

# Rotary Club of Hilo



# LAVA FLOW



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## Welcome!

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, **Kathleen McGilvray**, stepped up to the mike to announce a special welcome for **President Wallace Wong**. "She blew the mike," quipped **Nancy Cabral**. It was soon working for the official call to order, the review of our Rotary theme for the year ("A Gift for the World"), and **Mike Robinson's** leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. "Songmeister" **Alan Kusunoki** then led us in singing the Doxology.

**President Wong** continued with the reading of the Olelo Noeau, as follows: *Ho'okahi e po'ino, pu pu i ka po'ino. When one meets misfortune, all meet misfortune. It is said of those who are important to the community – when misfortune befalls one, it is a misfortune for all. Every member of our group is important.*



Thanks were expressed to **Biff Kennedy**, our greeter, and guests introduced: **Rob Kelso** from PISCES and teachers **Cathy Iwaoka** and **Jenna Ballo** from Kaumana Elementary School.

## Member Recognitions

Thanks went to Rotarians who participated in the Rocky Horror Picture Social as well as to those who contributed to the event, including **Marcia Prose** and **Lorraine Shin**.



The Club unanimously endorsed the nomination of **Randy Hart** as President Elect for 2016-2017. Congratulations, **Randy** —and thank you!

The October 30, 2015, newsletter featured the talents of **Newton "the Don" Chu**, reporter, and **Stew "not Olivia" Hussey**, photographer. Thanks also go to **Tammy Silva**, Lava Flow coordinator, and **Ed Hara**, Lava Flow publisher. *Mahalo!*

## Announcements

The District 5000 Membership Seminar scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel and sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Hilo with **Ayman El Dakhkhni**, presenter, counts as a regular meeting. Please attend.

Funds and RSVPs are needed now for the **Rotary Club of Hilo 95th Anniversary** on Monday, Dec. 7.

## November - Rotary Foundation Month



**Kerry Glass** reported that *Every Rotarian Every Year* (EREY) totals for the year to date stand at 60 percent contributing (44 out of 71 members). The Club is well on its way towards meeting its **\$9,500** goal with around **\$7,600** contributed so far.

Now is the time to maximize the value of your gift – for every **\$100** or more contributed prior to Dec. 31, 2015, there will be a match in recognition points. What a great incentive for those who want to become a Paul Harris member!

## Rotary Institute Update



**Alan Kusunoki** reported on the Zone 25 Institute held at the Hilton Waikoloa. (Zone 25 has 10 districts and Zone 26, 13 districts. Each district is represented, along with past District Governors and Rotary International directors.) The theme was "Connecting for Good" with a focus on connecting with family, business associates, Rotarians, and "forever." A connection for good has been Rotary's assistance in eradicating polio – just 51 active cases left in the world.

## Upcoming Events

The **Hawaii Island Home for Recovery Painting Project** is scheduled for Nov. 7, and it's still okay to sign up.

There will be no meeting next Friday, thanks to the **Chicken Hekka Social** at Wailoa State Park on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Other events include the following:

**Rotary Gives Thanks** – Hawaii Island Home for Recovery Thanksgiving Day Brunch (Nov. 26, 9 am – noon),

**95th Anniversary Celebration Banquet** at the Hilo Yacht Club (Dec. 7),

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** at Macy's (Dec. 12)

**Kamana Senior Center Christmas Luncheon** (Dec. 16).

## Recognitions

**Rand Mundo** and **Mike Robinson** share a birthday on November 8, and **Chuck & Gay Porter** celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 7 (23 years).

**Kathleen McGilvray** celebrated her Club anniversary on Nov. 1 (2 years).

## Because I'm Happy Dollars

**President Wally Wong** was **\$10** happy for the Rotarians who signed up to help at tomorrow's service project.

**Richard Johnson** was **\$20** to share that **Jenny** and he enjoyed staying at **Chuck and Gay Porter's** vacation rental and had a fantastic time touring national Parks (Zion, Bryce, the North Rim, etc.) and hiking.

**Nancy Cabral** was **\$100** grateful to **Kerry Glass** for the recognition point incentive – her check being written in her granddaughter's name.

**Susan Munro** was **\$5** happy that **Randy Hart** is now President-elect of our Club.

**Gail Takaki** also contributed **\$100** to get the matching points and made a wonderful pitch for volunteers to help with **RYLA**, Feb. 26-28, 2016, with the North Hawaii and Kona Sunset Clubs as the coordinators. The focus will be on conflict resolution.

**Alberta Dobbe** gave **\$5** to announce that flyers were on the table to help promote a benefit for Friends of the Children's Justice Center -- on Nov. 20 and Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. with a suggestion donation of **\$15** (children under 10 free). For more information about the acapella peace concert by Harmony on Tap, call 989-3208 or the Friends, 935-8775.

**Glenn Harris** encouraged Rotarians to read the November book for kindergartners, "A Bad Case of Stripes," by David Shannon.

**Dirk Yoshina** was **\$20** happy for funds he had since **Nancy Cabral** treated him to lunch. Nice!

**Helen Hemmes** was **\$10** to have celebrated her husband's 50th college class reunion in Iowa, a trip to Disney World with her children, and a sisters' reunion (from Illinois, Hawaii, Florida, and Utah) in Florida.

**Naomi Menor** was **\$100** happy to report that 21 Rotarians from our sister club, **Rotary Club of Hiroshima South**, to help us celebrate our 95th anniversary – and that most of them have been members for 45 years!

## Program

**President Wally** then introduced our speaker, **Rob Kelso**, Executive Director of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

**Rob Kelso** briefly commented on current activities of PISCES, including the basalt "lunar" sidewalk construction project in downtown Hilo in March, 2015, and work on the NASA launch pad involving the



Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

- Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (2)
- Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (56)

Wedding Anniversary:

- Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7 (23)
- Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13 (52)
- Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22 (30)

Announcements:

- Nov. 12 - (Thursday) Hekka Social
- Nov. 13 - No Meeting
- Nov. 20 - Kerry Glass - Rotary Foundation
- Dec. 7 - (Monday) 95th Club Anniversary Dinner  
Hilo Yacht Club

- President ..... Wally Wong
- President Elect..... "Your Name"
- Immediate Past President..... Richard Johnson
- Vice President ..... Mitchell Dodo
- Secretary ..... Susan Munro
- Treasurer ..... Mike Robinson
- Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Kathleen McGilvary
- Membership ..... Connie Ichinose
- Public Relations ..... Marcia Prose
- Rotary Foundations ..... Kerry Glass
- Club Service ..... Jean Sugiyama
- International Service ..... Stew Hussey
- Community Service ..... Reese Mates
- Youth Service ..... Tammy Silva
- Vocational Service ..... Biff Kennedy

creating of a 10' by 10' landing pad on a basalt lunar landscape 60' in diameter with a PISCES rover now at work. PISCES is involved with Moon Riders and workforce development, involving 17 summer interns over 2 summers, with all but one coming from Hawaii. Through STARS, girls are being encouraged to increase their awareness and interest in aerospace, with three girls participating in the weeklong course in 2014 and ten in 2015.

His focus for today's talk, however, was on the "State of Aerospace" in Hawaii, noting that he had recently talked to a meeting of joint chambers to share the urgent need for leadership—to seize the opportunity now—for a vital aerospace industry that would serve Hawaii and its future generations well. He noted that all great civilizations expand their frontiers by having a vision, referencing China's naval industry in the 1400s. Hawaii, he noted, has geographic location and a population that needs a high tech industry to keep its keiki here (rather than having talent move away for lack of opportunities).

To move from Hawaii's being the "worst State for business" in the nation for the past three years, there are certain "must do" steps to be taken now, such as having "essential and compelling goals" at the State and County level, with a commitment that continues from generation to generation ("for decades rather than a few years"). There must be the ability to build and maintain a strong coalition with "credibility in making agreements and honoring them." (With TMT, the question is now being raised whether Hawaii is a "contender or pretender.")

Hawaii has much to offer besides its ideal location, but the State's commitment has been "unclear." From Kelso's perspective, there are two projects for immediate focus on Hawaii Island: 1) space tourism at the Kona airport (long runway, good weather, and fantastic view of the island chain), and 2) a small satellite launch center in East Hawaii (near the equatorial location, with a large backlog of satellites that need launching services). Parties are interested.

What will it take? Key parties need to reach consensus and speak with "one voice." Inducements and incentives are needed to attract businesses to invest in Hawaii. The Chamber, the HIEDB and others should ask: What would the State offer? What would the County offer? What would business (the private sector) offer? Hawaii needs a diversification of its economic bases.

His call to action was significant and urgent. "If we do nothing, what kind of legacy do we leave for our kids?"

Questions were entertained while the two teachers from Kaumana Elementary were preparing for their talk. It was opined that the unions need to be on board for action to take place, that there should be space age scattering of remains (yes, it's happening!), and the current cost of a space shuttle ride is around \$150,000 with the cost predicted to come down as the industry advances. "Trying to Grow Some High-Tech Kids"

Presenters Cathy Iwaoka & Jenna Ballo from Kaumana Elementary talked about the school's focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with the realization that the school needed to focus on engineering skills – how to think and



be creative and innovative. The school is now involved in setting up a new class modeled after Iolani School's "The Engineering Design Process," a process with the key steps of ask, imagine, plan, create, and improve.

Their "Maker Space Program" will be known as "Think Lab" with the classroom open before, during, and after school. (For more information on MakerSpaces, check out some of the resources on their one-page handout, including <https://youthtu.be/UNIZLUaMakw> (for elementary students) and [https://youtu.be/4DgWtQYoJ\\_s](https://youtu.be/4DgWtQYoJ_s).

In conclusion

President Wally presented gifts to our speakers and called on Cel Ruwethin to lead us in the 4-Way Test of Things We...Think...Say...or...Do and the meeting ended with a reminder of the Club Social on Thursday night with no meeting next Friday, Nov. 13.



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