



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



With a quick flick of his wrist, **President Kerry Glass** brought the Friday May 23rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo to order. **ADG David Hurd** led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then **Mitchell Dodo** stepped forward to share a few words about the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. The weekend is not about remembering the hot dogs and chips, but a time to reflect on the lives that have been given to allow us the freedoms we have in our lives everyday. *“Whether we observe the occasion through public ceremony or through private prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. Each of the patriots whom we remember on this day was first a beloved son or daughter, a brother or sister, or spouse, friend, or neighbor.”* (thoughts from George Bush, 1992.)



Greeters, **Russ Oda** and **Kui Costa** were acknowledged, and **Kui** promptly stepped forward to introduce visiting guests. Visiting Rotarians were: **YuYok Pearing** and **Loraine Davis** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, and **ADG David Hurd** is from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. **Chris Tamm** was happy to introduce his wonderful wife **Barbara**, and also a second guest, **Past President Mike Pearing**. **Yoko Hayano** had just about a full table of guests she proudly introduced. She'd brought along her husbands' parents, **Fusakazui** and **Etsako Hayano**, also a special auntie **Machiko Kondo**, and



Yoko's youngest son completed her list of guests. **Auntie Machiko Kondo** added that she'd been a recipient of a Rotary Scholarship and used it to help acquire her education in the US at Case Western Reserve College in Cleveland, Ohio. She'd just recently retired after working for 24 years as a Science and Social Administrator at the United Nations. A really great story to recognize how **Rotary Youth Scholarships** change and shape the lives of the recipients.



Last week's Lava Flow reporter **Newton "the Don" Chu**, and the happy flicker, **Stew Hussey** were complimented on their great coverage of the meeting.

It was a pleasure to have **Gerard Carter** attending the gathering and showing all that he's healthy and getting around well.

As **Prez Kerry's** year is winding down, he noted that the list of upcoming events has also dwindled down to just a few projects. Our great fundraiser, **The Hilo Brewfest** is set for June 14th, and volunteers may still be needed, so watch for a shout out if you're interested in helping out. The installation dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th, and everyone should have received the invitation via email this past week. Looking into the future reign of soon to be **President Richard**, there is a project for helping with the Hilo Triathlon bike turnaround on Sunday morning July 13. The online tickets for the Brewfest have sold-out, HOWEVER, **Nancy Cabral** brought in 18 regular \$50 tickets that are still available for purchase, so if you know someone who still wants/needs tickets get in touch with **Misti Tyrin** at misti@daylum.com or call her at 756-8811 to snap them up.



Anyone with unsold tickets please get in touch with either **Misti** or **Gail Takaki** asap so we can sell them. There was a really nice photo and article in the Friday Tribune Herald showing our club's presentation of the check to Hilo Medical Center for last years' fundraising efforts. It was a timely reminder of Rotary's continuing efforts to contribute to our community.

Theresa English was happy to show how much she'd been enjoying celebrating her birthday, May 21, with lots of family and friends. So happy, she donated **\$100** to **The Rotary Foundation**. Wedding anniversary celebrations were noted in absentia for **Tammy Silva** and hubby **Kala** (20 years on May 17), and 49 years on May 22nd for **Tom** and **Lois Olcott**. **Mike Robinson** was **\$21** happy to have been a Rotarian for 21 years as of his May 21 anniversary date.



It was a day full of happiness as **ADG David Hurd** had **\$5** to applaud the very successful

Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Stew Hussey May 2
Connie Kurohara May 5
Richard Johnson May 16
Theresa English May 21
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 1 (5)
Susan Munro May 1 (5)
Mike Robinson May 21 (21)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 1 (31)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 1 (25)
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 1 (30)
Steve & Shari Handy May 3 (16)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (20)
Tom & Lois Olcott May 22 (49)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (30)
John & Anja McVikcar May 29 (39)

Announcements:

Fri. May 30 - Waiakea HS Interact Club
Year End Report
Fri. June 6 - Dr. Donald Straney
Chancellor UH Hilo
Fri. June 13 No Meeting
Brew Fest Prep
Sat. June 14 Brew Fest
Fri. June 20 - Kerry Glass
The Year in Review
Thurs. June 26 - Club Installation
Frid. June 27 - No Meeting

President	Kerry Glass
President Elect	Richard Johnson
Immediate Past President	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Secretary	Susan Munro
Treasurer	Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cindy Boots
Membership	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations	Robert Hanley
Club Administration	Tom Brown
Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations	Alan Kusunoki
Club Service	Tim Beatty
International Service	Jenny Johnson
Community Service	Wallace Wong
Youth Service	Glenn Harris
Vocational Service	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation	John McVikcar
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation	Mitchell Dodo
The Rotary Foundation	Alan Kusunoki
Attendance	Judy Gibson
Greeters	Helene Tajiri
Programs	Treena Breyfogle
Lava Flow Editor	Tammy Silva



Reading in Kindergarten program. **Kerry Glass** was wearing a special lei he'd been given from his RIK class and added \$20 for all the fun he'd had as a result of the program, especially since he claims to be "a not so much fan of small children".

Christina Dhillon handed over \$5 as she shook out her recently wet hair and explained how she'd just participated in the Deep and Beyond experience at a local Hilo beach which gives children with disabilities an opportunity to spend time in the water and learn the fun of being able to experience the beach. Awesome program! There'll be another day scheduled for the 4th Friday in June, contact **Christina** for more information.

Glenn Harris had \$5 for the RIK program and was passing around great "thank you" booklets from several classes. He was also happy to see **Lorraine Inouye's** smiling face on several road signs along the way to town.

Steve Handy had \$25 to celebrate the Puainako Subway's 25th year in business in Hilo.

Yoko Hayano had \$50 to celebrate the end of her year as Interact Advisor (and a very busy year at that) and also, to celebrate her oldest son's graduation and scholarship to UCLA. **Yoko's** auntie **Machiko Kondo** also gave a \$50 donation to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** for its continuing program for Rotary Youth Scholarships.

Chuck Porter gave \$5 worth of laughter with his story about **Mitch Dodo's** Super Hot Gramma **Bev Dodo** and **Naomi Menor** and their traveling experiences. **Naomi** countered **Chuck** with a \$20 bill and threat of no more upgrades for him!



Misti Tyrin had a \$10 celebration for her oldest son's graduation from pre-school and also just turning 5 years young! Whew, lots of Happiness being spread around for sure.

A new Rotary Blue coffee mug will be speaker gifts in the future. The club had ordered 144 mugs, so mugs can also be bought for \$10 if you want one for yourself.

The guest speaker for the day was **Chris Tamm** and he guided the gathering through a wonderful trip through South Africa. **Chris** and his wife **Barbara** had been traveling for 6 weeks, in several countries in the southern area of South Africa. We were treated to an awesome display of wild animals, and **Chris** was able to fill in the names and details about them all. Their group of 8 was all family so it was good fun to share the experiences together, and they'd all grown up together in Rhodesia. Their travels took them through Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia (desert climate), down along the Skeleton Coast and over to Capetown/Cape of Good Hope. There was a photo showing the southernmost tip of Africa and a sign reading 11,546 miles to Honolulu. **Chris** shared lots of interesting tidbits of Safari travel and lodging. It was fantastic presentation and everyone enjoyed the beautiful and interesting photos.

President Kerry presented **Chris** with one of the Rotary mugs and also a special updated koa pen with an i-pad stylus tip made by **Gerard Carter**.

The speaker for Friday June 30th will be a group of the WHS Interact students to fill us in on their 2013-2014 year of service and fun.

Christina Dhillon was called on to lead the **4-Way Test**.



Photos by **Stew Hussey**

