



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



Who -eee Jump on a rollikin' Rotary Ride! With **President Richard Johnson** off somewhere in India, **Mitchell Dodo** has managed to designate several of our Past Presidents to step up and run the meetings. This week, **PP Jim Cheney** stood at the podium and asked the crowd to pay attention while **Judy Gibson** led the group in the Pledge to our Nation.

IT was proving to be quite a rowdy group, with cheers and jeers from several corners of the room. **Jim** challenged the crowd with question of who remembered when he'd been President, which produced mostly wrong answers until **Newton Chu** came up with the correct answer, 2000-2001. Rather than have an inspirational verse, **Jim** decided to relate a "blonde" joke, which brought more cheers and jeers.

Greeter **Jimmy Yagi** announced visiting Rotarians **Art Taniguchi** of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay and also **William Jones** from the Kona Mauka Club. **Gordon Takaki** introduced himself as wife, **Gail Takaki** hadn't arrived yet, oops! **Cindy Boots** introduced guests **Tina** and **Tom Jimenez**, **Donna Chalmers** and our guest speaker **Dan Sockle**, and his guest **Marv Serhan**. **Dan** is a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver WA.



Cowboy Kaneshiro (15 years) and **Rand Mundo** (10 years) both had club anniversaries on October 22nd., and **Kathleen McGilvray** just made her 1st year as a member on November 1. **Chris** and **Barbara Tamm** celebrated their 46th year of marriage on October 26, **Jim** and **Linda Kennedy** have enjoyed 30 years of wedded bliss as of October 27th, and **Chuck** and **Gay Porter** have reached 22 years. **Chuck**, of course, had to relate a little story about special attention to details which got a shake of the head from **Gay** and a reminder about the 4 Way Test.



Alan Kusunoki, chair for **The Rotary Foundation**, reminded everyone that November is **Rotary Foundation** month. He pointed out that **TRF** is the largest donor-advised charity in the world. The Foundation funds humanitarian projects that will promote peace, fight diseases, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education and grow local economies. ALL projects are directed by Rotarians. Through the Foundation Global and District Grants are available for large scale and short term projects which benefit both locally and internationally. Donations can be given directly to your local club chair (**Alan**) or on-line with a credit card. All donations are tax deductible, as **TRF** is a 501(c) (3) charity.



Glenn Harris presented the newest "read" for kindergarten book, something about what happens when you give a dog apple juice, which brought out a few unusual comments from the crowd. (you had to be there!)



Trying to bring some semblance of order to this rowdy group, **Jim** called for some happiness dollars, which heralded a bunch of waving hands. **Chris Tamm** recently returned from a lovely trip with wife **Barbara**, showed off a colorful exchange flag and **\$20** for a great vacation. Waving the news photo of **Mitch Roth's** beautiful daughter **Alexandra** who was recently crowned Miss Kahala, **Jim** called on **Mitch** to see how happy he was about that. Being a proud papa, **Mitch** had **\$60** to also note that he was extremely happy that **Yoko Hayano** had enticed his son to join the **WHS Interact Club** and his son is currently in Japan with the WHS Robotics team. Btw, don't forget to tune in and watch Wheel of Fortune Monday Nov 10th..the club may be able to wring more money from **Mitch's** pockets.



Gail Takaki had **\$10** to exclaim how well the Hollywood Horrors Fundraiser went on November 1st and thank those who helped **Mitchell Dodo** and **Newton Chu** as Emcee's and everyone else who contributed in any way.



Marcia Prose had **\$10** to announce that November is Film Month at the Palace, and also her church was holding a craft fair on Sat Nov 8th, with proceeds going to gift bags for women in homeless shelters on Christmas morning.



New member, **Eric Cohen** was happy to have just returned from a trip to China with an extra **\$50** in cash in his pockets.

After having to listen to **Chuck's** story about their anniversary, **Gay Porter** contributed 2 **\$500** checks in their names to **TRF**. Wow, thanks for your generosity!

Kathleen McGilvray had \$20 to thank all those who helped to make the YWCA Walk A Mile in her Shoes event on October 25th a success. Not just those who donated \$, but also all those guys who showed up to show off their well shaped calves and risked blisters and twisted ankles.



Guests **Tina** and **Tom Jimenez** jumped on the happiness ride and also donated a **\$20** to the clubs' coffers.

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. November 14 -Club Admin Day
Fri. November 21 -Perry Springman
World Vision & Child Sponsorship in
3rd World countries
Fri. November 28 - No Meeting
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!!

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

After all the happiness dollars were collected, Jim was able to call on our speaker Dan Sockle to proceed with his presentation on ISIS/ISIL, and promoting a better understanding of how it came about.



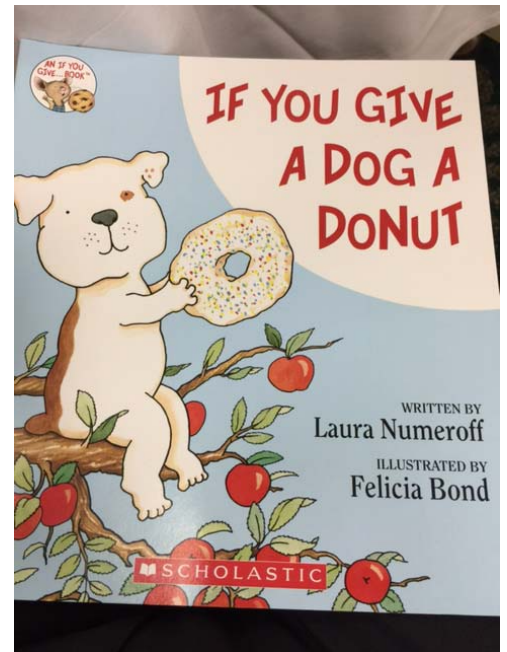
Dan's career in Army Intelligence and involvement in "Desert Storm" and "Iraqi Freedom" gave him much insight into how complicated this situation is. His mission is to promote a greater understanding of the ethnicities, cultures, religions, history and politics that contribute to today's global "jihad". Dan had a ton of details on the backgrounds of the religions and cultures that are centuries old, and have influenced Muslim and Islam traditions. Although American's plan is to help assist these nations to become a democratic society, this is no easy project. So many past and present leaders have impacted what progress has been achieved. In the short 25 minutes Dan had he covered a huge amount of information, and you can find out more by going to his profile at LinkedIn, or his website: <http://americasjihad.com/>.

We all need to be better educated citizens and practice tolerance.

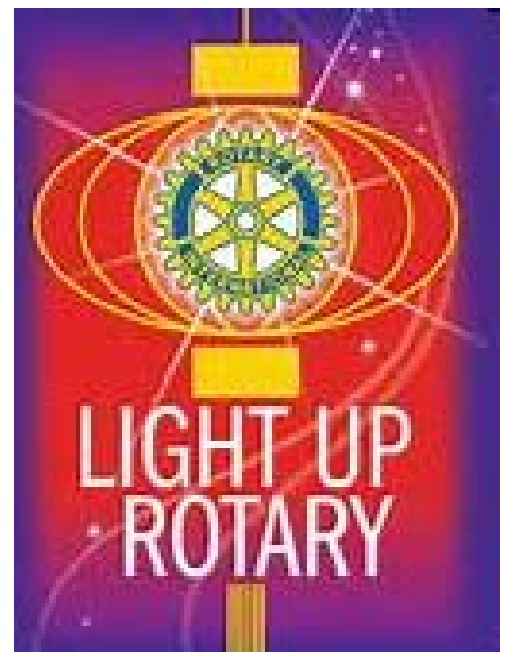
Dan was presented with our Rotary Mug, and John McVickar led the membership in the 4Way Test. Those Rotarians who were interested and able to stay after the meeting, were able to view and hear the balance of Dan's presentation and participate in a Q&A.

Dan's email address is: dsockle@comcast.net if you would like to contact him.

The November 14th meeting will be an update and recap of the Brewfest Fundraiser, with presentation of checks to both The Hilo Medical Center Residency Program, and the Friends of the Childrens Justice Center.



I met Buddy Gordon on a recent trip at the Honolulu airport... Ed Hara



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