



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

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94 Years of Service

Reporter: The Don

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

It was an absolutely beautiful rainy day in Hilo, Hawaii. As we have done for 94 years, Hilo Rotarians gathered together for fellowship and "Service above Self" in a bustling Hilo Hotel. Greeted with a smile, warm handshake and hug by Greeters **Bob "not Joe" Hanley** and **Christina "not Matt" Dillon**, the Hilo Rotarians happily accepted their badges and prepared to enjoy the feast prepared by the chefs of the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

President Richard "not Jenny" Johnson was fresh off the boat from India and ready for the task by ringing the bell. He first thanked **Alan "Smithsonian" Kusunoki**, **Tom "not daBus" Brown**, **Jim "not Dick" Cheney** and **Alberta "not Gillis" Dobbe** for covering for him. He then called on **Jimmy "Coach" Yagi** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then he ordered us to sit down and pay attention to **Marcia "Palace" Prose** who inspired us by reciting the words of Wyatt Earp: "*Being fast is fine, but accuracy is everything.*" And Dale Carnegie: "*Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves.*" And from the Palace Theater: "*There are no small parts, only small actors.*" Thanks **Marcia!**

President Richard "not Jenny" Johnson called up Greeter **Bob "not Joe" Hanley** to introduce our 3 guests." Visiting us from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay were **David "not Senior" Deluz, Junior**, and **Mary "Realty" Bergier**. We were also honored by the presence of our guest speaker **Perry Springman**, but more on **Perry** later.

Because da Prez forgot his iPad, he went straight to **Happy Dollars**. **Jim "not Dick" Cheney** was happy that Visitors Aloha Society Hawaii was 15 years old and there will be a fundraiser lunch on board the Norwegian Cruise Line ship on Tuesday, December 9 to honor none other than our very own **Mitchell "Wheel of Fortune" Roth**. If you want to attend please see "not Dick" and fork over the \$60 ASAP. **Lorraine "not Inouye" Shin** was happy that the Penn Hawaii Foundation worked with the Salvation Army to help kids in need. **Cindy "Go Packers" Boots** was happy that **Lorraine "not Inouye" Shin** helped her house our guest speaker last night! Da Prez was happy that **Jenny "not Richard" Johnson** was able to retrieve the iPad that he forgot to bring. **Wally "Hokulea" Wong** was happy to be back on land after sailing from New Zealand via American Samoa and Tonga, where he attended Rotary meetings. He mentioned that we should help on some projects out there in American Samoa, like building swimming pools.

Hey, we celebrated the fact that there were no birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries this month. YAY! **Badge #1 Bobby "HPM" Fujimoto** celebrated 55 years in the Rotary Club of Hilo on November 16, and that means he joined in 1959! Where were you in 1959? Probably not at the Hilo Hotel at the Rotary Club of Hilo Meeting!

As always **Da Prez** thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter "**Norma**" **Jean Sugiyama** and photographer **Past President Mitchell "Not Extinct Yet" Dodo**. **Prez Richard "Not Jenny" Johnson** then reminded that there is no meeting Next Friday, November 28 so you can all go out shopping. On December 3 there will be a Rotary Club of Hilo "Bored" Meeting at Hilo Rice Noodle restaurant at 5:00 pm. On December 13 please sign up to ring the Salvation "not Navy" Army Bell at Macy's and he will challenge the other clubs in raising the most money. On December 17, please come and help out at the traditional senior citizen luncheon at Kamana Senior Center at 11:00 am set up by **Tom "not Dabus" Brown**. On December 19 the club will have a special meeting to celebrate the holidays, and we won't have a meeting on December 26 so you all can go out shopping. Do I sense a theme here? Help the economy, spend money, lighten up your wallets! **Yoko "not Ono" Hayano** reminded us that our very own Waiakea High Interact Club has events that you can attend. On November 25 you can help wrap gifts at 5:30 pm at the Salvation Army. There is also a Salvation Army Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 27 at Auntie Sally's Luau House where you can help feed the homeless. And you can practice Bell ringing with the Interact Club on December 3 from 3 to 6 pm at the KTA Puainako store, or at Macys and Longs. Wow, what an opportunity for fellowship with our Interact club at Waiakea High!

President Richard "not Jenny" Johnson then announced that November is Foundations Month, and **Alan "Smithsonian" Kusunoki** reminded us that **the Rotary Foundation** is special, founded in 1917 with **\$26.50**, **the Rotary Foundation** has done great things over the years, and is now poised to help eliminate Polio. So everyone, please donate generously this month. **Da Prez** also reminded us to bring your family to Rotary, no dogs and cats please. We have 69 great members, but are looking for at least 8 greater ones! Also, on a sad note, D5000 Grants Sub-Committee Chair **Dave Berry** passed away this week. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. On a brighter note, December 2 is "Giving Tuesday" a date to kick off the holiday season. Hey I thought that was the purpose of Halloween? **The Rotary Foundation** encourages all of us members to give on-line on this date. There is also a Hawaii Island Well-being Challenge, and flyers were littered all over the tables. The Hawaii County Real Property Tax Appeal Board needs qualified volunteers to sit on its Board, so if you are interested contact them.

Wow, a lot to look forward to, that's how you **Light Up Rotary!** Far out man! Thanks for the reminders Prez!

Birthdays:

Rand Mundo November 8
Mike Robinson November 8
Randy Hart November 12
Kerry Glass November 22

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (1)
Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (55)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7 (22)
Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13 (51)
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22 (29)

Announcements:

Fri. December 5 - Christine Makaewao
Hilo Trails Project
Fri. December 12 -Ms Springer Kaye
Invasive species affecting Hawaii
Fri. December 19 - Cindy Boots
Holiday Cheer!!
Fri. December 26 - No Meeting
Fri. January 2 - No Meeting
Fri. January 9 - Kaohinani Miyashiro
Hope Services Hawaii
Fri. January 16 - Club Administrative Day

President Richard Johnson
President Elect Wally Wong
Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
Membership Christina Dhillon
Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
Club Service Tom Brown
International Service Jenny Johnson
Community Service Misti Tyrin
Youth Service Glenn Harris
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

Cindy "Go Packers" Boots then introduced our Guest Speaker from World Vision, **Perry Springman**. **Perry Springman** is an interesting guy. The artistic talent behind Perry and the Poorboys, he has played around the world in before 35 Rotary clubs in Hawaii. In the past 8 years, on behalf of World Vision, **Perry** has inspired audience members to sponsor nearly 9,000 children in Third World impoverished nations. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision works in nearly 100 countries, serving all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. World Vision believes in a full solution to poverty and injustice by providing emergency assistance to children and families affected by disasters and conflict, and partners with communities for long-term solutions to alleviate poverty, and advocate for justice on behalf of the poor.

Perry led us in a couple of his songs, including "Happy Beach" and "Where Will You Sleep Tonight." A very inspirational performance, **Perry** shared with us how his dad was a Rotarian, but how he never knew what he did at Rotary clubs. Now, in a small way he performs at Rotary Clubs around the world in part to share World Vision and its mission to help children all over the world and to honor his dad.

World Vision was founded in the early 1950s by war correspondent **Bob Pierce**, who saw impoverished children during the Korean conflict. He tried to help the orphaned children he saw in the streets. World Vision has become global, but continues its focus on children. He shared pictures about children in impoverished countries and invited us to consider sponsoring kids. He shared that his daughter inspired him to sponsor a girl in Africa and now he sponsors 4 kids through World Vision. The suggested sponsorship is \$35 per month, and he had pictures of kids from all over the world. World Vision prides itself in giving 83% of every dollar to actual programs in such countries. You can learn more about World Vision at www.worldvision.org. Mahalo **Perry** for your songs and story! Because of you I am now the proud sponsor of Boucar, an 11 year old boy from Niger!

And before you know it, **President Richard "not Jenny" Johnson** thanked **Perry**, agreed that he saw too much poverty during his trip to India and then gave him a fantastic Rotary lava cup. He then called upon **Cindy "Go Packers" Boots** to lead us in the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do. And then we were out of there and that's a fact Jack.

