



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

To kick off the last meeting in May, **Kerry** asked **Sally O'Brien** to lead us in the pledge.

Cindy Boots delivered the inspirational message noting that a "very well loved woman passed away this week – **Maya Angelou**." **Cindy** said "I thought it would be appropriate to share some of **Maya Angelou's** quotes that affect u, are pretty useful in our lives and easy to remember."

If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change your attitude about it. Let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Remarkable words and food for thought

Guests

Kerry thanked **Ron Dolan** and **Mitch Roth** for their warm greetings, and **Mitch** introduced visiting Rotarian **Kim Auberson** from Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. **Chuck Porter** introduced **Shirley Teague**, a family friend and business associate for 30 years. She was always his go-to troubleshooter especially when they had problems on the people end. She's long retired now but she used to manage the Ginger Patch. **Lorraine Inouye** introduced her guest, **Joy San Buenaventura**, an attorney from Hilo who is also running for the Puna District 4 seat currently held by Faye Hanohano. And **Yoko Hayano** had a table of guests. She introduced the Waiakea High School Interact incoming officers: **Kayla Rimando** (incoming President), **Miles Jamal Marshall** (incoming Vice President), **Noah Kimura** (incoming secretary), and **Logon Sato** (incoming treasurer who couldn't attend). **Yoko** also introduced **Lindsay Yamane** (current president), and **Tim Miyao**, Waiakea High School Interact teacher and club advisor.

Thanks

Cindy Boots (reporter) and **Stew Hussey** (photographer) for last week's Lava Flow.

Upcoming Events

Brewfest on June 14th

will be emailing everyone next week with details about picking up t-shirts, volunteer training on the 13th, and other details in preparation for the Brewfest event.

New Officer Installation on June 26th

So far we've got 21 members and 7 guests who have signed up online. Even if you're unable to attend, **Judy** requested that all members decline the email invite that **Richard** sent on May 16th. At the bottom of the email is an "Accept or Decline" button. If you click on that it will take you to our club's web page. Click on the "Member Login" button. If you forgot your name/password, you can reset it by clicking on the blue text at the bottom of the box. It will prompt you so you can create a new password.



Brewfest – NOT SOLD OUT

Mehana Brewery has a stash of 100-plus tickets available, but they only accept cash (no credit cards/no checks). There are both VIP and regular tickets available for sale. Please pass the word to your friends. Let's get these sold.

Rotary in the News

Jim Cheney, **Mike Robinson**, and **Jim Kennedy** attended the tree planting hosted by **Steve Yoshida** of the South Hilo Rotary Club. **Mr. Tanaka**, former Rotary International President, planted a tree that survived the atomic blast at Hiroshima in the Happiness Garden in Hilo.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ian Birnie, our Oahu member celebrated his birthday. **Joe Hanley** celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary (see the Happy Dollars section). **Mr. McVickar** marked his 39th wedding anniversary. **Kerry** asked "So, did you guys do something?" **John** answered "Oh, absolutely!" **Kerry** then asked "And that was???" To which **John** retorted "That was a private issue." **Kerry** was left speechless and the members applauded.

Happy Dollars

Joe Hanley was \$100 happy. He and his wife celebrated their 30th anniversary by flying to North Carolina to meet their first grandchild (a granddaughter Isabella) born on the 15th.



Sam Wallis was \$5 happy. He said, "This morning



my wife said 'Come quick, quick!' There's something about crazy Rotarians in Sydney on tv!" Apparently 300 Rotarians each carrying flags from their country climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge. They broke two records: most people on the bridge and most number of flags flown off it. This event was organized by Rotary International as part of their campaign to raise awareness that "we are this close to eradicating polio." They broke the previous record set by Oprah Winfrey and collected \$248,000 for the "End Polio Now" project. Perhaps **Richard** and/or **Jenny** were there?

Mitch Roth was \$20 happy. His oldest daughter

Alexandra just graduated summa cum laude from UH Manoa with two degrees: Japanese Studies and Communication. **Mitch** said, "I would have more, but she asked me for a couple thousand dollars for rent now since she is no longer living in the dorms. And my two younger children survived the school year, and these guys know, it wasn't easy. They survived me not killing them."



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 McVikar 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 McVikar
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

Lorraine Inouye gave \$25 "to our cash-strapped **Hilo Rotary Foundation** fund to honor and say goodbye to my cousin who is on the Hikianalea and the Hokulea. Pretty soon, he's going to text me when he leaves the harbor. This is David Komine, and he brought the super boat that you all know is powered by solar and has all the high tech stuff on that ship; he brought it from Aotearoa to Hawaii. I just wanted to share with you who built the Hikianalea, and who funded it. This generous chairman fellow who has connections in Tahiti and I think he lives there part time, he gave a million dollars to the Tahitian people to build the boat. They're going to be sending the satellite signal over, so if you go on "hokulea.com" you'll be able to track it."



Gail Takaki said "I may have some happy dollars today, because I have some promised dollars from members who have brewfest tickets, so for every hundred dollars I collect I will donate a dollar, so it could be upwards of 20 to 30 dollars."



Kerry was \$25 happy for **Raul Castro**, our newest member, and the seventh new member for the club this year. The donation in **Raul's** name to the **Rotary Foundation** goes towards building his first **Paul Harris fellow**. Congratulations and welcome!

Alan Kusunoki presented **Sam Wallis** (member since 1976) with his **Paul Harris Fellow plus 4 pin**. Yes, this represented **\$5,000** donated to the **Rotary Foundation**.



Great job **Sam!**

Waiakea High School

Interact presentation

Tim Miyao introduced **Lindsay Yamane** (this year's President) and she, in turn, introduced **Miles Jamal Marshall** (next year's Vice President). Both explained how valuable their experiences with Interact have been, and both thanked the club members for their support. **Miles** thanked the club and **Gail Takaki** in particular for her excellent work on **RYLA**, and he explained how the camp helped build his leadership skills.



Photos by **Jim Cheney & Jean Sugiyama**

Lindsay presented photos from some of the many activities that Interactors participated in this year **Hiroshima Exchange**

The club hosted nine students from Hiroshima, and took them to see Volcano, the hieroglyphs on the ground, and even a bon dance at the Life Care Center.

Club Day at the Quad

They gave out lollipops and a lot of freshmen signed up, so they did get a lot of interest.

Get the Drift and Bag It

They worked with the Rotaract club and the Rotary club members to pick up trash at three locations including Liliuokalani Gardens. This was a fun joint project.

Thanksgiving

Interact helped the Salvation Army in several ways. They packed a lot (a lot) of socks for th Chistmas gift baskets. They also shredded turkey and served lunch at Aunty Sally's.

Winter Break

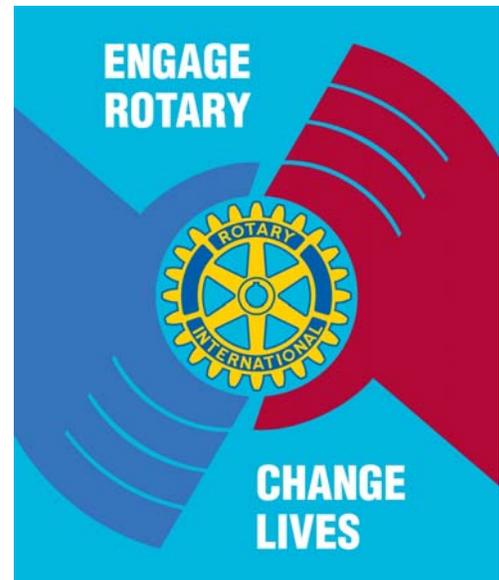
During winter break, they painted over all the benches on the WHS campus. After scraping and cleaning, and scraping, and painting, and taking much more time and effort than first expected, they managed to brighten the school grounds and present a more professional image of the campus.

Garage Sale

Lindsay thanked all the club members for donating all their goods. This was one of Interact's most successful fund raisers. **\$850** was generated and it took the least amount of time. Thanks to **Yoko Hayano** for volunteering her house and organizing the donations.

Hilo Hospice Celebration of Life

Usually Interact mans the concession and helps out with the food part of the event, but this year they were selected to launch the lanterns into the water. They set up all the platforms, put paper bags over all of them, pushed them out into the water and carefully redirected the strays in the proper line. They got to work with the Hilo High Leo Club and that was a lot of fun.



Hale Pohaku – Invasive Species

All the Interact members who attended pulled a lot of weeds, and when they were done, there were still a lot more weeds to pull, but it was fun and they got to learn about invasive species. **Lindsay** thanked our club members for giving them the opportunity to do something outside of Hilo town.

After **Lindsay's** presentation, **Ed Hara** spoke: "I'd like to thank **Lindsay** for leading the club this year. She did a great job and also her board."



"And of course **Mrs. Hayano** who was there most of the time when I couldn't be there. The club could not exist without a teacher advisor. Thanks to **Mr.**

Miyao."

"There were five teachers assigned to the club but four of them unfortunately were not there a lot of the time because they had other commitments, but **Mr. Miyao** put in a lot of time and effort to help our students, because they are our future. And that's why I help out, because I want to make sure we encourage our future leaders."

"I tell them we're a service club, it'll be great on your resume, and hopefully they will continue doing service wherever they go."

Ed also recognized the other club members who contributed to Interact: **Gail Takaki, Mitch Dodo, Cindy Boots, Sally O'Brien, Lorraine Shin, Kui Costa, Theresa English, Judy Gibson, Biff Kennedy** and **Rand Mundo.**

Kerry finished by presenting **Tim Miyao** with a gift from the club and our heartfelt thanks for taking the time to do such important work with these future leaders.



Kerry also wanted **Richard** to know that he had broken in the new rockstar mic system. **Susan** closed out with the **Four Way Test.**



Through my oversight, **Chris Tamm's** pictures from his South African trip presentation were left out last week, so here are some of his favorite pics from the trip. If you would like to see all of **Chris's** photos, please visit our website (www.hilorotary.org), and click on the entries in the "Newsletter" section. The photos are split into two parts, and they are brilliant.



Mahalo Rotary Club of Hilo for your support of our **Waiakea High School Interact Club!!**