



WOW!!

Walking into our meeting room today was a unique experience. It was crowded, loud, colorful and seemed like a happy place to be. And there were strange faces at all the tables everywhere. All the 3rd grade teachers we worked with in our Dictionary Project and some of their principals were here, enjoying lunch and providing good company and conversation. What a great meeting this is going to be today.

GREETERS



Obviously enjoying their duties today welcoming everyone were **Tom Olcott** and **Cindy Boots**.

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Starting the meeting right on time (cause time will be critical today on account of all the items on the agenda provided by our esteemed President),

Pres. Kusunoki called upon **Jerry Watanabe** to lead us in the Pledge to our Flag.

Then things sort of got jumbled around from our usual meeting routine. **Pres. K.** mentioned that this past Monday was Veteran's Day and we should be proud of everything they do to keep our Country safe and asked who in our membership was a veteran. **Richard Johnson** and **Jim Cheney** raised their hands (**Randy Hart** and **Sam Wallis** were not present today) and were duly applauded for their previous service.

And in a change of pace, in honor of the teachers present, **Pres. K.** had us all sing HAWAII PONO'I (which sounded great because of most of the teachers knowing the words) instead of one of our normal songs we've been struggling through each week.

Tammy Silva was thanked for her work at the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home here in Hilo in helping all the patients and residents there and making sure everything keeps running smoothly. She contributed \$20.00 for being recognized thusly.



Past President **Joe Hanley** was called upon, finally, to provide words of inspiration. With Thanksgiving being so close, he mentioned about all the things we should be thankful for and to always count our blessings for all we have.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Tom Olcott was called upon to introduce some of our visitors and guests which were:

Barbara Kupcha from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay

Noko Yoshida from the Rotary Club of South Hilo

Glenn Harris from the Rotary Club of Quincey

Tammy Silva hosted **Momi Snider**.

Then **Wally Wong** went up from and had all the 3rd grade teachers come up for a group photo and receive their gift bag, of which there was a bunch:

Akemi Nakamura & **Kris Cabreira** of Kaumana School,

Cheryl Yoshioka,

Dianne Gallina, **April Harris**, **Kelly Yoshioka**,

Lorna Misech & **Laury Castro** of Keaau School,

Joey Freitas of Mauna Loa School,

Sandra Hathaway of Haili School,

Tiffany Chai of Christian Liberty School,

Trudi Everett & **Marelyn Manliguis** of Kamehameha School,

Mamo Bezilla & **Poha Tolentino-Perry** of Nawahiokalaniopu'u School along with Principals **Kim McCarty**, **Grant Chai**, **Denise Drake** & **Dax Gushiken**.

What a good looking group (this reporter cannot remember his 3rd grade teachers looking anything like these do – what a difference from way back (and I mean WAY back) when and now) assembled up front for their photos and bags.

And the bags, inside were Kindles, \$25.00 Gift Certificates, Rotary Cups and Pens, Hand Sanitizers and various lotions, tickets for Subway sandwiches, candy bars, a book by our own **Sally O'brien** "Love Offerings to the Universe" and other things this reporter couldn't catch. The teachers were somewhat overwhelmed and appreciative.

After they all returned to their tables, **Kui Costa** then went up front and called each teacher up by name and provided them a Certificate that honored their Dedication and Commitment to their craft. Each one was individually printed, by name, and presented in a nice Certificate cover. And as each teacher came up front to receive their Certificate, they got to pose with **Pres. K.** for a photo op. which, hopefully they will receive at a later date as a remembrance of this event.

And, in keeping with the good vibes of what was taking place, **Pres. K.** asked about the longest word in the dictionaries we distributed. He thought it might have been SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS, but of course it was not since that was a word made up for the Mary Poppins movie. **Pres. K.** even tried singing out the explanation and the spelling (you had to be there).



Birthdays:

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

Club Anniversary:

Bob Fujimoto November 16

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter November 7
Steve & Noko Yoshida November 7
Gene & Julia Tao November 13
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass November 22

Announcements:

Fri. Nov. 23
NO Meeting

Fri. Nov. 30
Chancellor Straney
UH Hilo

President	Alan Kusunoki
President Elect	Kerry Glass
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Immediate Past President	Joe Hanley
Secretary	Richard Johnson
Treasurer	William Dolan
Sergeant-at-Arms	John McVickar
Attendance	Judy Gibson
Club Administration	Tom Brown
Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations	Susan Munro
Membership	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations	Robert Hanley
International Service	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
Vocational Service	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
New Generations	Gail Takaki
Club Service	Tim Beatty
The Rotary Foundation	Susan Munro
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation ..	Mitchell Dodo
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation	John McVickar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Yoshida brought us up to date about the Peace Forum event scheduled in January next year in Honolulu with the big announcement that the special guest speaker would be Aung



San Suu Kyi of Myanmar. This is quite a coup for the Peace Forum since she has received over 300 invitations to speak all over the world but is coming here, for us. This is a big deal guys and we should try to attend this Peace Forum if at all possible.

Pres. K. noted that University of Hawaii President MRC Greenwood would be in Hilo on Monday to speak, at the UH-Hilo UCB room 127 from 4:30pm to about 6:00pm Go if you can and hopefully this report will be out early enough on Monday so we can be reminded about this.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Randy Hart was born on November 11 (Veteran's Day – how appropriate)

Gene Tao celebrated his 49th anniversary with wife Julia on November 13. He contributed \$50.00 for being so happy about this.

Bob Fujimoto celebrated his Club anniversary today (11/16) and is our haloed #1 member. He was sponsored by Babe Chillingworth, who many of remember fondly.

HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.

GUEST SPEAKER

Susan Munro provided an eloquent introduction of UHH Dean of the College of Pharmacy John Pezzuto. Mr. Pezzuto seemed to be an apropos speaker today with all the teachers present.

Mr. Pezzuto has spoken to us before, at



least 2 years ago and he thinks even further back since the Pharmacy College didn't get started until around 2006 with the 1st class to be assembled in 2007. It seems like he was here after then because it doesn't seem like that long ago that he was here.

Photos by Kerry Glass

A lot of his talk was a recap of events he related to us back then with updates to what's been happening.

As stated, in 2007 he and the University recruited staff and instructors and admitted students into the classes. A White Coat ceremony was started in commemoration of those entering the profession and studying in the program.

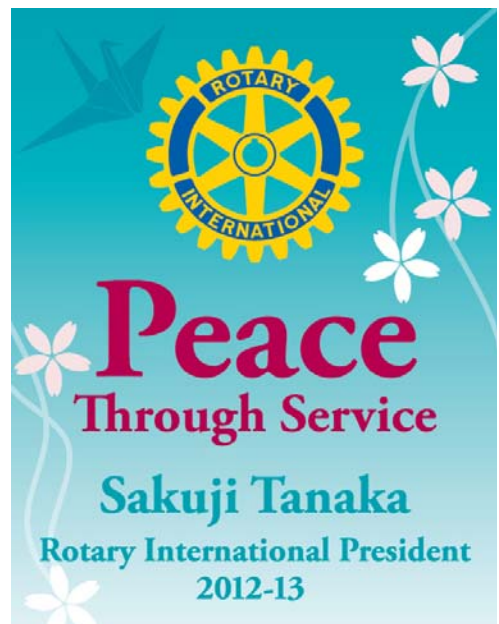
In 2011, the 1st official class graduated with 84 out of the original 90 students receiving their degrees. In 2012, 87 out of 90 finished. Gosh, those are remarkable figures for a 4-year program because university students tend to come and go with finishing percentages usually being a lot lower than these.

The students now come from all over, from 35 different state and many countries. The UH-Hilo program is the only pharmacy college in the Pacific region so it attracts viable candidates from all over. The ethnic diversity resembles the State of Hawai'i diversity which is a far cry from many programs across the country.

The mission of the college is composed of 3 aims: Teaching/Learning – Community Service/Engagement – Research/Discovery.

The University set up a BA program in 2011 and started a PHD program this year in Pharmacy Science. It offers a MS degree in Clinical Psychology. A residency program was established on Maui in 2010 and they want to expand it to the other islands. Continuing education is a must to maintain excellence in this field so they have been trying to build up the library system to accommodate this.

Faculty and students have been place on other island and on the mainland working with various drugstores, hospitals, medical establishments and other outlets that dispense drugs. They try to have the students be visible in the community, like at the College Health Fair and the Merrie Monarch Parade so the public can be aware of the program, which



generates an estimated \$50 million effect per year in the Hilo community.

The research and equipment required in this research has started to make a name for the college. The discovery of Resveratrol, found in grapes and, obviously, red wine was initiated here. Other cancer cells and deterrents for them are being investigated here.

Dean Pezzuto's vision is to improve health in Hawaii and in the Pacific and wants to be rated a top college in pharmacy in the country. These are goals which he feels are capable of being

met. Currently campus space is obviously a problem with offices and classes in buildings and locations all over the city. A new building is being planned for construction on the UHH campus (\$5.5 million has been allocated by the State for this) which should meet all the needs of the program and really be beneficial for the students.

For further information about the UHH program, Dean Pezzuto has published a book "Emergence of the U/H College of Pharmacy" which describes the birth and growth of the program here in detail. You can also contact him at pezzuto@hawaii.edu to be put on the mailing list.

Pres. K. thanked Dean Pezzuto for his informative and interesting talk and presented him with one of our illustrious Koa Pens, as made by Gerard Carter.



In closing, the 4-Way Test was led by Dirk Yoshina.

Pres. K then reminded us that there is NO MEETING next week (the day after Thanksgiving) so don't come. And with that, he gonged the meeting to a close. And see you all in 2 weeks.

What a great meeting today!!!

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