



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

The meeting of March 30th was called to order by **President Joe Hanley**. Joe started the meeting with the standard recital of The Rotary Club of Hilo's beginnings. If you have been a member long enough, you have heard it hundreds of times. If this was your first meeting, it was an interesting fact you just learned for the first time.



The meeting proceeded with **Jim Cheney** doing a fine job leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moving right along, **Sam Wallace** stepped up to the mic and stated that his inspirational speech was based on a slogan given at the previous week's meeting by visiting Rotarian **Lee McDonald** from The Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club in Nevada. The visitor said his club's slogan was "*We Build Bridges*". That slogan inspired **Sam** to present a poem



by Will Allen Dromgoole titled "*The Bridge Builder*."

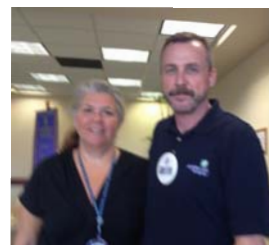
The poem goes:

An old man, going a lone highway, came at the evening cold and gray, to a chasm, vast and deep and wide, through which was flowing a sullen tide. the old man crossed in the twilight dim-that sullen stream had no fears for him; but he turned, when he reached the other side, and built a bridge to span the tide. "Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near, You are wasting strength in building here. your journey will end with the ending day; you never again must pass this way. you have crossed the chasm, deep and wide, why build you the bridge at the eventide?" The builder lifted his old gray head. Good friend, in the path I have come," he said, there followeth after me today a youth whose feet must pass this way.this chasm that has been naught to me to that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. he, too, must cross in the twilight dim; good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Sam said "*that is what Rotary does. A good example is **Polio Plus**. We have almost eradicated it from the face of the Earth and now the young people don't have to*

worry about getting polio."

Joe Hanley then gave recognition to the two greeters, **Scott Brand** and **Shauna Tuohy**.



Shauna came forward to announce the visiting Rotarians and guests: Visiting Rotarians were **Art Taniguchi** from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and **Aaron Whiting** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. **Susan Munro's** guest

was **Treena Breyfogle** from Kodiak Alaska, **Saeko Hayashi's** two guests were her son **Takeru Hayashi** and his friend and fellow boyscout **Matthew Nagata** who is a second generation Eagle Scout, and **Greg Goodale's** guest was **Ron Thiel** who is the Traffic Division Chief for the County of Hawaii.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joe Hanley started his announcements by recognizing our club's newest member **Tammy Silva**. **Joe** then informed everyone that the guest speaker **Hong Jiang** was going to be late, due to a delay with her airline.

Everyone was reminded about the **East Hawaii Rotary Picnic** coming up on April 1st at the Kuhio Park on Reed's Bay and that is was not to late to sign up. If you were interested in adding your name to the list, you could go to our club's ClubRunner website to sign-up. He took that opportunity to tout the website and what a great job **Kerry Glass** is doing with it.

April 28th is the **5-club Rotary Community Service Project** at the Children's Justice Center. Also, there will be no meetings on April 6th due to Good Friday and April 13 due to the Merrie Monarch Festival.

Helen Hemmes was thanked for being the reporter and **Saeko Hayashi** the photographer for last week's Lava Flow and suggested members check it out on the ClubRunner website.

Joe Hanley read a thank you letter to our club from **Kazuya Nemoto**, District Governor of Rotary District 2530.

The letter read:

Dear President of Rotary Club of Hilo Hawaii, Thank you very much for your donation to the victims of the tsunami and earthquake in Japan. It has been one year since the tsunami and earthquake on 3-11 in Japan, and even now, people in the affected areas have been having a very hard time due to enormous damage, lost loved

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:

Fri. April 6
No Meeting - Good Friday

Fri. April 13
No Meeting

Fri. April 20
Bruce Yanagihara -
Ronald McDonald House

Fri. April 27
Club Assembly

Thurs. May 3
Board Meeting

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

ones and lost homes. Many have seen their entire hometowns utterly devastated or completely destroyed, along with many of their hopes for a bright future. However, many of the people are trying to overcome the damage little by little. I can't express how much we appreciate your generosity at this time of great need among the Japanese people. We are very happy to introduce our activities in the affected areas, and your donation has helped the people in the affected areas a great deal, especially the children. Thank you very much for your friendship through Rotary. Best regards, **Kazuya Nemoto**.

Joe also read a letter from **Kanu O Ka Aina Public Charter School** in Waimea. In the letter, **Allison Tomura**, Co-Principal and **Betsy Bowlin**, Senior Project & College Advisor, thanked our club for sponsoring students from their school to attend the RYLA Camp at Volcanoes National Park and to thank members of our club that volunteered their time to supervise the camp.

An announcement was made about an e-mail that all members should have received regarding a **Rotary Foundation** program, that runs from April 1 to July 1, 2012 in which you earn double recognition points that will be automatically given to Rotarians and friends of Rotary who are enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program through Rotary Direct.

Unlike past promotions for on-line giving, this special opportunity is available to recurring (monthly, quarterly, annual) contributions only, and is not available for one-time contributions. All recurring transactions that take place between 1 April and 1 July 2012 will generate double Foundation recognition points, but will not result in double recognition amount for the individual donor. Donors can extend their available Foundation recognition points to others to name them as a **Paul Harris Fellow** or **Multiple Paul Harris Fellow**. A donor's personal recognition amount which is used to calculate their own **Paul Harris Fellow** status will NOT be subject to doubling.

RECOGNITIONS: **Helene Tajiri** celebrated her birthday on March 25 with her grandchildren. Numerous members celebrated club anniversaries, they included: Sergeant-at-Arms **Chris Tamm** on 3/24. He

was introduced to rotary by **Eddie O'Hara (Ed Hara)**. **Helene Tajiri's** club anniversary fell on her birthday 3/25. **Gail Takaki** celebrated her club anniversary on 3/28. **Doug Arnott** on 3/30. **Doug** said he was brought into the club by **Mr. Cheney** (that is **Jim Cheney**, not to be confused with Dick Cheney who has recently had a change of heart). Wedding anniversaries were celebrated by **Akira & Emiko Watanabe** on 3/25 and by **Doug & Mary Espejo** on 3/29. **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

Doug Arnott was happy about several things. Number one being that the Volcano House now has some responsible management, 19 cruise ships will be gracing our harbor in the month of April, the Ka'u Robotics Team (which received a **\$600-\$700** last minute donation from **Doug**) fared well competing against the powerhouse teams of Hawaii at a competition on Oahu. **Doug** said that a few years ago at Imiloa Museum, a robotics instructor said that aerial robotics was to become the wave of the future. As evident by the drones we see on missions in the Middle East, that instructor was correct. With that in mind, **Doug Arnott** has introduced the Ka'u Robotics Team with some experts that fly high-performance gliders off the cliffs in Ka'u. **Doug** expects some promising things to come from this relationship. Also, Naalehu Elementary School is already flying model aircraft and benefiting from our club's donations of control-sticks and software that allow them to advance above keyboard controls. For that, **Doug** was **\$11** happy (he said he would have been more **\$\$\$** happy if he could have paid with a credit card, but that was all he had in his wallet. **Sam Wallace** will be celebrating 36 years in the club on April 1st. Since there will be no meeting the week of his anniversary, he decided to donate **\$20** happy dollars ahead of schedule. **Helen Hemmes** fined herself **\$10** happy dollars because she forgot her Rotary badge on her dresser at home. **President Joe Hanley** commended her on her display of Rotarian values of honesty. **Jim Cheney** announced that he is going to the mainland for 3 weeks starting April 16, that, combined with the 2 weeks the club is off April 6 & 13, means he will miss 5 meetings. For that reason he gave **\$10**

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unhappy dollars. **Lorraine Shin** gave \$10 happy dollars in honor of a 2010 St. Joseph graduate that **Lorraine** chaperoned to San Francisco to be interviewed by a panel that chooses the recipient of the highly competitive Harry S. Truman Federal Scholarship, where she beat-out candidates from prestigious colleges such as Princeton and Yale. She starts law school next August. **Greg Goodale** had \$5 happy dollars in recognition of his son who is on the Waiakea Intermediate MathCounts Team which took 2nd Place in the State of Hawaii. **Lorraine Inouye**, said on behalf of herself, **Cindy Boots**, **Saeko Hayashi**, **Ted Dixon** and the Red Cross she would like to thank the club for its contributions and to let people know that the Red Cross Hats Off Project would be at KTA and Wal-Mart on Saturday, March 31st. She thanked **Art Taniguchi** and Bank of Hawaii for their support. She had \$10 happy dollars to contribute. (NOTE: At the time of **Lorraine's** announcement, the **Rotary Club of Hilo** had raised \$680.00, by the end of the day the total jumped to \$1013.00 - Mahalo to all those who were so generous in supporting the local chapter of American Red Cross). **Nancy Cabral** was \$90 happy for her 90 year old uncle who she picked up at the cruise ship with his girlfriend. **Alan Kusunoki** was \$10 happy based on the success of the District Assembly and **Joe Hanley** kicked in \$10 dollars because he was sick and missed the assembly.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The guest speaker arrived to the meeting from the airport just in time to do her presentation. As she was setting up her equipment, **Joe** helped the members of the club present that they had been spared some agony. Had the speaker not made it to the meeting, the all would have had to endure a half hour of **Joe Hanley** filling the time with his stories of the used car business.



Our guest speaker was **Hong Jiang**, Deputy Regional Director of New Tang Dynasty television. She is also an Associate Professor of Geography at University of Hawaii at Manoa, with expertise in cultural geography and China. She has been recognized as a China expert, with numerous publications in books and journal articles. **Hong** has been actively involved in the local community, working to bring education and awareness in Chinese culture.

Her presentation focused on the essence of authentic Chinese culture, which centers on spiritual practices, or cultivation, through the teachings of Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. The Chinese history is built up with rich stories of goodness, benevolence, loyalty, and filial piety. All Chinese cultural practices, including medicine and martial arts, find their roots in self cultivation aiming to create unity with the heavens and harmony in the cosmos.

With the rule of Chinese Communist Party since 1949, however, the rich cultural heritage has been destroyed, and with it, the destruction of cultural relics, death of conscience, and forgetfulness of authentic stories. Moral decay helps deepen social problems in China.

The Chinese people desire to return to their cultural roots. Started in the 1980s, qigong practice resurged in China, new in name but the essence of which is the ancient tradition of cultivation. With this as a prelude, a renaissance of Chinese culture is brought into being by the effort of the Shen Yun Performing Arts.

Shen Yun Performing Arts, a premier dance and music company based in New York City, brings to stage legends and stories from 5,000 years of Chinese culture. With masterful artistry, authentic stories are retold in magical ways through expressive Chinese dance, handmade costumes inspired by the ancient styles, a dynamic backdrop recreating the scene and feeling of the time, and a live orchestra that blends Chinese and western musical instruments. The Shen Yun performance speaks to the Chinese and non-Chinese alike, reviving the ideal that the Chinese culture is universal – a culture for “all under heaven.”

Hong finished her presentation by letting everyone know that the Shen Yun Performing Arts

would be performing at the Blaisdell Concert Hall on May 8-9, 2012.

With time running out **President Joe Hanley** asked anyone who had questions, to see **Hong** after the meeting.



Jim Kennedy lead everyone in the 4-way test and **Joe** rang the bell to close the meeting.