



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

It was a sort of sunny, sort of rainy, typical Hilo Friday...but wait, it was May 1st which made it MAY DAY! And in Hawaii, May Day is Lei Day, so the Friday meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo became a very special day indeed.

Members were greeted by **Susan Munro** and **Kerry Glass** with hugs and kisses. May 1st also just happens to be **Susan** and **Kerry's** club anniversary date which covers 6 VERY active years of great membership! Congratulations!



President

Richard Johnson quickly asked **Mike Robinson** to lead the members in the Pledge to our flag and then called on **Mitchell Dodo** for words of inspiration. **Mitchell**, with his usual smile, coerced a "lei enhanced" **Alberta Dobbe** to inspire everyone with remembrances of the "golden days past" when May Day Celebrations were quite elaborate with Kings, Queens and Princesses, and often included a free day from school too! **Alberta's** lei was a special gift given to her when she retired from her position as Director of East Hawaii Girl Scouts about 16 years ago.



Kerry Glass introduced visitors: soon to be new member, **Reese Mates** and her husband **Steve**, and **Tammy Silva** proudly introduced her guest for the 2nd meeting visit, **Johnlyn Nosaka**. **Mitchell Dodo** introduced special guest **Mary Economy**, and her sisters **Louise** and **Jackie**, with a promise for more details about **Mary** to follow later in the meeting.



Biff Kennedy and **Stew Hussey** were recognized for their work on last week's Lava Flow and then our Prez moved on to upcoming events.

Kerry Glass announced that the Steak Fry on May 26th will be a 5 Club event, and special guests will be in attendance from Taiwan. The folks from Taiwan are some of the hosts from the recent **RFE** exchange trip, and that these folks are quite the party animals, so the event should be real fun! A sign-

up sheet was passed around and will be again at the next few meetings. The event will be held at the Wailoa State Park large pavilion and will start at 6PM. **Brewfest** plans are continuing to take shape, and every Rotarian needs to be engaged somehow. This is our signature Foundation Fundraiser, and volunteers are still needed to help everything run smoothly and successfully. **Connie Kurahara** had a few sample embroidered Brewfest hats that will be selling for \$35 each at the event. Please let her know if you would like to purchase one as the supply will be limited.

There was a nice photo in the newspaper featuring the Hilo Huli being held May 3rd. Rotarians **Joe Hanley Sr.**, and **Misti Tyrin** were both shown with their spouses enjoying some of the refreshments, so of course, **Joe** and **Misti** each paid \$20 for the recognition. **Joe** also celebrated his birthday on April 26, and **Alberta Dobbe** had a special \$81 donation to give to **TRF** for her April 29th birthday celebration.

Kerry Glass and **Susan Munro** each made \$100 donations to **TRF** as they've now completed their 6th year of many avenues of service to our Rotary Club.



Celebrating wedding anniversaries, **Toshi** and wife **Kahouri Aoki** have been married 32 years, and **Nancy** and **Al Cabral** celebrated 26 years, so happy \$ were contributed for the same number of marriage, and both couples share the May 1 date. Congratulations to all!

Other Announcements:

Van drivers are still needed to help out with the District Convention May 22-24 being held at the Hilton Waikoloa, so please contact **Alan Kusunoki** if you are interested in volunteering.

There is a need for 1 more host family for the incoming exchange student, and also 2 counselors. Anyone willing to help, please get in touch with **Richard Johnson** or **Rand Mundo**.

NEPAL Disaster Relief through Rotary: Checks may be sent to :D5000-PDG Roy King, 619 Onaha Street, Honolulu, HI 96816. Please help this relief effort.

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 02
Stew Hussey May 02
Connie Kurohara May 05
Richard Johnson May 16
Theresa English May 21
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 01, 2009 (6)
Susan Munro May 01, 2009 (6)
Mike Robinson May 21, 1993 (22)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (32)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (26)
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (17)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (21)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (31)
John & Anja McVickar May 29 (40)

Announcements:

May 8 -Megan Lamson
Marine Debris & Plastic Pollution & Reduction
May 15 -Marco Mangelsdorf
Big Island owned utilities company proposal
June 13 - 3rd Annual Brew Fest

President Richard Johnson
President Elect Wally Wong
Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
Membership Connie Kurohara
Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
Club Service Tom Brown
International Service Jenny Johnson
Community Service Misti Tyrin
Youth Service Glenn Harris
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

Happy \$\$:

Glenn Harris had a \$50 check



for TRF as he was very happy to have finally sold off all the remaining equipment from a coffee roasting business they'd owned on the mainland.

Congratulations and what a relief!

Helen Hemmes showed off a very sweet, hand-crafted lei that was presented to her by her kindergarten class that she'd been reading to this year. The class also presented her with thank you cards, and she gladly donated \$50 to HRCFoundation for the Literacy program.



Misti Tyrin had another \$20 to contribute as a very proud and tearful mom who'd just attended her son's first May Day

celebration where he represented the island of Niihau.

Marcia Prose was \$5 happy to announce the new May schedule for events at the Palace Theater which she handed out to everyone later. Nancy Cabral was



happy to present her Brewfest Sponsor check of \$3,000.



Susan and Kerry had \$20 each to donate because their recent

R F E

trip to Taiwan was so fantastic, with lots of great new friends and tons of wonderful foods.



Mike Robinson had \$5

to give while he shared a story of his youthful adventure on the island of Rota where he found himself face to face with a huge monitor lizard. Tammy Silva was a very proud Mom, of her youngest daughter, whose soccer team



had taken 2nd place recently in a tournament on Maui, and she donated \$5 to HRYF.

Kathleen McGilvray was \$20 pleased to report that the YWCA's recent 2015

Remarkable People luncheon was a huge success.

After this abundance of Happiness, Mitchell Dodo stepped to the podium to give some



background on the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation and introduce the 2015 HRYF Scholarship winner

Mary Economy. Mitchell went on to point out that the scholarships (47 of them awarded in 2015 in Hawaii @\$5,000 each and 2 @ \$10,000) are awarded to "the best of the best". Mary carried a GPA of 4.5 and has been active in WHS school council, sports and Leo Club. She is the daughter of Lisa Pearring, Kyle Pua, and Ted Economy, and comes from a large family of 6 children. Her parents were travelling on the mainland so Mary was accompanied by her sisters Jackie and Louise. She will be attending Boston University and studying for a career in Mechanical Engineering. Mary gave a very lovely acceptance and thank you speech which is shared here for all Rotarians to read and be proud of their continued support of the HRYF scholarship program.Mary's speech:

Hello, my name is Mary Economy and I am currently a senior at Waiakea High.



Growing up with four older sisters meant not only that I had an abundance of play mates, but also that I had an array of spectacular role models. Watching them go before me made me

not only excited to try all of the things they had, but also filled me with an intense curiosity that I could not wait to quench. I was intent on experiencing all that I could in order to fully grasp all aspects that life has to offer.

While on my journey of discovery I got involved in numerous activities, clubs, and pushed myself academically. I ran for class office, and enjoyed it so much that I continued to represent my class for the past four years. I also became involved in many clubs and joined sports. Each experience taught me something new: Class Council: the true traits of a leader; LEO Club: the value of community service and Water polo: the importance of team work.

All of these undertakings were truly enriching, however my quest for awareness was not done there. Through my interaction with my environment I was able

to gain a deeper appreciation of Hawaii and the cultural elements it has to offer. This helped shape my future goals and ambitions.



I want to discover innovative ways to benefit others, and engineering is the perfect way for me to do this. In the fall I will be attending Boston University to obtain an in-depth education in engineering so that one day I may bring back my skills to help those in Hawaii

reach their full potential and overcome any obstacles that they are faced with.

Receiving a Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship will help me overcome an obstacle of my own, getting me one step closer to making this a reality.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Hilo for enabling me to follow my passion and pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering. You have not only presented me with the opportunity to give back to those around me, but also with the tools I need to satisfy my curiosity. Thank you.

Jenny Johnson led the 4 Way Test to close out this very upbeat MayDay meeting.



This became a day filled with pride for our youth on Hawaii Island. Gail Takaki gave a wonderful overview presentation of the 2015 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) which took place at KMC on April 27-March 1. There were great photos of all sorts of activities of the students and facilitators in team building and leadership events. The basic idea of the weekend is to engage the students in learning about how the 4 Way Test is part of our lives, and to explore personal and group leadership styles and interact with others in team building exercises. The students (41 this year from 11 island school systems) start out as newcomers and by the end of the weekend leave as new friends for the future. They share experience in learning about leadership styles, how important listening is (the activity for this is a good old square dancing session, and what fun it was!) and teamwork.



This year Wally Wong was a special addition with his experience working on the Hokulea and how teamwork is a key to making any undertaking successful. The students also had a nature hike thru the Volcano National Park, and also a 2 hour community service project of eradicating ginger. The RYLA event is offered to freshman and sophomores so that the leadership qualities the students learn can be carried forward in their lives ahead and the often take on leadership challenges thru their junior and senior years of school.

The program could not be run without the aid of the many Rotarian volunteers from the 9 island clubs, and the generosity of Rotarians who help to sponsor the program each year. And a huge Mahalo to our Gail Takaki who spearheads the event each year and shares her passion with both the volunteers and the students alike.





Hiroshima South Rotary
 Celebrating their 60th Anniversary
 April 2016
 "Sister Relations"
 Celebrating our 45th Anniversary

Naomi is planning a super itinerary. Save your \$\$\$ - approx. cost \$ 4,500 per person