



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

May 10, 2013

92 Years of service

Reporter: Cindy Boots

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



On the 123rd day of 2013, Rotarians were greeted by **Laurie Bass** and **Mitchell Dodo** with hugs, handshakes and smiles.

President Alan Kusunoki called the meeting together with his welcoming "Aloha Kakao", and asked to see how many had attended the Hekka Party on Thursday evening. Many hands were raised and all agreed that it had been "a hekka-of-a-good time"!

Randy Hart led the gathering in The Pledge of Allegiance, and **Alberta Dobbe** shared thoughts and a poem about "how special a mother is" in honor of Mother's Day on May 12th.



There were no visiting Rotarians, and **Alberta Dobbe** introduced her guest, **Juan Angueira** who is the Manager of Pohakuloa and the Airport Base Exchange. **Misti Tyrin** was proud to introduce her guests and speakers for the day, **Jast** and **Vynn Hegerfeldt**.

Marcia Sakai and **Kerry Glass** were duly thanked for their contributions for the May 3rd Lava Flow.

With the **Brewfest**, June 1st, coming up so quickly, members are encouraged to continue selling tickets for the event. If you have already collected money, please bring it to the next meeting so a more accurate head-count can be given to the vendors. Volunteers to work are still needed for some of the work stations, so please contact **Treena Breyfogle** to sign up. Did you know? There'll be 4 different bands playing: Piggy & Friends (Hawaiian Music), Wiwoole (Contemporary), Waialama (Reggae) And Rock N Roll..still to be determined. Did you know? There'll be 15 different breweries and 10 food stations. The event will be filled with good food, good brews, and good fun. Parking will be limited at the event site, so off-site parking has been established at the area on bayfront where the canoe clubs park. Shuttle busses will bus patrons back and forth from their cars to the event. If you, or someone you know, wants to become a sponsor, see the attached sponsor information. Let's all work together to make this a fun and successful event for our club, and raise money for the Rural Residency Program.



The meeting moved on swiftly, with no club birthdays or anniversaries to be acknowledged. **Richard Johnson** had awesome good news, that several properties he and **Jenny** owned had recently all closed, and they were officially starting a new unencumbered chapter in their lives. To celebrate such good news, **Richard** and **Jenny** each had a \$1,000 check contribution to the **Rotary Foundation**.



In the absence of any other Happiness dollars, the meeting moved right into our guest speakers **Jast** and **Vynn Hegerfeldt**.



The Hegerfeldts' topic was "What is Multiple Schlerosis?" **Jast** was diagnosed with MS in 2007, and for the last 6 years he and his wife **Vynn** have worked together daily to adapt their lives to each challenge of the disease. **Vynn** is the chairperson for the 3rd annual Walk MS Hilo relay, which will be taking place on June 15, 2013. The walk will start at the Edith Kanakaole Stadium starting at 3PM and there'll be other activities up until 7PM. The focus is to raise money for research to find new treatments and work toward finding a cure for MS. The disease attacks the immune system which controls the functions of our brain, optic nerves and spinal cord. Each patient is different, and symptoms show up in a variety of

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Stew Hussey May 2
Richard Johnson May 16
Theresa English May 21
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1
Susan Munro May 1
Mike Robinson May 21

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1
Steve & Shari Handy May 3
Tom & Lois Olcott May 22
Joe & Diana Hanley Jr. May 26

Announcements:

Fri. May 17 Vocational Speakers

Fri. May 24 Glenn Harris,
Social-Emotional Intelligence

Fri. May 31 Alice Moon,
Downtown Hilo Update

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

ways such as tingling in extremities, unexplained exhaustion, loosing you balance, and difficulty in breathing. Sclerosis means scarring, and the scarring takes place within the nervous system in multiple places, affecting multiple areas of the body. At this time there is no cure, but advances have been made in treatment steadily throughout the last decade.. The disease is not been found to be genetic, and most often shows up in the early 30's to 40's. There are highs and lows as the symptoms come and go, and the immune system continues to deteriorate. **Jast** has been wheelchair-bound for several years, and he and **Vynn** have learned to face each new challenge with hope and a positive outlook. If you would like to donate to the Walk MS Hilo Relay or register to walk on June 15th, you can go on-line at: mshawaii.org



President Alan presented **Jast** with a koa pen made by **Gerard Carter**, and **Jast** said it should come in handy for their graphics business, Fine Point Graphics.

As there was a little time left, New Member Sponsor pins were given to:

Nancy Cabral, Susan Munro, Theresa English, Alan Kusunoki and **John McVickar**

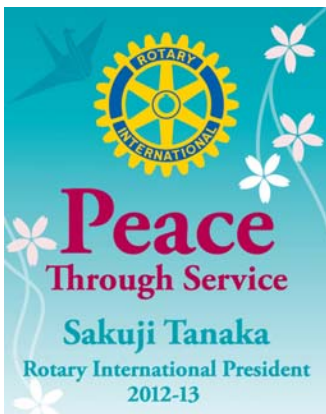


for Recruiting new members:

Sally O'Brien, Treena Breyfogle, Glenn Harris, Ian Hatch and **Biff Kennedy**.

Great Job helping to expand our membership and bringing in such active and willing new recruits.

Wally Wong led the **4 Way test** to close the meeting.



Photos by **Gail Takaki**