



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: Bobby Stivers-Apiki

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

“Voting is fundamental in our democracy. It has yielded enormous returns.” – Arleen Specter

CALL TO ORDER: Did you know “the village and area of Hilo was named by Kamehameha after a special braid that used to secure his canoe? Hilo in Hawaiian means twist”. (Wikipedia. And so on a beautiful Friday in Hilo, **President Alan Kusunoki** rang the Rotary bell and called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. He called upon our diligent Secretary **Judy Gibson** to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and that was followed by the tender voices singing *America The Beautiful* led by **President Kusunoki**.



INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT: **President Kusunoki** shared a lesson in the 4 Way Test with sharing a true story about a man cutting in line during the London Underground tube strike in 2007.

GREETERS & GUESTS: Today's members and guests were happily greeted by red and white palaka shirt **Sam Wallis** and the gracious **Gay Porter**. **Katy Bannister** of Watsonville, California shared about her club and will be mailing a club flag to **President Kusunoki**. Joining us today was **Lorraine Taki**, guest of **Nancy Cabral** and **Glenn Harris**, guest of **Theresa English**.



President Kusunoki praised last week's Lava Flow reporter, **Newtown Chu** for his excellent written newsletter and to **Bob Hanley** for his awesome photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Susan Munro** informed the members that committee member names can now be posted on the website. She asked committee chairs to add their committee members on the Committee page. **Kerry Glass** was pleased to report that 100% of the club's member profiles have been updated. He requested that if anyone was a member of another Rotary club to email him the name of the club and years of service and he would update your profile. “Girls Rule. Boys Drew” according to **Wally Wong**, Community Service Chair as he mentioned only **Helen Tajiri** and **Cindy Boots** signed up for the community painting project but since our meeting **Harvey Tajiri** will replace **Helen** while **Glenn Harris**, **Tammy Silva**, **Jon McElvany** signed up and **Wally Wong** will complete the project. **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** asked for volunteers to help sell Christmas trees at his Hilo Y's Men & Women Service

Club 63rd Tree Sale. Proceeds to benefit the YMCA youth programs and community organizations. **Jenny Johnson** reminded members to order their new Rotary t-shirts – blue or pink or both. \$15 per shirt. Catch the Rotary spirit!

RECOGNITIONS: Happy Birthday wishes were extended to **Mike Robinson** and **Rand Mundo** (Nov. 8). Happy wedding anniversary to **Chuck** and **Gay Porter** and **Steve** and **Noko Yoshida** (Nov. 7) There were no club anniversaries.

HAPPY DOLLARS: The generosity of members of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** is just amazing! In total **\$1,312.00** was contributed by the following kind hearted members: **Nancy Cabral**, \$500 for the **Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon**; **Gay Porter**, \$300 for her anniversary celebration and good work of Community Service chair, **Wally Wong**; **Chuck Porter**, \$200 for his wedding celebration and special room accommodations on a cruise ship; **Gail Takaki**, \$175 to sponsor a teen for **RYLA**; **Richard Johnson**, **Steve Yoshida** and **Susan Munro** \$20 each for **Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon**; **Mike Robinson**, \$10 for his birthday; **Joe Hanley** \$50 for **Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon** and \$10 for his son's **Valet Military Unit Award**; **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, \$5 for Christmas tree sale; **Helen Hemmes**, \$1 for her son's visit to the Rotary International Headquarters and **Sam Wallis**, \$1 for **Chuck Porter's** wedding anniversary story.

President Kusunoki announced that **Wally Wong** has agreed to serve as Community Service chair for next year.

VOCATIONAL TALK. Past **President Joe Hanley** was today's Vocational Speaker, **Joe's** father was an automobile dealer owner and in 1967 the family moved to Hawaii from Majuro. In 1968 his father purchased Orchid Isle Auto and in 2006 **Joe** purchased OIA from his father. Today he has 56 employees in Hilo and Kona and is in the top 250 Ford auto dealers in the country. **Joe** serves on several community boards and organizations and his 'most proudest moment' was being a member of the **Rotary Club of Hilo**”.



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. 16
Dean John M. Pezzuto
UH College of Pharmacy Update

Sat. Nov. 17
Painting Apartments for Hi Public Housing
8:00 am to 12 noon
440 Kapiolani Street
Wally Wong is contact person

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

Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon. Under the leadership of **Wally Wong** hundreds of 3rd grades now have their own dictionaries, eyes tested and new leanings of what the Rotary 4 Way



Test means. In appreciation of the teacher's outstanding work with their students, **Wally** and his committee of **Steve Hanley, Sally O'Brien, Treena Breyfogle, Theresa English** and **Misty Tyrin** invited 19 teachers to next week's meeting. **Steve** asked members to sponsor and host a teacher and donate money toward gift baskets with school supplies that **Sally** is organizing for the teachers.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Susan Munro** announced that today's guest speaker canceled and called upon **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** to lead a few group activities. "Give Me. Give Me. asked members on each table to collect the most number of items

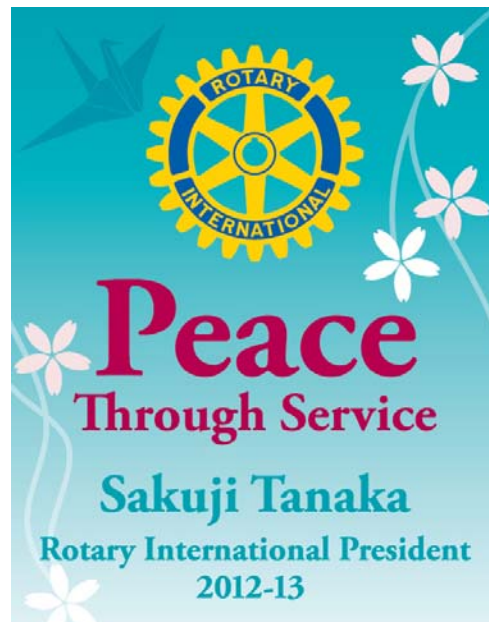


including keys, credit cards, business receipts, social security cards and ending with a group discussion on what Rule #8 of the **Rotary Code of Conduct** means. From the sounds in the room everyone had a nice time.

FOUR WAY TEST: In closing today's meeting, **Steve Hanley** led the **Four Way Test**.

ADJOURNMENT: **President Kusunoki** wished everyone a safe and good weekend and adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

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