



# Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

March 8, 2013

92 Years of service

Reporter: The Don

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



On a Sunny windswept day in Hilo, members and special guests were greeted by **Treena "TB" Breyfogle** and **Theresa "Pidgin" English** at the Door. We then heard the gong and the familiar words, "Welcome to the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo, chartered in 1920" by **President Alan "Smithsonian" Kusunoki**.

**Incoming Assistant**

**District Governor David "IADG" Hurd** let us in the Pledge of allegiance to the flag. **President Alan** then inspired us with a song, "**America**" and we were so inspired. **Helene "Mocha" Tajiri** then came up to lead us in Prayer, but then gave us a sermon, icing out the Prez on numerous announcements. She was especially happy because it was International Women's Day. Amen **Mocha!** Prez then gave thanks to **Stew "Da" Hussey** for his last Lava Flow report and **Mitch "Morty" Dodo** for the pics.



Greeter **Treena "TB" Breyfogle** gave us a heads up that **Phoebe "Not-Jim" Lambeth** was in the house from the Rotary Club of South Hilo.

**Prez Alan** then began the meeting with a ton of announcements. First, **Bobby "Not-YMCA" Stivers-Apiki** gave us a report of the **Interact Convention** that was held on Oahu from February 22-24. They had a great time doing community service and even visiting ancient disco sites such as "Rumours" at the Ala Moana Hotel. They learned a lot, including information about Mediation. Great job **Bobby!**



**Kerry "Prez-elect" Glass** gave us a fashion statement about his trip to **PETS** where he learned how to be presidential and wear fancy exclusive Aloha Shirts. He forgot to mention the need to wear pins of every shape and size, but I guess we will hear more during his year!



**Wally "Heartwalk" Wong** gave a summary of the March 2 Heartwalk. There were 15 walkers and a couple runners, **Yoko "Roadrunner" Hayano** and the **"Don"** finished 3rd and 4th in the 5k event. Rotary walkers also made the front page while raising **\$1200!**

**Kerry "Prez-elect" Glass** announced that there would be an **East Hawaii Rotary District Assembly** at Kamehameha Schools on Saturday March 16. It would be hosted by the **PE** and **David "IADG" Hurd** himself! Be there to drink the Kool-Aid! Afterwards, there will be a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser with the Rotary Club of South Hilo at the YMCA where you will be fed yummy food and green beer, all to benefit the Hilo Robotics Club. **Bobby "Not-YMCA" Stivers-Apiki** reminded us to don't forget the business visitations on April 5, with 4 sites, **Dodo Mortuary**, **Day Lum Realty**, **BJ Penn gym**, and **Rand Mundo's** new footstore. Also there will be a service day coming up on Saturday April 27 at either the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island, or the Children's Justice Center. Stay tuned.



In late April a **Group Study Exchange** will be visiting from Poland, so get ready for this by practicing your Polish. Guest **Phoebe "Not-Jim" Lambeth** announced tickets are available for the Hilo Huli, a fundraiser for the Hilo Residency Program on May 5 for the Rotary Club of South Hilo. Tickets are \$45.

Looking way out in the future, mark your calendars for the **District Conference** to be held the weekend of May 17 at Turtle Bay.



Also **Bob "Not-Joe" Hanley** is putting together a great event called the "**First Annual Hilo Brewfest**" on June 1. Please stay tuned. Also coming up soon on April 18 is our annual "**Hekka Party**" at Wailoa Pavilion.

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 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

Jim "Bridge" Chaney celebrated a birthday on February 28. Naomi "Traveling" Menor celebrated a birthday on February 23. Bobby "Badge #1" Fujimoto celebrated a birthday on March 6 but was not here to claim his prize.

Da Prez recognized Chris "Lights Out" Tamm for his announced retirement as the owner of Bay Lighting and Design after 19 years in Hilo.



Naomi "Traveling" Menor was recognized that her daughter, Sherry Menor-McNamara was named President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in Honolulu, the first woman CEO in 162 years. With that Da Prez announced "Ganbatte" which loosely translates into "Give it all you got" or "go for broke" or "Five Dollar Foot Long."

Boy was everyone happy. Mike "Not-Beckham" Robinson was happy that Lights Out was retiring and International Women were out celebrating today. Misti "Not-AT&T" Tyrin was happy to be working for Nancy "Day-Lum" Cabral who was giving her flex time. Jim "Bridge" Chaney was happy that his company has existed for 10 years. Guest David "IADG" Hurd was happy to be IADG. Joe "Not-Bob" Hanley was happy that his son parachuted into a tree but got down safely! Lorraine gave her best Stew "Brevity" Hussey imitation by being happy for a whole list of things, including, but not limited to Misti, American Red Cross, Cindy Boots, and then I ran out of ink.

Finally, there was a program.

Gail "Kaki Mochi" Takaki gave us a blow-by blow summary of RYLA conference that was held up at Kilauea Military Camp the weekend of March 1. First of all, all the volunteers did a great job and survived. They used their survival skills to make the conference successful.



She thanked all the members who volunteered to help the 37 kids learn about Rotary and leadership.

Gail gave us an inspirational plug on the future of this great event and the qualities of Good Leadership, especially learning to listen. And with that we were done.

Chris "Lights Out" Tamm then led us in the complete 4 way test of the things we think, say, and do. And then we were gone. And that's a fact, Jack!



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