



# Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

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*The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo*

On this very picturesque 286th day of the year, **President Alan Kusunoki** called to order the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo at 12:09 p.m. A smaller than usual group today convened in a different venue of the busy Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, the Queen's Court Dining Room, overlooking Mokuola (Coconut Island) in Hilo Bay.

**Kui Costa** was requested to lead the club in the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by group singing of "America the Beautiful".

**Wally Wong** next came up to the podium for his words of inspiration to club members which actually consisted of what inspired **Wally**; his involvement and participation with the numerous youth-based activities our club assists with such as the "Third Grade Dictionary Project" and "Vision Screening" just to name a few. **Wally's** firm belief in nurturing the youth today to become the leaders of tomorrow is what motivates him to continue helping and encourages other club members to follow.

Our **greeters for the day** were **Sally O'Brien** and **Dr. Rand Mundo**, who also reminisced about his youth playing on Mokuola, while cheerfully welcoming club members and guests for the day. Those guests included **Treena Breyfogle**, by member **Susan Munro**, and **Glenn and Annie Harris**, by member **Theresa English**. **Susan** pointed out today was the last time **Treena** was going to be a guest of the club, as she was soon to be inducted as a new member. The **Harris'** were visiting from Quincy, Nevada.



After their introductions **President Alan** thanked **Theresa** (a.k.a. "Lycheemama") for being the "Lava Flow" reporter last week along with **Jim Cheney** for being the photographer.

**Announcements** consisted of **Wally Wong** encouraging members to participate in distributing water and other items to Ironman Triathlon competitors in Hawi, Kohala, Hawaii on October 13th (Saturday). To date only four members have signed up to help.

**President Alan** also encouraged members to attend two upcoming District Training Seminars in Hilo. The first being held on October 20th (Saturday) at the Big Island Toyota Dealership meeting room on Kaneohehewa Avenue beginning at 8:15 a.m. The topics for that day include a focus on Membership, Vocational Service, and TRF (The Rotary Foundation). Breakfast will be served for \$5.00 and lunch will also be served for an additional \$5.00. If you didn't get your fill (of Rotary) on that day another training seminar will be held at the same location on November 3rd (Saturday) focusing again on TRF and "Future Vision". The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. with the same \$5.00 fees applicable for breakfast and lunch. The added incentive for attending this training is attendees will receive the equivalent of \$100.00 in "incentive points" towards attaining their first, or hopefully next, **Paul Harris Fellow** award.

Please check with **President Alan** for the specifics. A sign-up sheet was passed around and he hopes to see your name on it as attending!

Members who celebrated a **birthday** in the last week included **Chris Tamm**, **Stan Fortuna**, and **Nancy Cabral**, all of which were not present at the meeting. There were no wedding anniversaries and the only member celebrating a **club anniversary** was **Eugene Tao**, who was also not present.

**President Alan**, being at somewhat of a loss for not being able to assess fines to anyone yet, took to his next order of business of **inducting a new member** to the club. **Treena Breyfogle**, sponsored by **Susan Munro**, was read the induction speech by the President and then the "pinning ceremony" took place with **Susan** first pinning **Treena** with a Rotary pin and then **Treena** returning the favor to **Susan** with a new "Ignite" pin. Immediately after this **Alan** welcomed all club members to come up and congratulate **Treena** on her new membership into the Club and Rotary International. **Treena** joins us under the classification "Education – Retired".



With the formalities being completed the floor was then opened up to **"Happy Dollars"**. **Susan Munro** took the lead, with the excitement of just sponsoring Treena as a new member still in her mind, and graciously donated **\$20.00** to TRF for the event. **Sally O'Brien** was **\$26.00** happy for today being the 26th anniversary of starting her own business in the year 1986. Still reeling from just being inducted as a new member **Treena Breyfogle** was able to regain her senses momentarily and pulled **\$15.00** from her wallet to announce she was happy to join the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. **Helen Hemmes** was happy for an undisclosed amount to TRF for having just returned from her 45th class reunion in Pella, Iowa where she and husband **Don** were voted "Alumnus of the Year"; **Helen** for her years of volunteerism and community service and **Don** for his educational achievements.

The President next called upon **Vocational Services** Chairperson **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** as our guest speaker of the day to talk about the theme for the month of October, Vocational Services. After taking the floor **Bobby** announced we would be watching only part one of a three part series of YouTube videos of a talk given at the 2009 Rotary International Assembly on Vocational Service.



However, before the video was shown, **Bobby** called upon Past-President **Jim Cheney** to come to the front and do a short vocational talk. **Jim** was more than happy to do so and began by saying he was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where he was considered

**Birthdays:**

Laurie Bass October 4  
Chris Tamm October 6  
Stan Fortuna October 10  
Nancy Cabral October 12  
Gerard Carter October 26

**Club Anniversary:**

Stan Fortuna October 2  
Ron Dolan October 4  
Gene Tao October 11  
Alan Kusunoki October 15  
Wayne Atebara October 17  
Akira Watanabe October 17  
Wayne Kaneshiro October 22  
Rand Mundo October 22  
Sandra Song October 30

**Wedding Anniversary:**

Craig & Linda Shikuma October 15  
Newton & Roberta Chu October 16  
Chris & Barbara Tamm October 26  
Jim & Linda Kennedy October 27

**Announcements:**

Fri. Oct. 19  
Joyce Iwashita  
Principal of Kalaniana'ole School  
Fri. Oct. 26  
Steve Yoshida  
Update on Peace Forum & International  
Committee Projects  
Fri. Nov. 2  
Club Assembly  
Fri. Nov. 9  
Christopher Phillips, Imiloa  
"Reach for the Stars" - Afghanistan  
Fri. Nov. 16  
Dean John M. Pezzuto  
UH College of Pharmacy Update

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



quiet and shy by his schoolmates. He also gave \$5.00 Happy Dollars for being a follower of his hometown Baseball team, the Detroit Tigers. In his youth, Jim was an avid player of various card games, for which his passion still continues today in his playing of the game Bridge. After completing school he joined the military and was sent to Vietnam, but was proud to have never had to fire his weapon. After his service to our Country Jim returned to Detroit and took employment with General Motors Chevrolet Division as a computer programmer. After working for Chevrolet for a few years Jim and family decided to move to Honolulu, Hawaii and start a new career. His first employment was a sales position with the Dale Carnegie organization, of which he still keeps a memorable letter opener from his time with the company that he brought to show club members. Deciding he needed to broaden his horizons Jim made to the move to the Moore Business Forms Company, where he worked for the next 15 years. Jim was then contacted by Big Island resident Pete Muller to move to Hilo and to work for him. It's been about 15 years since Jim moved to Hilo and about 10 years ago he became his own boss and started his own company, Double H Printed Products, which will sell you almost anything with YOUR name on it. From forms to house slippers, Jim can get your name on it and have it printed by the thousands. Jim has developed a firm belief in the power of excellent customer service and wants to be top-of-mind when it comes to customers looking to purchase printed products. Jim named his company "Double H", which stands for "Hawaiian Hawkeye", due to his uncanny resemblance to Alan Alda's character "Hawkeye Pierce" in the '70's and 80's television series "M\*A\*S\*H".

Bobby then took the floor again and mentioned to the club he was still looking for members to open their business establishments for high school career shadowing opportunities and for business visitations in January 2013. The aforementioned video was then shown for a few minutes and part one of the three-part series abruptly ended with a cliff-hanger with club members begging for more.

President-Elect Kerry Glass quickly stepped-in and offered relief for club members who had the burning desire to re-watch part one

and also watch parts two and three by going to the website www.youtube.com and search for "2009 International Rotary Assembly Vocational Service". This reporter could be wrong, but could have sworn he saw some club members, Corey Kawamoto in particular, immediately start searching for the video on their smart phones! After the video Bobby encouraged the group to participate in an interactive experience he titled "table talk" in which Bobby asked the following questions with discussion to follow amongst your tablemates. "What was your first paid job and how much were you paid?", "What was your most unusual job?", and "What was the funniest thing that ever happened at your company Christmas Party?". The answers were mixed and humorous, but all had a good time sharing. Good job, Bobby! The "Four-Way Test" of the things we think, say, or do, was administered by our newest member Treena Breyfogle and the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.



Susan & Treena

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Through Service  
Sakuji Tanaka  
Rotary International President  
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