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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



When *Lava Flow* coordinator **Cindy Boots** makes out the assignments for her reporters for the year, most dates are just given on a random basis and the various scribes take their chances on what happens at meetings. Sometimes we get lucky and have really interesting speakers with decent slide show presentations and lively meetings and sometimes we get stuck with the Russian Oceanographers, charitable solicitors or just people not used to speaking in public. That's just fate on who or what we happen to get. Normally this is not a problem, and you take the good with the bad. But WHY, WHY, WHY does it seem like this reporter always gets stuck having to cover



meetings with substitute president **Captain Bligh**, oops, I mean **Tom Brown**? His meetings tend not to run like we are used to and we really have to pay attention and hope you get things right. Well we do the best we can in tough situations. So anyway:

GREETERS

Welcoming all to our meeting today with smiles and open arms were **Dirk Yoshina** and **Sally O'Brien**.

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

After allowing for more socializing then we are used to, at 12:15pm right on the dot, **PP Brown** gonged the meeting to order (differing from historically that **Pres. K.** and **Past Pres. Joe Hanley** started meetings like virtually right at noon). Also he was attired in elegant presidential garb, a black pull-over polo shirt (it did have a collar) and jeans, a nice touch for a Rotary Club of Hilo President.



Past Pres. Jeanine Ate-bara (a barb right off the bat from **PP Brown**) was called upon to lead us in the recitation of the Pledge to the Flag.

PP Brown then dispensed, with applause and approval from the gathering, of any singing of any sort. The blame for this was directed at **Steve Handy** who was reluctant to lead us in song (not his style presumably) and was zapped \$10.00 for not leading us. Realistically sometimes we sound like wounded zombies in our renditions so this was a welcome break from recent tradition.



Theresa English then came up to provide us with 10 inspirational quotes from 10 prominent people, some of whom were: TS Elliot, Martin Luther King, Zig Ziggler, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Peter Drucker, Oral Roberts, etc. Some were actually pretty good and memorable so this was easy to listen to.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Greeter **Dirk** was called upon to introduce our visitors and guests which were:

Dr. Stan Fortuna, who we all know, visiting Hilo from his estate in Grand Haven, Michigan and was a long-standing member of our Club until just recently.

Lisa Rantz, hosted by **Corey Kawamoto**

Ryan Costa, hosted by spouse **Kui Costa**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Hilo Brewfest** is coming up real quick here (like on Saturday, June 1st) and **Bob Hanley** needs a count of tickets sold so far (and on a continuing basis) so the various committees can plan accordingly.

Six of us actually managed to go to Honolulu this weekend for the Rotary District Conference, including **Pres. K.** (hence **PP Brown** doing his thing today). A nice turnout over the usual 2 or 3 we normally have going.

Bobby Stivers-Apiki then came up and instructed us to use the pens and blank index cards scattered on our tables to write something about ourselves which no one knows about so we can play a guessing game later. Sounds like fun.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

No Club or wedding anniversaries were celebrated this past week.

Richard Johnson had a birthday, though, on May 16th (yesterday) and said he would contribute a strange amount, \$69.00 (must be a dollar a year of age) if we would sing to him. So **Dirk** just had to jump to the fore and got us singing in a fine vocalization (this is a song we know and are really familiar with so this was easy).



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 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

HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS

Now to the part that **PP Brown** is notorious for and that is recognizing many of us in a fast and furious manner for the most manini things.



For instance, **PP Joe Hanley** was docked **\$5.00** for having his brother-in-law (previous member **Doug Espejo** no less) seen driving in a Chevy. But because of **Joe's** comment on this, which we cannot publish here without fear of slander and liability, **PP Brown** said he would pay the fine.

Dr. Craig Shikuma had to fork over **\$10.00** for actually being on time to our meeting today, for a change according to **PP Brown**.



Corey initially had to pay **\$10.00** for the affront of having his guest, **Lisa** (a really nice lady), sit with him at the "man's" table in the back. And when **Corey** complained about this frivolous reason, **PP Brown** doubled the fine.



Dirk and someone else (this when so fast, this reporter could not keep up) then got zapped for **\$50.00** for not paying any recognitions or fines so far this year. WOW!!



Even our illustrious visitor **Dr. Fortuna** did not escape **PP Brown's** wrath. **Tom** told a story about when he saw **Dr. F** wear 2 different shoes at a Hilo Yacht Club event. **\$10.00** for that evil deed. Good thing **Stan** was on the 2:30pm flight out of Hilo this afternoon making getting away from **PP Brown** a top priority.



PP Jeanine Ate Bara had to pay **\$10.00** for the misfortune of being Club President in the year prior to **PP Brown's**. What a rotten deal.



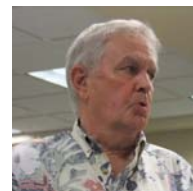
PP Joe Hanley was **\$50.00** happy for returning from Japan where he was visiting his daughter and new son-in-law and his family. He said he and **Diana** had a great time.



PP Helen Hemmes contributed **\$10.00** for being happy that, as a Club, we support literacy and provide the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* to many schools, for their benefit.



Tom Olcott gave **\$40.00** in the request for help. A choral group of about 40 students from Dubuque, Iowa is coming into Hilo and he needs homestays or beds for about 15 of them yet, just for one night. Its on a Tuesday (I think) and if anyone can help, he would really appreciate it.



Biff Kennedy was **\$10.00** proud of some of his family members acquiring a special surveying license.



Cindy Boots became a **\$500.00** sponsor for our **Hilo Brewfest** fundraiser. And **Judy Gibson** was **\$20.00** happy

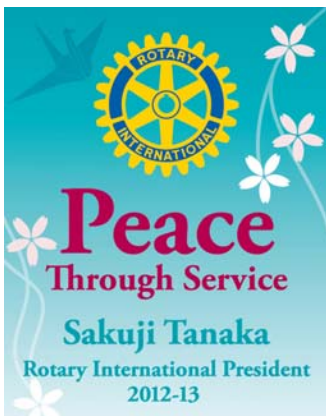


because people were actually calling her to buy tickets for this event – she couldn't get over it.



Nancy Cabral was **\$100.00** happy

because **Dr. Fortuna** was visiting and that he used her company to sell his house when he left. Hey, she gets you coming and going, what a racket!



INFORMATIONAL QUIZ



Bobbie now got up and started grilling us on who did what mundane unknown things in our lives: Did you know:

1. We have a flight instructor – **Jim Kennedy**
2. Someone injured playing football – **Gail Takaki**
3. Played basketball with **Squeaky Fromm** (a Charles Manson disciple for those of you who don't recognize this name) – **Judy Gibson**
4. Born in Canada – **Theresa English**
5. Last name somehow involved in Cherokee Indian family tradition – **Richard Johnson**
6. Married their spouse twice – **Cindy Boots**

More later...

VOCATIONAL TALKS



Providing our 1st 5 minute Vocational Talk was **Theresa English**, who was just as surprised as we were since she forgot she agreed to do this. And actually this was good since her talk was open and off-the-cuff and interesting for us. Here in Hilo she and her husband own operate a lychee farm, which is about a 1,000 degree difference from what she did on the mainland for years and years. Basically in California she was a financial and loan officer at various banks and credit unions. She started at Crocker Bank, working there for about 10 years and moved on to many other banks and financial institutions for years and years after that. Her whole career was in finance and home loans. Now in Hilo, she and husband are enjoying a more laid-back life style and actually like being farmers. Who knew? And Rotary here helps keep her involved in the community and makes her feel like she is contributing.

INFORMATIONAL QUIZ (Part II)

7. Lived in Guam for 3 years – **Steve Handy**
8. Played college and semi-pro soccer – **Ian Hatch**
9. Swam across the Canadian/Alaska border – **Corey Kawamoto**
10. I **CAN** be nice – **Nancy Cabral**
11. Went blind in 1 eye for 2 months in 1999 – **Sally O'Brien**
12. I enjoy hunting – **Rand Mundo**
13. Went into Egypt's Pyramids – **Yoko Hayano**
14. Played a male lead in a Japanese televised play – **Helene Tajiri**
15. Raised miniature donkeys – **Jenny Johnson**
16. Considered to have a long neck when he was young – **Russ Oda**

VOCATIONAL TALKS (Part II)

Coming up to the front again was **Dirk Yoshina**, who claimed he just found out he was doing this when he walked through the door and **Bobbie** hog-tied him. **Dirk** is true-blue Hilo product, born and raised here and lived here his whole life. He grew up near the old Hilo airport area and played outside there a lot without getting seriously hurt or causing a lot of trouble. When a little older, his family moved to the Waiakea -Uku area, which back then was considered country. And believe it or not, living in Hilo in the 60's and 70's was a good time for a young man with all kinds of "stuff" going on. Presumably this is when he got into singing and bands but he never brought this up. He talked about living in Hilo back then and thought it was ok. One of his first jobs was working for Sure Save Stores (and supermarkets) and wound up doing that for 29 years. And, like all of us at one time or another, switched over to a different type of career and started working for Suisan Corp. He's been there for over 15 years now. In Rotary, he was sponsored by **Ed Hara** in 1992 and was nervous being around a lot of the members back then (I think we all were at the beginning). He really enjoyed being Club Secretary because it got him to know everyone and be more relaxed in his membership.



CLOSE OF MEETING

Treena Breyfogle was summoned to the front to lead us in the reciting of the **4-way test** (and this was a real test for her since **PP Brown** took down the **4-way Test Banner** and made her do it from memory) and upon completion, the gong was rung and the meeting was called to an end (at 1:15pm so **PP Brown** made up for starting late by having us stay late).

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