



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

MAY 15, 2015

94 Years of Service

Reporter: Tammy

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Opening Act

Greeters:



Welcoming everyone to our Rotary Club of Hilo meeting held on May 15, 2015 with joyous smiles were greeters, **Kathleen McGilvray** & our very own President Elect - **Mr. Wally Wong**. Great job!!!

Words of Wisdom:



Corey Kawamoto bravely delivered words of wisdom from the portable library of **Alberta Dobbe**:
"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal"

~ Albert Pike

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intension" ~ Oscar Wilde

Pledge of Allegiance:



Visiting from Grand Haven, Michigan was former club member, **Dr. Stan Fortuna, Jr.**, who is "not really a guest." **Dr. Fortuna** was picked upon by **President Richard Johnson** to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America... It's no wonder why **Dr. Fortuna** left our club...lol

Introductions:

Cindy Boots introduced her guest, GUEST SPEAKER - **Marco Mangelsdorf**... Thank you, **Marco**



Connie Kurohara welcomed her guest, **Tanya Takashiba**, a consulting marketing whiz at websites & FaceBook. In fact, **Tanya** is the mastermind behind the social media creations of Creative Arts Hawaii... Way to go, **Tanya**!!!

Tammy H. Silva reintroduced her guest, **Johnalyn Nosaka**, a hopeful Rotary Club of Hilo applicant for membership... Just imagine if every club member sponsored a potential club membership applicant... Who's good at M-A-T-H??? We could actually double our club membership... Let's make it a goal to do this!!!

Mahalo:

Special MAHALO to last week's Lava Flow reporter - "**The Don**" (aka **Newton Chu**) & photographer - **Past President Kerry Glass**... Thank you for a job well done ?

Appreciation also imparted to **Tammy H. Silva** - Lava Flow Coordinator & **Ed Hara** - Lava Flow Publisher

To all of the Lava Flow associates (reporters & photographers)... Lava Flow does not go unnoticed. Your hard work & dedication is greatly appreciated... Read on for a great example...

Upcoming Events:

Friday, 5/22/15 - Club meeting to be held upstairs in the Mala Ikena Room

Friday, 5/22/15 - Sunday, 5/24/15 - **District Conference**

-Van drivers are still needed for this event... Please consider volunteering

-Location: Hilton Waikoloa Village

-Refer to website for further information: d5000conference.org

Tuesday, 5/26/15 - **Steak Fry Social for Taiwan**

Past President - **Kerry Glass** forgot to bring the sign up sheet for the upcoming Steak Fry Social... Does that mean that he can be fined??? Hehehehehe

Please submit an e-mail to **Past President - Kerry** if you plan to join in on the fun

Friday, 5/29/15 - **NO CLUB MEETING** due to 5/26/15 Steak Fry Social

Tuesday, 6/02/15 - Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset hosts a community Awards Banquet Time: 5:45 p.m. Location: Akebono Theater

Cost: \$35 per person

Saturday, 6/13/15 - **Rotary Club of Hilo's Brewfest**

As a club member, please get involved & help in any way that you can Time: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Location: Wainaku Executive Center

Cost: \$50 per person for standard admission / \$80 per person for VIP admission (VIP admission has already been SOLD OUT)... Way to go!!! Does this mean that we ought to consider hosting MORE of these events annually??? Hint... Hint

Sunday, 6/28/15 - **Club Induction Dinner**

President Elect Wally Wong to submit a sign up sheet for attendees

Location: Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii More details to come

7/01/15 - **100th Anniversary of Rotary in Hawaii**... WOWIE ZOWIE

7/08/15 - D5000 100th Anniversary Luau, Kapolei Cost: \$100

7/12/15 - Hilo Triathlon Aid Station More information to follow

5/29/16 - 6/01/16 **Rotary International Convention** in Seoul Korea

-Mark your calendars & get set... Ready to go!!!

Let's Celebrate:

Whoa! Absolutely NO birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or club anniversaries to be celebrated this week. If that's the case... Let's celebrate LIFE!!!

"When life is sweet... Say THANK YOU & CELEBRATE..."

& When life is bitter... Say THANK YOU & GROW"

Borrowed from Pinterest

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
 Stew Hussey May 2
 Connie Ichinose May 5
 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 01 (32)
 Nancy & Al Cabral May 01 (26)
 Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 01 (31)
 Steve & Shari Handy May 03 (17)
 Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (21)
 Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (31)
 John & Anja McVickar May 29 (40)

Announcements:

May 26 - Tri-Club Steak Fry
 May 29 - No Meeting (In lieu of May 26 Steak Fry)
 June 5 - Club Administration Day
 June 12 - No Meeting (Brew Fest June 13)
 June 13 - 3rd Annual Brew Fest
 June 19 - Heidi Kim - Healthways, Inc.
 Blue Zones Project - State Well-Being Initiative
 June 26 - Kui Costa & Steve Handy - Fiji Project
 June 28 - Installation Dinner
 July 3 - No Meeting
 July 10 - Club Administration Day
 Welcome President Wally / Board &
 Committee members

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 Ichinose
 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 Moola:

Joe Hanley was \$20 HAPPY - His granddaughter celebrated her very 1st birthday & is having fun in North Carolina today...



Now that's a true blessing to celebrate

Connie Kurohara was \$56 HAPPY - Although she missed last week's meeting, on this day, she celebrated her recent birthday with her fellow Rotarians with HAPPY DOLLARS... As reported by "The Don" in last week's Lava Flow, "Connie is not looking a year older after her birthday on May 5..." **Connie**, what's your secret to the fountain of youth???



Cindy Boots was \$5 HAPPY - She verbalized that she "really - really love being retired" & she got to watch one of her favorite athletes win a brainy game show... Who said that athletes couldn't be brawny with brains too... Oooh what perks... lol



Kui Costa was \$20 HAPPY - **Kui**



participates in our very own Youth Services - Kindergarten Reading Program. She reads to the children at Keaau Elementary School. According to **Kui**, "The program is priceless." Children greet her with the brightness of their eyes & free hugs to deliver; the feedback from the parents is positive... This is definitely delivering SERVICE ABOVE SELF - exactly what Rotary is all about... By the way, we are seeking MORE VOLUNTEERS for our reading program - please sign up to be a reader

Alberta Dobbe was \$5 HAPPY - She pointed out that today is 5/15/15, & she believes it to be her lucky day since her maiden name was **Cinco** (Cinco de Mayo... Margaritas for all???)!!



Biff Kennedy was \$20 HAPPY - **Biff's** son-in-law is in his 40s & he just achieved his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii at Hilo... Hey, there's still hope for me (**Tammy H. Silva**)



Mitch Roth was \$20 HAPPY - He was thrilled to find out that the **Rotary Club of Hilo** has a Facebook page; however, it's missing something... His daughter is running for Miss Hawaii... Please vote for her on **Mitch's** Facebook page... Hey **Mitch**, we know where she got her looks from... Her mom!!! Joking... Joking... LET'S ALL SHOW MITCH & HIS DAUGHTER OUR SUPPORT & V-O-T-E



Glenn Harris was HAPPY & he donated funds from his company... A whopping \$550 - Thanks a bundle, **Glenn!!!** Does your company know about this...lol... Nevertheless, to piggyback on **Kui's** affirmative comments regarding our reading program, **Glenn** humbly asked that all readers share their wonderful experiences of reading at the upcoming district conference event. Furthermore, next year we will have a significant increase in the kindergarten population... MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - PLEASE DONATE 1 HOUR OF YOUR TIME PER MONTH & PLAN TO READ TO OUR LOCAL CHILDREN... In fact, I (**Tammy H. Silva**) just read to a kindergarten class at Haili Christian School - check out my pic




Past President - **Alan Kusunoki** was \$6 HAPPY - He CLAIMS that the "Bad Boys" table is really not a bad boy table at all. He went further out on a limb & called it a "good guy table" since he collected money from that particular table & we are now **EREY**. What was **Alan** drinking... Vodka, perhaps??? Just kidding... Thank you, BAD BOYS, for contributing to a good cause... You are bad boys for life!!!



The Don (Newton Chu) was \$5 HAPPY for **Stan Fortuna** being here, & for his favorite foundation - Hilo High School Foundation. He will be on Oahu to raise thousands of dollars for Hilo High School... Go **Newton!!!** Go!!! He sure knows how to show continued loyalty & honor:

Beneath the tropic Skies of Hilo
 Stands dear old Hilo High School
 Dearer ever shall it grow
 With the spirit of Blue and Gold
 In our hearts we hold thee
 Alma Mater mine
 Loyalty and Honor
 Shall Forever be thine!
 Miss Margaret Way's Music Class 1926





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

Dr. Stan Fortuna was \$25 HAPPY - He thanked



The Don for his club meeting invite & for buying him lunch. He was actually here for a Kamehameha Schools scholarship award ceremony; however, this was a great excuse for visiting the Big Island. Nevertheless, he continues to read the Lava Flow newsletter every week, & he doesn't feel like he has left our club. The Lava Flow makes him feel connected with the **Rotary Club of Hilo** even though he resides thousands of miles away... HATS OFF TO OUR CLUB'S LAVA FLOW REPORTERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS... You're the best!

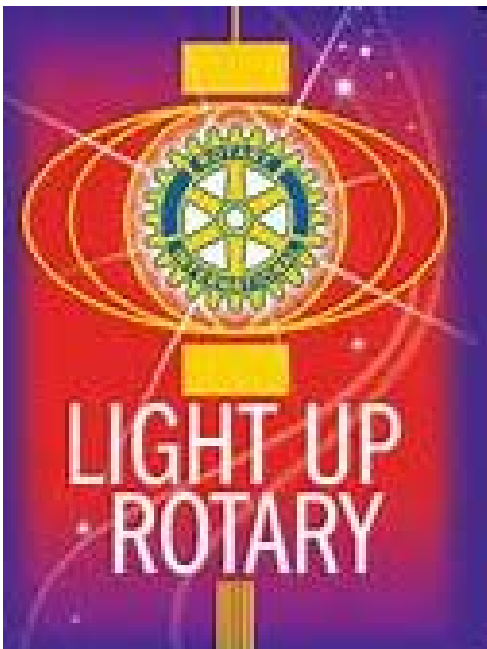
John McVickar was \$5 HAPPY – **John** was pleased with **Corey Kawamoto's** newly found ability to convey information to others in a very pleasant & polite manner... Hey there... whose drinks are we supposed to monitor??? Members of the Bad Boys' table or **Alan Kusunoki** & now, **John McVickar's** for also assuming that they are good boys???



Bob Hanley was \$20 HAPPY – His brother, **Joe Hanley**, is a keg sponsor for our upcoming Brewfest... This just might be the rationale for the Bad Boys being on their best behavior... They are certainly looking forward to the thirst quenching Brewfest event... Cheers!!!



According to **President Richard**, "That's all the happiness for today"



Guest Speaker:

Cindy Boots introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Marco Mangelsdorf**. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, & he has been in the solar energy & renewable energy field since 1978. He worked on projects & attended conferences or trade shows all around the world. Since 2000, he has been with, Hawaii based, ProVision Solar, Inc. This company was purchased from Hawaiian Electric Industries in 2003.



Dr. Mangelsdorf has also authored numerous articles on solar energy since the 1980s, & he is a frequent guest on ThinkTech Hawaii. In October of 2012, he testified in Washington, D.C. before the U.S. International Trade Commission. He has also taught classes on the politics of energy at the University of Hawaii and the University of California. Additionally, as of early 2015, he assumed the role of director of & spokesperson for the Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative (HIEC).

At this week's club meeting, **Dr. Mangelsdorf** presented "The Case for a Coop on the Big Island":



- The coop consists of 9 individuals with **Mr. Richard Ha** being the most active member
- The HIEC Coop is a Hawaii registered 421 C non-profit cooperative association
- It was formed by community & business leaders on the island to explore & promote a comprehensive approach to develop an integrated, renewable, & sustainable energy strategy for the Big Island of Hawaii
- The Hawaiian Island Chain, although, tropical & beautiful, it is very isolated & vulnerable

• Merits of a community-based, cooperative ownership structure for electric utility service on the island include:

- 1) Local, democratic control – retaining any excess over the cost of operations for island residents
- 2) Community-based & community-chosen strategic priorities
- 3) Potentially lower electric costs – through tax exempt status, lower cost of capital & no shareholder profits, greater efforts to develop less expensive island-based power sources, energy efficiency, adoption of appropriate advanced technologies
- 4) Greater energy independence – renewable energy generation & enhanced sustainability
 - December 2014: Hawaiian Electric Industries & Nextera Energy announced a plan to merge
 - Goal: A Big Island that is more energy independent, self-sufficient, & more affordable
 - Challenges:
 - 1) HELCO is NOT for sale at this present time
 - 2) Electric grid is finite
 - 3) Amount of power feeding into grid must necessarily be finite
 - 4) How to determine the best mix of energy sources feeding into the grid
 - 5) How to handle existing power purchase agreements
 - 6) Variability & unpredictability of non-firm power sources
 - 7) Current lack of energy storage on both sides of the meter
 - HIEC is currently seeking support from Big Island residents & communities
 - More information can be obtained at www.HIEC.COOP



Closing:

Past President - **Joe Hanley** led the group in the **4-Way Test**... A test that we should all continue to uphold & live our lives by... Plus the 5th part of the test... HAVE FUN!!!



"Rotary Club of Hilo No Ka Oi"
Rotary Club of Hilo -
President Richard Johnson