



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

With the balmy Hilo breezes blowing, all Rotarians were greeted by smiles, hugs and handshakes from **LORRAINE INOUYE**, **RON DOLAN** and **JUDY GIBSON**.



Everyone received a bright green folder labeled Hawaii Energy, which was to be used with the guest speaker's presentation later in the meeting.

President **JOE HANLEY** swiftly brought the meeting to order and asked **ALBERTA DOBBE** to lead us in the Pledge. **ALBERTA** was patriotically attired in her red/white and blue as a reminder that Saturday May 19th is Armed Forces Day. **WALLY WONG** provided a short inspirational quote by Albert Einstein: *"Imagination is more important than knowledge"*.

LORRAINE INOUYE introduced our guests for the day: **Nobuo Aromoto** guest of **SAEKO HAYASHI**, and new member **TAMMY SILVA** introduced her hubby **Kala**, and daughter **Kanani** as her guests. Prez, **JOE** brought our attention to the center of each table to remind us that the upcoming meeting on Friday, May 25th will have several interesting aspects. **MITCHELL DODO** will be presenting the **Rotary Scholarship** to recipients **Aubrey Leung** and **Ynah Esteban**, and our own **STEVE HANDY** will be giving a short presentation and update on the **Fiji Project** that the club has been involved in as a special project over the last several years. Last week's Lava Flow reporter, **Crimson Shadow** aka **STEW HUSSEY**, and photographer **JIM CHENEY** were recognized for a job well done.

MIKE ROBINSON took a few minutes to announce that the weekend of June 2nd/3rd have been arranged for the Humuula tree planting project. This is an overnight event, and in order to make it worthwhile a minimum of 10 participants are needed (more is better) The group will be planting Mamane and Koa trees, and also

collecting seeds for planting again next year. Please contact **MIKE ROBINSON** merobi@hilo.net or **WALLY WONG** Wallace.wong@hawaiiantel.com if you're interested in more details and signing on for a fantastic overnight experience.

With May 19th being Armed Forces Day, **ALBERTA DOBBE** shared with us a bumper sticker she'd recently seen: *Home of the Free, because of the Brave*. We all need to pray for and respect all our men and women who are currently protecting our country and give honor and respect to those who have served our country in any branch of the service in the past, Not just on Armed Forces Day, but Everyday!

Recognitions and Happiness \$:

There was only 1 lone birthday to recognize, and that was **RICHARD JOHNSON's**, and he's currently off touring Thailand and VietNam, so most likely had a very lively celebration. **TAMMY SILVA** contributed **\$40 happiness dollars** to honor her and hubby **Kala's** 18th wedding anniversary, and the other was a celebration of her daughter **Kanani's** Cum Laude graduation from Waiakea High School. Congratulations **Kanani** and proud parents! **JEANINE ATEBARA** contributed **\$25** to the **HRYF** as a gift of thanks to many fellow Rotarians helping to make the YWCA's Remarkable Persons Luncheon Fundraiser held May 17th a total success. **JEANINE** acknowledged the help of **ALBERTA DOBBE**, **GAIL TAKAKI**, **CINDY BOOTS** who all helped on the committee, and **BOBBY FUJIMOTO/MITCHELL DODO/COREY KAWAMOTO** and **WALLY WONG** who all had sponsorship tables at the event. **WALLY** also pitched in and helped wait tables too! **NANCY CABRAL** came through as a champion too, purchasing the top \$ auction item of the day. **ED HARA** assisted with printing the programs for the event, and **LORRAINE INOUYE** and **SANDRA SONG** came through with beautiful flowers for the tables and hall decorations. It was truly a success due to all sorts of combined community support.

THERESE ENGLISH was **\$21** happy to have her daughter **Heather** visiting from San Francisco. **LORRAIN**

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
Doug Espejo May 7
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 25
Club Assembly
Fri. June 1
Megin Patrick - Project Summer Camp
Fri. June 8
Bradda Skibs - "Pakalove"
Thurs. June 28
Installation 2012 - 2013
Hilo Yacht Club
Fri. June 29
NO Meeting

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

SHIN was called on and chipped in \$20 to fill us in on son BJ's new venture on Oahu, a huge new BJ Penn Training Gym that already has 2,000 members signed up. JOE added, that BJ has certainly helped bring welcome attention for Hawaii to our state, and JOE was \$20 happy that his daughter Christie was also graduating.

And now to the Green Folders! WALLY WONG introduced guest speaker Helen



Wai. Helen has been a consultant for Hawaii Energy for over 10 years. Hawaii Energy is the states' energy conservation and efficiency

program. The core mission is to educate, motivate and incentivize electric utility customers to adopt energy conservation and efficiency measures to save electric energy and reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels. Helen "enlightened" us about how we can all reduce our electric costs in our homes and businesses. Did you know that 1 incandescent bulb 100watts burned 24/7 for 1 year would cost \$303.00 vs 1 CFL (sqiggly, looks like an ice cream cone) would only cost \$48.18? and the newest LED bulb would cost just \$41.19/year! Helen conducts workshops throughout the islands for schools, clubs and businesses to teach energy saving methods. These workshops last 1-1/2 hours, and she's always looking for new outlets to spread the word on energy efficiency that will benefit all of us in the state, and in our pocketbooks too!

If you'd like to have her present a workshop for your company please contact Helen at itsyourmoney@hawaii.rr.com or call her at: 808-479-2330 to discuss the details.

In the packet inside the folders are sorts of helpful hints on how to cut down your electrical usage, or at least make it more economical for your budget. Everyone was asked to fill out a short evaluation sheet, and by doing so, each Rotarian received a



special Advanced PowerStrip which is a \$40 value if bought at your local hardware store. The Powerstrip is a surge protector, and if used properly can help you save a minimum of \$38/year in your electrical usage. Helen asked JOE and WALLY to assist her demonstration, and at some point we heard, ..."How many Rotarians does it take to turn on a light bulb?" In this case, for sure it took 2!! Helen supplied us all with many practical tidbits of electrical information, and was also asked many questions from the membership as she wrapped up her presentation. It was a very "enlightening" program. JOE presented with an energy efficient Koa pen produced by GERARD CARTER, and CINDY BOOTS led the 4 Way Test to close the meeting.

Photos by Jim Cheney

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Aloha,

Our Rotary adventures in Thailand are coming to an end and of course it has to be an exciting end. Here we are sitting on the side of the road south of Lampong in a broken down van. Seems we ran out of diesel. The driver flagged down a guy on a motor scooter who went down the road and brought us some fuel. Thankfully the weather had cooled a bit and it wasn't so bad standing on the side of the road. After bleeding the air out of the engine it started up and we got under way. Finally, Bangkok and the end of an amazing Friendship Exchange experience.



Our Thai Rotary hosts have been wonderful and showed us a grand time. The first two nights were spent in a hotel in Phitsanulok owned by a local Rotarian. The evening we arrived we were treated to a grand banquet and as we entered we were each given Thai leis.

After our stay in Phitsanulok we moved on up to Lampong. There we were hosted in Rotary members' homes.

Susan and I stayed in the home of a lady who had stayed with us during their their visit to Hawaii in April 2011. In Lampong we toured a ceramic factory owned by their District Governor Elect and an elephant conservation center. There we watched the elephant show, visited the hospital and then rode the elephants.



From Lampong we moved on up to the bustling city of Chiangmai Mai. There we visited a newly restored temple high above the city and were treated to a Thai dinner and show in the evening.

Following our two night stay in Chiang Mai we climbed back into our Golden Dragon Bus and started the 10 hour ride back to Bangkok. It was only supposed to take eight hours but what with running out of fuel and then finally running into the back of a car in downtown Bangkok, it took a bit longer. We were certainly glad to be at our hotel at the Bangkok airport at the end of that long, long day in the saddle.



Thus ended our Rotary visit to Thailand. Each day the Rotarians from Thailand housed and fed us showed us the most wonderful hospitality.

Now on to Cambodia and Vietnam

Kerry Glass & Susan Munro