



Rotary News *lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



On the first Friday in the merry month of May, **President Joe Hanley** called the meeting to order of the Rotary Club of Hilo, the oldest Rotary Club on the island and second oldest in the state. **Jim Kennedy** proudly led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alberta Dobbe shared words of informational inspiration about Cinco de Mayo Day, May 5th. Did you know that **Alberta's** maiden name was Cinco? Did you know that **Alberta's** mother (name also Cinco) was born on May 5th? Did you know that Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day? Did you know that Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that is more beloved by Americans than Mexicans? In the words of a Mexican shopkeeper, it is just "a gringo holiday made to sell Mexican beer to Americans." (And, no, **Russ Oda** did not write this "Did You Know" .)



Cheerfully greeting attendees to the meeting were **Naomi Menor** and **Celestine "Cel" Ruwethin**.



Cel introduced guests for the day: South Hilo Rotarians **Arabel Camblor**; and Hawaii Kai Rotarian **Michael Choi**. Guests of Rotarians: **Christopher Phillips** and **Nagayoshi Ohashi**, guests of

Saeko Hayashi; **Steve Fraser**, guest of **Stew Hussey**; and **Cheyenne Perry**, guest of **Mike Robinson**.

Doug Arnott shared a letter from the teacher who is teaching the advanced science and math curriculum at Naalehu Elementary School. The teacher expressed appreciation for our club's contributions and support to their advanced science and math curriculum. Within this school year, the class has grown from 8 to 22 students. The students are very motivated. The teacher supplied a list of items that he/she could use for the advanced science and math classes for the 2012-13 school year. **Doug** invited any club member interested in helping with a monetary donation to see him.

President Joe thanked our club members who participated in the April 28th five-rotary club community service project at the

Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii, including **Tammy Silva**, her husband and daughter; **Newton Chu**; **Alan Kusunoki**; **Mike Robinson**; **Joe** and wife, **Diane**; and **Arabel Camblor** who participated from the South Hilo Club.

President Joe thanked **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and **Mitchell Dodo** for their reporting and photography, respectively, of last week's meeting.

Plenty Recognitions! Birthdays & Anniversaries: **Ted Dixon**



gave \$64 in honor of his 64th birthday on April 28th; **Alberta Dobbe** celebrated her April 29th 78th birthday over a stretch of 4 nights in a row and gave \$50 to the **Rotary**



Foundation; **Steve Yoshida's** birthday was also on April 29th. Both



Steve Handy and **Stew Hussey** celebrated birthdays on May 2nd. **Steve** declined to comment, but **Stew** gave \$100 to the **Rotary**



Foundation for the privilege of

entertaining us with a poem about being over 50 and the wonders of Grecian Hair Formula, beagles and perfumed bosoms. For details, see **Stew**. **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Monroe** celebrated their club anniversaries on May 1st, but were not present to take a bow. Celebrating wedding anniversaries on May 1st were **Toshi Aoki**,



Nancy & Al Cabral and **Gerard Carter**. Celebrating on May 3rd was **Steve Handy**. **Gerard** and his bride of 31 years celebrated with malasadas at Tex's Drive Inn. **Steve** and his bride celebrated 14 years of marital bliss. (**Newton Chu** hinted that **Steve** may have presented her with a footlong from

you-know-where!)

It was also an auspicious occasion for **President Joe** to recognize



three club members with **Paul Harris** honors: **Dionne "Kui" Costa** received her **Paul Harris Fellow** award which means that she has contributed \$1,000 to **Rotary International**. **Kui** was sponsored into our club by **Gay Porter**, who, via point transfers, helped **Kui** attain her



first **Paul Harris** award. Congratulations **Kui**!

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 4
Cheyenne Perry - Tree Planting on Mauna Kea
Fri. May 11
Saeko Hayashi - The Transit of Venus
Fri. 18
Helen Wai - Hawaii Energy Energy Efficiency & Financial Literacy
Fri. May 25
Club Assembly
Fri. June 1
Megin Patrick - Summer Camp Hawaii
Fri. June 8
Bradda Skibs - "Pakalove"
Thurs. June 28
Installation 2012 - 2013
Hilo Yacht Club

President Joseph Hanley
President Elect Alan Kusonoki
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

Dirk Yoshina was awarded his Paul Harris Fellow Plus One Award. Double Congratulations Dirk!

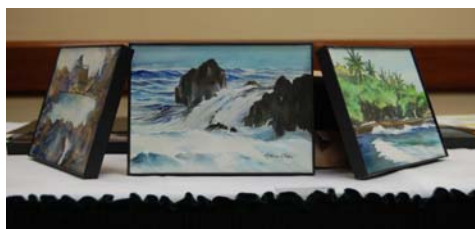


Bobby Fujimoto was recognized and awarded his



Paul Harris Fellow Plus Seven Award! Congratulations plus seven more, Bobby!

Visiting Rotarian Michael Choi generously



donated six water color paintings created by his father (also a Rotarian) to our club... one is of the Kona Coast and 5 are of East Hawaii. President Joe will be auctioning them off at a later date.

Plenty Happy Dollars, too! Saeko Hayashi gave \$10 to the Rotary Foundation so that her guest



Christopher Phillips could say a few words. Christopher is a systems technician at Imiloa, but even more amazing is the project he manages called Reach for the Stars - Afghanistan... Astronomers without Borders... an educational and humanitarian project to establish an astronomy curriculum for schools, orphanages and refugee camps for youth throughout Afghanistan.

Cory Kawamoto gave 3 happy dollars for the 3 distinguished Rotarians at his table... Bobby Fujimoto, Russ Oda and Gay Porter. Doug Arnott said when he attended the Rotary Club of Sydney, they did away with their equivalent of the Pledge of Allegiance. He felt something



is missing when you do that. He gave 4 happy dollars in honor of our Pledge of Allegiance.



John McElvaney gave \$20 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of his son's book being published. The book is entitled "Geo Design".

Cindy Boots gave 2 happy dollars to promote the YWCA's upcoming Remarkable Person luncheon event on May 17th where two remarkable women, Dr. Ruth Matsuura and Charlene Iboshi, will be honored.



Photos by Mitchell Dodo

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR



Steve Handy was **15 dollars happy** to announce the Grand Opening of the Fiji Project Hearing Aid Facility which will take place on June 27th and which he will attend.



President Joe gave **10 happy dollars** because his son called him from Afghanistan.

Mike Robinson introduced our distinguished guest speaker for the day, **Cheyenne Perry**.



Cheyenne was born in Honolulu and raised in Waianae. He is a Desert storm army veteran and a Hawaii army national guardsman for 10 years.

He has his B.A. in Marine Science from UHH and a Masters in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science.

Cheyenne is 8 months into being the coordinator of the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance which represents 500,000 acres of land from Parker Ranch to PTA.



Cheyenne thanked **Mike** for mentoring him.

Cheyenne shared with us the purpose of the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance. It falls under the Hawaii Association of Watershed Partners that includes 11 alliances in the state. The purpose of this voluntary alliance is to protect native forests, water recharge, conservation and ecosystem services.

The Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance includes over 50,000 acres on Mauna Kea. **Cheyenne**



spoke of the importance of the cultural connection with Mauna Kea and the geneology involved. He spoke about the historical significance beginning in the 1850s when whaling, sugar and sandalwood extraction were done for survival reasons and the transition, during post European contact, to commercialism. In the 20th century, the focus turned to forest preservation and the Hilo Forest reserve was established in 1905. Some of Cheyenne's current projects include the Kanakaleonui Bird Corridor... building it from 525 acres up to 5000 acres; the More Kids in the Woods Program; and the Mauna Kea Forest Restoration Projects, including planting and growing native trees, developing a watershed action plan, fire and weed planning and management, educational programs and more. He thanked everyone for their support and guidance and appreciates the relationships within our communities.

President Joe thanked **Cheyenne** for his



interesting and informative presentation and presented him with a **Gerard Carter** koa pen.

Mike Robinson led us in the 4 Way Test and **President Joe** adjourned the meeting.



Kui, Gay, Bobby, Dirk