



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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92 Years of Service

Reporter: Double Duty

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



With plenty of gusto, **President Kerry Glass** gonged the gong to begin the meeting, proving that neither snow, sleet, hail or the recent government shutdown could keep Rotarians from conducting business. **President Kerry** welcomed members to **Vocational Service Month** and asked **Cindy Boots** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yours truly provided some thought-provoking "Did You Know Russ Oda-isms" on the fact that all non-living things have a gender. For example: A tire is male because it goes bald and is often over-inflated. Sponges are female because they're soft, squeezable and retain water. Read more on this in the Happy Dollars section of the newsletter.



President Kerry thanked our greeters, **Jim Kennedy** and **Jim Cheney**. **Jim K.** introduced our guests: **Carol Van Camp** and **Mary Begier** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay; **Julie Cox**, guest of **Richard Johnson**; **Patti Day**, sister and guest of **Nancy Cabral**; Waiakea Interactors **Melissa Boaz** and **Donn Pinnow**, guests of **Tammy Silva**; Waiakea Interact Club President **Lindsey Yamane** and Club Adviser **Tim Miyao**, guests of **Yoko Hayano**; Waiakea Interactor **Eva Abraham**, guest of **Bobby Stivers**; and **Randy Hirokawa**, guest of **Treena Breyfogle** and today's guest speaker.

President Kerry thanked **Helen Hemmes** and **Chris Tamm**, last week's Lava Flow Reporter and Photographer, respectively. He also acknowledged the on-going hard work of **Tammy Silva**, Lava Flow Coordinator, and **Ed Hara**, Lava Flow Publisher.

President Kerry also proudly acknowledged the club members for surpassing the \$400 fundraising goal for **Polio Plus** by donating, to date, \$921! Our illustrious president wrote a check for \$79 to make it an even \$1,000!

Announcements of Upcoming Events:

** **Thur., Oct. 24th...** **Tim Beatty** invited everyone to sign up for the Chili & Dessert Cook-Off at Wailoa State Park.

** **Sat., Oct. 26th...** You can still register for the YWCA's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes Fundraiser to help stamp out sex assault and domestic violence. **President Kerry**, **Nancy Cabral** and **Patti Day** are representing our club as walkers and they could use a few more on the team. Registration is just \$25.00.

** **Sat., Oct. 26th...** **Reverend Tom Olcott's** retirement celebration is at 5:00pm at the Church of the Holy Cross. RSVP by calling 935-1283. He will be flying to the mainland on Nov. 18th.

** **Sat., Nov. 2nd...** **Rotary Membership & Foundation Seminar** at Hospice of Hilo, Building B, 9:00am-Noon.

** **Sun., Nov. 3rd...** Hilo Medical Center Foundation's Wine, Cheese, Chocolate & More Event, 4:00-7:00pm at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. **Richard Johnson** has tickets for \$65.00.

Birthdays:

Nancy Cabral celebrated her birthday (10/12) by giving \$61 to the club; **Tammy Silva** donated \$20 to **Polio Plus** in honor of her birthday (10/15).



Wedding Anniversaries:

Recognized in absentia: **Craig & Linda Shikuma** married 33 years (10/15/80) and **Newton & Roberta Chu** married 31 years (10/16/82)

Club Anniversaries:



Treena Breyfogle gave \$5.00 to **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** in honor of her first year with the club (10/12/12); **Alan Kusunoki** gave \$20.00 to **The Rotary Foundation** in honor of his 20th year with the club (10/15/93); recognized in absentia were **Wayne Atebara** for 16 years (10/17/97) and **Aki Watanabe** for 44 years (10/17/69).

Happy Dollars...

Plenty members were happy, including:



** **Mike Robinson** was \$5 happy for participating on Rotary's team at the Ironman in Kona;

** **Jim Cheney** was \$10 happy that years ago during his Rotary presidency he was never able

to get UH Chancellor **Evan Dobbelle** to speak at our club. Turns out Mr. Dobbelle recently left another college institution under questionable circumstances.



** **Bobby Stivers** gave 10 happy dollars to recognize **Tammy Silva** and **Doug Arnott** for being mentors for Vocational Service Month.

** **Past President Alan Kusunoki** gave a sad \$1.00 for furloughed Federal workers.



** **Cindy Boots** gave 20 happy dollars to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** because she attended a Rotary meeting on the mainland near her hometown and she said our club meetings are a lot more fun!

Birthdays:

Laurie Bass October 4
 Chris Tamm October 6
 Nancy Cabral October 12
 Tammy Silva October 15
 Gerard Carter October 26

Club Anniversary:

Randy Hart October 1, 1994
 Ron Dolan October 4, 1991
 Gene Tao October 11, 1985
 Treena Breyfogle October 12, 2012
 Alan Kusunoki October 15, 1993
 Wayne Atebara October 17, 1997
 Akira Watanabe October 17, 1969
 Wayne Kaneshiro October 22, 1999
 Rand Mundo October 22, 2004
 Sandra Song October 30, 2009

Wedding Anniversary:

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

Announcements:

- Thurs. Oct. 24 Chili/Dessert Social
- Fri. Oct. 25 No Meeting
- Fri. Nov. 1 Cliff Townsend
- Sat. Nov. 2 Membership, Foundation & Qualification Seminar
- Fri. Nov. 8 Club Assembly
- Fri. Nov. 15 Steve Yoshida
- Fri. Nov. 22 Ian Hatch

President	Kerry Glass
President Elect	Richard Johnson
Immediate Past President	Alan Kusunoki
Vice President	Alberta Dobbe
Secretary	Susan Munro
Treasurer	Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cindy Boots
Membership	Nancy Cabral
Public Relations	Robert Hanley
Club Administration	Tom Brown
Service Projects	Mitchell Dodo
Rotary Foundations	Alan Kusunoki
Club Service	Tim Beatty
International Service	Steve Yoshida
Community Service	Wallace Wong
New Generations	Glenn Harris
Vocational Service	Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Hilo Rotary Club Foundation	John McVickar
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation	Mitchell Dodo
The Rotary Foundation	Alan Kusunoki
Attendance	Judy Gibson
Greeters	Helene Tajiri
Programs	Treena Breyfogle
Lava Flow Editor	Tammy Silva

** **Chuck Porter** gave **five happy dollars** so he could argue that tires are female because they have blowouts.



** **Bob Fox** gave **\$5.00** and he added a comment



to **Chuck's** which won't be repeated because this is a family-friendly newsletter.

** **Randy Hirokawa**, our guest speaker, gave **\$5.00** because he was happy for **Treena** in asking him to be our speaker.



** A Total of **\$14** was collected in the **Polio Plus** table jars.

Program:

Treena introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Randy Hirokawa** who has served as the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at UH-Hilo since January 2005. Prior to that he served on the faculty at Penn State and at the University of Iowa where he held positions in both the Communication Studies and Community and Behavioral Health Departments. He has received many awards, including the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award, Collegiate Teaching Award and was inducted into the University of Washington's Dept. of Communication Alumni Hall of Fame.



Dr. Hirokawa is known for his expertise in the area of small group communication and group decision-making effectiveness. He spoke very knowledgably and interestingly about the subject. Some of the information he shared: Group decision-making pervades all facets of our everyday lives, from teams at work to juries to church committees. Important decisions are being made all the time by groups. Society would come to a grinding halt if we were no longer able to use groups to make crucial decisions. However, groups aren't magic bullets. They can make bad decisions. One observation: A committee is a cul-de-sac down which promising young ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.

Things that can influence bad decisions include misunderstanding the problem, identifying improper goals, failure to consider all possibilities, overestimating positives and underestimating negatives. **Dr. Hirokawa** also pointed out that people in a group or on a committee may think the opposite of what is being said aloud to the group, but they may not verbalize their thoughts for fear of repercussions.

Dr. Hirokawa cited examples of why we make bad decisions, such as the decision to invade Iraq was due to a faulty understanding of the problem. In the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, the number one objective being the safe return of the crew was replaced by the priority of staying on schedule. **Dr. Hirokawa** also pointed out that in Hawaii's culture, the dynamic to object or disagree with someone is not a prevalent trait.

Dr. Hirokawa was a most interesting and thought-provoking guest speaker and was presented with a **Gerard Carter** koa pen by **President Kerry**.



Reminder: There is no meeting on Friday, October 25th because of our Chili & Dessert Cookoff on Thursday, October 24th.

Tammy Silva led us in the **Four Way Test** and **President Kerry** rang the bell to adjourn the meeting.



Interact Students on "job Shadowing" day joins Rotarians for lunch.

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

