



Here we are upstairs again in the little conference room with a somewhat smallish turnout (apparently many are going to the Hilo Bay's Oktoberfest tonight) and seemingly, when **Pres. Johnson** started the meeting, he lost control. It was just one of those days.



To offset the guys' table in the back of the room, near the front of the room was, not intentionally of course, what could be called the "old timers" table. Sitting there were **Russ Oda, Jimmy Yagi, Alan Kusunoki, Dr. Bob Fox, Sam Wallis** and **Jim Cheney** – making the average age there be about 70+ or so. The only one missing was **Bob Fujimoto** and he sat at a different table and, no offense, if he was at this table the average age would have been even higher making this probably the oldest table gathering in the history of our Club.

GREETERS

Corey Kawamoto and **Tim Beatty** did their best at the beginning in welcoming all those who showed up with smiles and displays of warm fellowship. They worked well together and made one feel glad for coming today.



PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Sounding the gong at just about noon-ish, **Pres. Johnson** called the meeting to order stating the obvious facts that we are the 2nd oldest Club in the State of Hawaii and the largest Club on the Big Island.

After this, **Pres. Johnson** seemingly could not decide who would lead us in Pledge to the Flag, finally deciding upon **Jim Kennedy**, who did the job admirably.

New member **Eric Cohen** was called upon to provide our inspirational moment, which wound up being a story of how a Harvard Grad counseled a Mexican fisherman to do well so he could retire and fish for his enjoyment. A nice ironic story.



Kudos were then given to last week's Lava Flow reporter (**Tammy Silva**) and photographer (**Alberta Dobbe**) for their fine work. **Tammy** must have spend some time in her creation of it because it was actually interesting and provided many of her personal thoughts and comments about what actually took place last week. This reporter thinks it was a nice job and **Tammy** should be recognized for her good and creative writing.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Only a few today which made **Corey's** job easier:

David Hupp hosted by **Mitch Roth**

Sandra Song hosted by **Nancy Cabral**

and visiting Rotarians:

Laura Kniffin and **Larry Kniffin** from the Kona Mauka Rotary Club along with their guest **Lisa Halverson**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Johnson commented on tonight's Oktoberfest and encouraged us to go if possible (and **Misti Tyrin** later announced that she still had discount tickets available (paying at the door without a ticket would cost more) and would like to sell them).

Biff Kennedy strongly encouraged having everyone sign up accordingly for the Business Visitations next week so the lunches could be arranged properly. So if you haven't signed up yet, call or email him to do so.

And again, the screen at the front listed the upcoming activities we should be aware of, many of which elicited a few comments from **Pres. Johnson** about our participation in them:

- 10/03 – Oktoberfest for RC of Hilo Bay
- 10/11 – Ironman Aid Station
- 10/18 – Rotary Park Work Day Project
- 10/24 – RI World Polio Day
- 10/25 – YWCA Walk a mile in her Shoes
- 10/30 – Annual Hekka Dinner at the Park
- 10/31 – No Friday Meeting
- 11/01 – D5000 PRLS Meeting
- 11/01 – Hollywood Horror Halloween Ball
- 11/09 – Hilo Med. Found. Wine, Cheese & More

Also, **Pres. Johnson** announced that he and **Jenny** would be leaving on a 5-week trip shortly and that various substitute moderators would be handling the meetings he would be absent from. **Mitch Dodo** was assigned the task of arranging who would be doing this for those weeks. Good Luck **Mitch** in getting volunteers. In gratitude for us accepting his absence, **Pres. Johnson** contributed two \$100.00 checks in his and **Jenny's** name to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus. That's nice but it really doesn't make up for being gone for 5 weeks.

Gail Takaki and **Christina Dhillon** wore matching hats (very becoming in a be-witching style) to help promote the Hollywood Horror Halloween Ball on Nov. 1st, encouraging us to support this event (similar to our Embalmer's Balls in previous years). The event is for a fine cause for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

A copy of the photo that appeared this week in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald about our Interact Club and many of our member Rotarians in their "Bag It" project around Banyan Drive a while back. Good publicity for us and Interact.

HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS



Jim Cheney was up quickly to say that in **Tammy's** LF report last week, she overstated on how much weight he has lost so far from his medications. It has been only 15 pounds, NOT 25. If he lost 25, then he would be svelte and trim and almost back to his college weight, which he

Birthdays:

Chris Tamm October 6
Nancy Cabral October 12
Tammy Silva October 15
Gerard Carter October 26

Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart October 14 1994 (20)
Ron Dolan October 4 1991 (23)
Gene Tao October 11 1985 (29)
Treena Breyfogle October 12 2012 (2)
Alan Kusunoki October 15 1993 (21)
Wayne Atebara October 15 1997 (17)
Cowboy Kaneshiro October 22 1999 (15)
Rand Mundo October 22 1994 (10)

Wedding Anniversary:

Craig & Linday Shikuma October 15 (34)
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16 (32)
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26 (46)
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27 (30)

Announcements:

Fri. October 10 Business Visitations
Dodo Mortuary
Hawaii Printing/Instant Sign Center
Smithsonian Institute
Dr. Mundo's Podiatry
Fri. October 17 Jen McGeehan, Author
Fri. October 24 - Al Jubitz, Rotary Club of Portland
House of Friendship - Peace Through Rotary
Thurs. October 30 - Club Social - Hekka Party
Fri. October 31 - No Meeting

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

cannot even remember being at.

Marcia Prose gave \$5.00 for promoting the Palace Theater upcoming events and did mention that they will have a Rocky Horror Picture Show experience on Halloween (October 31st for those of you not in the know).



Sam Wallis wasn't at a meeting here for **Pres. Johnson** to catch him for his 70th birthday back on 09/22/14 – so he have a nice check to the Rotary Foundation.



Mitch Roth was happy that **David Hupp** was here (and actually more about this later) because he has founded and run many juvenile programs for the benefit of the kids. Then **Mitch** invited everyone to be at the Ponds restaurant on November 11th so they could watch his appearance on the Wheel of Fortune TV show. Contractual obligations prohibit him from telling us how he did on that show so we will just have to wait and see (or go to the Ponds and celebrate).



Joe Hanley is glad to be back after spending a lot of time on the mainland visiting and getting to know his new granddaughter.



Misti was \$10.00 happy that the Dictionary Project is up-coming and right around the corner and she needs lots of volunteers to help distribute these to all the various classes and schools in our District, especially at Keaau Elementary where there are 6 classrooms eligible to receive our dictionaries.



Laura Kniffin gave \$5.00 in saying we need young people in Rotary and encouraged us to consider **Lisa Halverson** (quick, somebody invite her!!).



Cindy Boots was ecstatic over the Packers victory over the Vikings on Thursday (\$42.00 for the number of points the Packers scored) in their NFL football game (for those of you not in the know at to who the Packers and Vikings are).



Misti and **Gail** donated a few dollars in commenting on their various upcoming events (which we already mentioned).

Nancy Cabral was \$50.00 happy for being able to bring past member **Sandra Song** to our meeting today (late, of course, and not on the sign-up sheet).



Alberta was \$5.00 happy for **Ed Hara's** photo to the paper on the Interact clean up project.



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

And here's where **Pres. Johnson** really started to fall apart as he couldn't get his computer to display the slide showing all of the birthdays and anniversaries of the past week, and he really tried. Well he didn't miss a whole lot cause there were NO birthdays or wedding anniversaries on the calendar for the past week. However there were 3 of us who celebrated their Club Anniversary this week: **Corey** and **Tim** on 09/27 (12 years in Rotary) and **Randy Hart** on 10/01 celebrating 20 years in Rotary. But **Pres. Johnson** didn't know this so couldn't say or do anything to honor those members.

GUEST SPEAKER

And in keeping with losing control, our regularly scheduled speaker, **MS Springer Kaye** from the UH – Hilo to talk about Invasive Pests, was a no-show. So we had nobody and 30 minutes to kill.

A quick plea went out to **Mitch Roth** for his guest **David Hupp** to say a few words about their activities



in the Office of Youth Services and what's happening with juveniles in detention here on the Big Island and in the State. And so, after a little begging, they went up to basically just talk conversationally about kids in trouble. All ad-lib.

And you know what, this wound up being one of the more interesting and informative speakers we've had in a long, long time. It was all off the cuff and unprepared and casual, with the info being presented about the kids and what happens to them in lock-up and/or detention being very poignant to us.

Mr. Hupp was appointed the Youth Services Director in the State way back by Gov. Lingle and apparently did such a fine job that the Feds made current Gov. Abercrombie bring him back under his administration to run the program.

Mr. Hupp is from Oahu and travels to the various islands to see how the Youth Justice system is working and what kids are in it and how they could be catered to. It seems most of the kid are not really felony offenders but kids who get in trouble for missing school, minor offenses and family abusive situations. And these kids need protection from adults in custody as they are mostly disconnected and not really criminals for the most part. Only about 5% of them are actually in custody for felony crimes, which is a lot less than mainland statistics.

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

It costs \$199,000 a year to incarcerate a child (someone made a comment that, heck, we could keep them at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel for the year and feed them for a lot less money) so it makes sense to get these Services programs going to not have to lock these kids up. Jailing them causes more problems over the long haul than actually helping them.

Kids don't get to pick their parents, their environment and a lot of other things so they are subjected to life and activities that seem offensive to society. Kids are being locked up for being a danger to the public yet most of the fault is from their parents and the pressure put on them from the situations they are in. They get punished for their parents behaviors. And when they are put in detention or jail, they get released later with "learned" backgrounds and diminishing returns in being functional in society.

They (and we, essentially) are going to pay all their lives if we don't resolve their problems.

The Youth Services Center will check out what the kids need to get things changed and under control and into self-help programs. Right now about 80% of the kids with previous incarcerated parents will likely have problems of their own and get into the justice system. Not a good statistic.

Youth Challenge gives structure to the kids in trouble who have not committed a felony yet.

All these programs cost money and his budget for the lot of them is about \$20,000,000.

Currently enrollment is way down (and that's a good thing apparently) – 7 girls and 29 boys along with many on parole for past actions. And the good thing is that recidivism is down also – good for both the kids and society in general. However there are not enough parole officers to help the kids when they can possible prevent trouble. The lock-up numbers are unfortunately 60% kids from the neighbor islands when 70% of the State's population is on Oahu.

And with that, Mr. Hupp answered some questions from the audience and ended his account of his activities.



Pres. Johnson gave Mr. Hupp our Rotary Cup as a token of appreciation and his thanks for being a willing substitute speaker!



CLOSE OF MEETING

And with that Kui Costa had the honor in leading us in the recitation of the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do after which the meeting was called to an end.

And don't forget, business visitations next week at 4 memorable sites.

