



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 Hilo day **President Joseph Hanley** called the weekly meeting of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** to order sharply at 12:00 noon. After his words of welcome he called upon **Dr. Rand Mundo** to lead the club in the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by **Alan Kusunoki** for his words of inspiration. Having just returned from President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in San Jose, California, **Alan's** message focused on the 2012-2013 Rotary International theme of "Peace Through Service" and included quotations on peace from Winston Churchill, Robert Fulghum, and Mother Teresa.



Our greeters for the day were **Saeko Hayashi** and **Lorraine**



Inouye. **Lorraine** introduced our only visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, **Mary Begier**. Guests of Rotarians included **Tammy Silva**, hosted by **Helene Tajiri**; **Mrs. Gloria Kobayashi** (Waiakea High School Interact Teacher Advisor) and **Miss Aubrey Leung** (Interact Club

President), hosted by **Kui Costa**; **Fire Chief Darren Rosario**, who was the honored guest speaker of the day.

President Hanley had a plethora of thank-you cards which he distributed from a number of different schools and organizations which the **Rotary Club of Hilo** recently helped consisting of: The third graders at Haili Christian School for the dictionaries they recently received from our club; the third graders at Kamehameha Schools for their dictionaries received; Project Hawaii Summer Camp (2011) for a donation received from the Club and the Salvation Army for a donation received from the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation**.

The President continued into the program with some announcements of upcoming events starting with our guest speaker for next week. None other than Rotary Club of Hilo's own **Gail Takaki** who will be the guest speaker talking about the recent **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)** camp held a few weeks ago. **President-Elect Alan Kusunoki** announced the District Assembly upcoming on the morning of March 24th



(Saturday) at the Kamehameha Schools campus, to which he strongly encouraged all board members (current & incoming) to sign-up to attend, along with all club members who want to learn more about this wonderful organization we call Rotary. If learning about the wonderful world of Rotary wasn't incentive enough to attend, **Alan** also mentioned perhaps the second greatest incentive of all time, **FREE LUNCH** to all who attend the assembly on that day! Sign-up now and don't make **Alan** ask you twice. On April 1st (Sunday - This is no joke!) there will be a "**Rotary Picnic**" held amongst the five East Hawaii clubs at the Rotary Park in Hilo. A sign-up sheet was circulated. On April 28th there will be a multi-club service project to clean-up the Children's Justice Center in Hilo, of which another sign-up sheet was circulated. President-Nominee (2013-2014) came up next to tell the club about a thank-you he received from some third-graders our club recently did vision screening for on March 6th and thanked all who participated. **Kerry** encouraged club members to sign-up for the next vision screening to be held on March 20th at E.B. deSilva Elementary School and then at St. Joseph Elementary School to follow that same day. **Wally Wong** thanked **Mysti Tyrin**, who was not present, for her dedication in collecting donations and putting together the gift baskets for social workers. **Mysti** tirelessly pretty much did everything herself and **Wally** encouraged club members to participate more next year. **Wally** also mentioned he had some "**End Polio Now**" shirts for sale for **\$10.00**.



Mike Robinson invited club members to attend a "tree-planting excursion" on Hawaiian Homes Land, but needs at least 10 people to attend to make the trip a productive one. It would involve "roughing it" and sleeping overnight in the Sheep Hunter's Cabin along with bringing all food items needed with you, but think of the potential bonding experience amongst your fellow Rotarians? The date remains of this project remains open contingent upon how many people sign-up. See **Mike** for the details. Finally **President Joe** reminded those involved there would be a meeting of the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** following the regular club meeting today. He also reminded club members they have until 6:00 a.m. on March 10th (Saturday) to make their donations to the East Hawaii Rotaract Club for the upcoming Relay for Life. The President thanked **Alberta Dobbe** for being out "Lava Flow" reporter the previous week and **Helen Hemmes** for being the photographer that day.

A few recognitions were in order for the day including **birthday wishes** to our own "Badge #1" **Robert "Bobby" Fujimoto** on March 6th. His age was not disclosed and the President suffered a bout of "stage fright", as he called it, by not being able to find **Bobby** in the audience. Everyone's favorite friend **Cindy Boots** was recognized

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. March 16
Gail Takaki(RYLA)

Tues. March 20
Keiki Vision Testing @ E.B. deSilva
& St. Joseph Elementary

Fri. March 23
Club Assembly

Sat March 24
East Hi District Assembly
Kamehameha School
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sun. April 1
East Hi Rotary Picnic

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

for a club anniversary of 15 years on March 7th. **Cindy** was introduced to the club by **Ed Hara** and was \$50.00 happy to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** in honor of the event. There were no wedding anniversaries for this week.

Dr. Rand Mundo came up to the microphone and told the club about the **Waiakea High School Interact Club** and their recent trip to Oahu for the Interact Convention. He started to read a thank-you note written by Interact Club President **Aubrey Leung**, but figured he might as well call the real deal up to the podium to speak herself. **Aubrey**



and **Mrs. Gloria Kobayashi** came up and gave us the details of the convention which included a total of 16 Interact Clubs attending. Kealakehe High School's Interact Club took home the honors of being the top club in the state with 150 members and four teacher advisors. However, as we learned, the Interact Club at Kealakehe High School is the only service club students can join at their school, hence their large size, while Waiakea High School students have three service clubs to choose from and our Interact Club is not too shabby being 70 members strong. Our club also took home one of four District 5000 Citations for being an **outstanding Interact Club** and **Gloria Kobayashi** went home with the "Outstanding Advisor of the Year" award. **Kui Costa** was awarded an **honorable mention** for being an outstanding Rotary advisor and **Ed Hara** was deemed the "official photographer" for the entire convention. Congratulations to all!

Happy Dollars started off with **Mary Begier** inviting everyone to the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay's St. Patrick's Day social on the evening of, of course, St. Patrick's Day (March 17th - Saturday) at the YMCA in Hilo. A mere \$25.00 will get you in the door and if the Corned Beef and Cabbage and all-you-can drink beer was not enough to get you to go, the "dessert auction" is sure to get you off your chair to attend. **Mary** and her \$5.00 Happy Dollars welcomes you to attend! **Doug Arnott** was also \$5.00 happy for hearing the quotations on peace **Alan Kusunoki** recited at the start of the meeting which made him think about the reflecting pool in front of the local Korean War Memorial and an inscription on it which relates to **Alan's** theme of peace. **Doug** was also happy for the progress being made with the students in Ka'u and informed the club of the financial needs of the high school's

Robotics team to which he encouraged other members to donate in addition to the \$500.00 donation he was making. **Alberta Dobbe** gave \$5.00 for her error of not recognizing **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro** in her "Lava Flow" report last week for their attendance at the early 7:00 a.m. dedication ceremony of the Hilo Medical Center River Cottage, of which the community, including Rotary Club of Hilo members, helped to restore to allow the Rural Residency Physician program to house visiting doctors there. **Alberta** was also happy **Alan Kusunoki** taught her the correct spelling of the word "Rotaract". Not "Rotoract", as she formerly thought it to be spelled. **Cindy Boots** was \$5.00 for **Mysti Tyrin** speaking about the small town in California she grew up in which reminded **Cindy** of her youth in the small town of Kaukauna, Wisconsin with a population of 10,000 residents. **Cindy** mentioned how she recently watched a TV show in which the winner of a "bag-off" contest was from Kaukauna won \$10,000 in the finals of a competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The winner was then featured on the "David Letterman Show" where she competed against Dave in a bag-off contest on the show. **Gail Takaki** was \$5.00 happy to thank **Doug Arnott** for his continued efforts in revitalizing the District of Ka'u, and towns of Naalehu especially spreading the good word of Rotary to the students of Ka'u High School in Pahala, where they have recently started their own Interact Club. **Chris Tamm** was \$5.00 happy that he recently bumped into **Ted Dixon** at the Ace Hardware store in Hilo where upon paying at the register **Chris** was able to convince the cashier to check the ID of **Ted**, who was behind him, to insure his check was good. **Wally Wong** was \$20.00 happy for the those members of the Club who participated in the recent American Heart Association Heart Walk. He mentioned our club members raised \$1726.00 towards the event. **Yoko Hayano** was \$10.00 happy her son **Hajime** had attended the RYLA Camp and had an enjoyable time. **Yoko** was also happy to see **Aubrey Leung** at the meeting and directed her \$10.00 donation to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**. **President Joe** was \$20.00 happy he was able speak with his son, who is currently



stationed in Iraq, at 8:00 a.m. that day who was doing fine despite all that was going on around him.

Susan Munro came to the podium to introduce our guest speaker of the day, **Fire Chief Darren Rosario**. **Darren** was born and raised on the Big Island and graduated from Hilo High School. He then continued on to Kapiolani Community College on Oahu where he graduated with an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science and Mobile Intensive Care Technician. He has been a member of the Hawaii County Fire Department for 22 years and started his career as a Fire Paramedic where he worked his way up to the current rank of Fire Chief. He currently resides in Papaikou, Hawaii and is married with three children. During his few off-hours from the Department his hobbies include and ocean activity, hiking, and hunting.



residents. The newest fire station, which is still currently being built, is the Makalei Fire Station in the North Kona area, soon to be opened. He mentioned in a year's time the Department receives about 25,000 calls for help. The Department is currently split into two "Battalions", on the East and West sides of the island and operates on a \$37 million budget, of which \$14 million of that amount comes from State funds. Hawaii County is the only county in the State that has a "Fire-Based EMS", which means a fire fighter is trained in the techniques of safely putting out a fire and is also trained in crucial life-saving skills, unlike other counties in which workers are only trained in one or the other. He mentioned his philosophy, which he imbues into all members of the Department, is to not seek recognition for their actions. Looking towards the future he hopes to make the Hawaii County Fire Department the best department in the entire state and is proud of the fact it is currently the most economically-run (lowest cost to operate) department in the state.

After citing more facts and figures **Chief Rosario** fielded questions from the audience and was presented the traditional **Gerard Carter** hand-made Koa pen as a token of the Club's appreciation for coming to speak. The customary hand shake with the President and photo opportunity followed.



The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do was led by **Kerry Glass** and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Wow, that was a lot to pack into 60 minutes!

Chief Rosario began his presentation by informing the Club the Hawaii County Fire Department was started on the island in the year 1888. There are currently 20 fire stations around the island and 26 "volunteer fire departments" made up the local community

A large poster for the Hawaii Fire Department. At the top, it says "Hawaii Fire Department" in a large, stylized font. Below that is the department's logo, a circular emblem with "FIRE RESCUE HAWAII COUNTY PARAMEDIC FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDED 1888" around the perimeter. Under the logo is the tagline: "First in line of Fire Protection and Emergency Services with trained Professionals. Dedicated to Serve with Pride, Honor, and Compassion". The poster is divided into three sections: "FIRE SUPPRESSION" with two bullet points about the new Makalei Fire Station and the MD Rescue Helicopter; "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" with two bullet points about the County Fire based Paramedic Ambulance System and EMS services; and "OCEAN SAFETY" with two bullet points about expanded beach coverage and Water Safety Officers.

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FIRE SUPPRESSION

- New Makalei Fire Station opening August 2012
- New MD Rescue Helicopter providing safe and efficient air rescue and firefighting operations.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- The only County Fire based Paramedic Ambulance System in the State of Hawaii.
- Provide EMS Services to the entire County with 15 advanced life support paramedic ambulances and one aeromedical transport helicopter.

OCEAN SAFETY

- Expanded beach coverage to Punalu'u Beach Park.
- Providing protection of our Islands Beaches with dedicated Water Safety Officers at 12 beach parks.