



Rotary News

# Lava FLOW

May 25, 2012

92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Rev. Tom Olcott

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

President **Joe Hanley** opened the May 25th meeting at 12:00 Noon sharp celebrating 92 years of service and declaring that this meeting is a Club Assembly.

**Randy Hart** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Joe** shared a recorded rap meditation composed by Johnny Cash on the history and pride in the American Flag as a symbol to the dedication and sacrifice being honored during the many Memorial Day celebrations.

**Greeters** were **Alberta Dobbe** and **Ted Dixon**. **Cindy Butts**



introduced her guest **Kim Geiger** who will replace **Cindy** upon her retirement.

**Wally** announced the up coming June 2nd tree planting at Kanakaleonui (since canceled).

**Joe** thanked **Cindy Boots** for reporting last weeks meeting in the Lava Flow and **Jim Chaney** for the photographs. He then offered recognitions of **Theresa English** for her birthday May 21; **Mike Robinson** for his Club Anniversary; and **Tom** and **Lois Olcott** for their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

**Happy Dollar announcements** were shared: **Stu** announced one of his twin daughters will soon have his tenth grandchild. **Alan Kusunoki** reported on his exciting attendance at the Rotary International convention in Thailand with 35,000 other Rotarians



from around the world and brought friendship banners exchanged.

**Steve Yoshida** reported he **Cindy Boots** offered **Happy Dollars** for the 2 Past-Presidents of Waiakae High School's Interact club and for **Gloria Kobayashi** who has been the advisor.



**Gloria Kobayashi** also gave \$100 happy dollars later for the opportunity to "give back" for the Club's support the Waiakae. **Helen Hemmes** gave **Happy Dollars** for the solid work of the Waiakae High School Foundation. **Bob Fox** and **President Joe** shared in a

mutually complimentary banter of each other on **Joe's** dealership and "splendid" automobile service.

**Mitch Dodo** was happily surprised to visit **Ed Hara's** place of business where he discovered **Ed** offers special care for his staff with surprise meals and hot dog specials. **Cowboy** was celebrated for his construction skills. **Joe** offered apologies for any embarrassment these "**Happy Dollars**" may have generated.

**Mitch Dodo** graciously reminded out Club Members of the History, purpose, and qualifications involved in the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship** dating back from the establishment of the Foundation under "**Sully**" **Sullivan** in 1976 (an over view of the Foundation was available for reading at each table). **Mitch** noted that this year \$148,000 was raised and since its inception over 40 students had benefitted with scholarship awards. **Mitch** shared briefly from a letter from **Tara Reed** who in 2006 had received a \$3,500.00 scholarship and will be attending the John Burns School of Medicine in Manoa, HI.

**Mitch** introduced his wife, **Karen**, and then **Yana Esteban** and her parents **Leo Esteban** and her aunt **Jane Namanma**. **Ynah** is the recipient of a \$10,000.00 scholarship. He then introduced **Aubrey Leung** and her father **Tim Leung** and her mother **Ellen Silvestre**. **Aubrey** is recipient of a \$5,000.00 scholarship. **Mitch** invited **Ynah** and then **Aubrey** to do what high school students like to do best – public speaking! (Really **Mitch!**).



**Ynah** expressed her appreciation to the Club and spoke of her career goals and her plans to attend Chaminade University where she will be a pre-med student. She also mentioned her hopes to be able to welcome Club members at KTA where she works.



**Aubrey** expressed her appreciation and spoke of her plans to attend the University San Francisco where she will study business and economics.

**Mitch** reminded the recipients that checks are not available and that payment is made directly to the colleges of their choice. Both students complimented their

Interact Club experience with **Ed**, **Kui**, **Rand**, **Mitch**, and **Mrs. Kobayashi**. **Ed** added \$100 **Happy Dollars** to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**. **Mitch** thanked the interviewers who joined in the selection process: **Jim Chaney**, **Alan Kusunoki**, and **Christina Dillon**.

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. June 1  
Megin Patrick - Project Summer Camp
- Fri. June 8  
Bradda Skibs - "Pakalove"
- Fri. June 15  
Iopa Maunakea - Men of Pa'a
- Fri. June 22  
Jeff Melrose - Hawaii Island Food Self-Sufficiency Study
- 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

**Rand Mundo** then spoke of how we as a Rotary Club are engaged in building a closer more cooperative world through youth exchanges which have gone on for 75 years and this year alone are engaging 8,000 students in world-wide exchanges. He reminded us of the young woman who went to Spain a few years back. This year we will support **Keli'i Mendonca** (age 15) who will be going to Arabusa, Spain.

**Keli'i** then gave illustrated talk about Spain - 51st largest country; 3 climates; tourism worth 40 Billion Euros; Sogarda the "unfinished temple;" commitment to renewable solar and wind energy; high speed rail transportation 187 mph. **Keli'i**, a student from Kamehameha School, said his goals as exchange student are: to learn and share cultural values; share our food; speak Spanish fluently; expand horizons; make life-long friends; be a positive ambassador for Hilo; grow as an individual; and become more independent as a person. **Kali'i** will set up a "blog" to keep our Club members informed of his adventures and experiences.

**Steve Handy** gave a report on our Club's project in Fiji sharing progressive developmental pictures taken over the past years and from several visits to establish a hearing center and aid in literacy projects. The literacy project brought books and dictionaries and with a special donation from **Gay Porter** will provide 2 year's of school supplies in a local Fijian school. The Hearing Aide facility was shown in differing stages of construction and development and dedication. The lower level will be the first hearing assistance and evaluation free clinic in Fiji and the second floor will offer 2 apartments for hearing volunteer professionals rotating from Europe. **Steve** also introduced us to members of our Club who joined with the President of the Nadi Rotary in the "Sevu Sevu (kava) Blessing" **Steve** showed us pictures of the landscape, mangroves, and the school he had attended as a child which is composed of Indian, Chinese, and Fijian students. The Clinic will serve 300 children/year and was made possible in part through cooperation with New Zealand Rotary Clubs. The Clinic will be housed in the **HILO BUILDING** that results from **\$40,000.00** which was raised locally in and around Hilo.



**Rand** then led our Club in the 4-way Test. We all left the meeting inspired by our Club's activity and commitment to cooperation and service around the world and appreciative of the students who have been engaged in these projects and others. They continue to show us the full promise of the future comes from our investment and encouragement of youth everywhere.

"Yes, **Joe**, it was a great Assembly – thanks for pulling it together with all the presentations. Mahalo!"  
Your reporter going with the Flow - **TO**



**Joe, Aubrey, Ynah & Mitch**



**Joe, Ynah & Leo Esteban**



**Joe, Aubrey, Ellen Silvestre & Tim Leung**



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ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR



Photos by **Jim Cheney**

## HISTORY OF THE HAWAII ROTARY YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, (HRYF) was founded by Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan during his year as Rotary's District Governor in Hawaii, 1976-77. It was Sully's desire to assist Hawaii's high school graduates realize their potential by attending a college or university of their choice here in Hawaii or on the mainland United States. He felt that HRYF could be the vehicle to teach our young people about the advantages of the free enterprise system, the basis of our democracy.

The Foundation was incorporated in the State of Hawaii as a non-profit on September 3, 1976, with "Sully" as its president until July 1, 1986, when he assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Since then, six others have served as President. Included in this number are three Past District Governors.

The activities of the Foundation are guided by the Charter of Incorporation and a set of By-Laws. A membership meeting is convened in the second quarter of each calendar year with club representatives, officers and trustees in attendance. Each club in the District may send a representative to the membership meeting after having paid annual dues of \$100.00. Reports on activities are presented and discussed. The slate of new Officers and Trustees are presented along with the appropriation of funds for scholarships to be awarded in the fall of the year in which the meeting is held.

Officers of HRYF include the following who are all Trustees: Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, President, Five Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Five Past District Governor Trustees are also elected along with Five At-Large-Trustees-one from each of the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and two from Oahu.

The first scholarship was granted in 1977 and since then through March 22, 2010, we have awarded 1,405 scholarships with a total value of \$4,830,263. This year 63 scholars received a total of \$325,000. In memory of "Sully", who passed away on February 28, 1998, we have established a Maurice J. Sullivan Scholar Award. Each year one outstanding student will receive this scholarship grant in the amount of \$10,000. In 2008, we also established the Joanna Lau Sullivan Scholar Award. This \$10,000 award is given to an outstanding student attending a 4-year college or university in Hawaii. They will receive \$5,000 each year for two years.

Scholarship awards are \$5,000 for graduating Hawaii high school seniors applying as a full-time student to an accredited four-year college or university in the United States to earn a baccalaureate degree. Full-time shall be defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. They must be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Hawaii. Ineligible are Rotarians or their spouses, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, brothers or sisters. They may be used for educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies and related educational equipment. These scholarships are non-transferable one-time grants that need not be repaid.

HRYF programs are financed by contributions from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, individuals and various foundations. HRYF has a permanent endowment fund which is managed by a professional investment firm. Funds from investment income provide for scholarship purposes. In July 1994, The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation favored HRYF with an endowment grant of \$1,000,000 with which to expand our scholarship program. The interest and earnings amount of our endowment fund and the Weinberg gift are used to fund our scholarships. This assures us of having funds available for future awards and the preservation of the principal.

Donations can be made through your Rotary Club representative or directly to HRYF, 3536 Harding Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816.

HRYF maintains an office in the Foodland Building in Kaimuki. The only paid individual is a part-time office manager. Phone/Fax 735-1073, email address [hryf@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hryf@hawaii.rr.com) and website at [www.hryf-d5000.org](http://www.hryf-d5000.org).

May 5, 2012

199 Wainaku St.  
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Dear Mr. Dodo,

In 2006, as a senior at Waiakea High School I applied for and was awarded \$3,500 by the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation. I just wanted to thank you and your club for taking the time to interview me and for helping me to fund my education at the University of California-Irvine where I majored in Criminology, Law, and Society and minored in Biological Sciences. Your scholarship allowed me to be able to focus on my scholastic endeavors and not have to worry about how I financed my education.

On July 16, 2012 I will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine. Your scholarship has allowed me to reach my dreams of being admitted into medical school and will ultimately allow me to reach my even bigger dream of serving my community as a primary care physician.

I wanted to keep in touch with the Hilo Rotary Club and to deeply thank you for helping me reach my dreams.

Sincerely,



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