, and very worth the time to visit. A Rotarian gave \$20 sad dollars to the Rotary Foundation for the loss of Coach. Alan Kusunoki gave \$20 to the Hawaii Youth Foundation, and thanked Glenn Harris for the opportunity to read Click Clack Moo, and introduce children to a typewriter. John McVicker gave \$10 to Rotary International.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Jenny Johnson reminded us the committee meets immediately after the club meeting to review projects.

President Kerry thanked Bobby Stivers-Apiki for his presentation today. Rand Mundo led the club in the Four Way Test.

Our next meeting is Downstairs, April 4th – Club Assembly. Information is available on our website.

