



Rotary News

Lava FLOW

October 26, 2012

92 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reporter: The Crimson Shadow

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

After the pledge to our flag (sorry—your reporter missed the presenter), **PRESIDENT ALAN** called upon members to join him in singing a robust rendition of our national anthem. Our president then offered a thought for the day:

"Ever notice how people who tell you to calm down ... are the ones who got you mad in the first place?!"



Our *greeters for the day*, **LORRAINE INOUYE** and **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI**, were



acknowledged and **LORRAINE** introduced the following Rotary guests and guests of Rotarians. Visiting from Telluride, Colorado was **Mark Westmera** and his Danish exchange "daughter," **Anne Fledelius**. Local club

visitors included our **ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR, CHARLENE MEYERS** and fellow Volcano Club Rotarian, **ROSS RAMMELMEYER**. Our INTERNATIONAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, **STEVE YOSHIDA** brought his wife **Noko** and **Erin Ghambi** from Zambia. **KUI COSTA** (Interact co-chair with **ED HARA**) introduced her guests, Waiakea High School Interact



Faculty Advisor **NAPUA SUMIDA** and **AKIL MARSHALL** (club president). **AKIL** gave members an impromptu update on the club's current activities.



PRESIDENT ALAN then thanked **CINDY BOOTS** and **CHRIS TAMM** for last week's Lava Flow report and photographs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS included two "Scary Friday" Halloween surprises by think-out-of-the-box Vocational Services Director **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI**. The first was a color-coded card designed to jolt members out of their luncheon seating habits and direct them to a DIFFERENT table for lunch to "mix it up" a bit. The second surprise was a quiz sheet with members' company logos. The object of the quiz was to identify as many member logos as possible. In

order to avoid embarrassing members, **BOBBY** threw in a free-bee question. Then, after much head-scratching by members during the meeting, **BOBBY** revealed the identity of those logos not guessed by the members before the meeting concluded.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This coming Saturday November 3rd District 5000 will introduce how **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** and **Future Vision** changes will affect the disbursement of funds for local and international projects. Decentralization of funding decisions from the International to the District level is expected to accelerate the approval process and increase typical project sizes from about **\$5,000** for the typical club-level project to **\$25,000 to \$30,000**—a five-fold increase on the size and impact of Rotary projects—both local and international. A distilled (no guys—NOT liquor!) training session will be held from 8:30 to 11 AM at the Toyota dealership training room at 811 Kanoehua Avenue. A FANTASTIC continental breakfast will be catered by **ADJ Charlene Meyers** for a nominal fee of \$5 per person. As an additional incentive, D5000 has offered a \$100 transfer toward Paul Harris Fellowships for those members attending the session.

RECOGNITIONS— **GERARD CARTER** celebrated a birthday on this Friday October 26th, but was not present to trigger the birthday song. (**PRESIDENT ALAN WILL GET YOU NEXT TIME, GERARD!**) **CHRIS TAMM** also celebrated 88 years of blissful marriage (44 years for him and 44 years for his wife, **Barbara**). **CHRIS** paid \$44 for HIS share of the bliss. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH **GERARD AND CHRIS!**

THE MAIN EVENT—PEACE FORUM IN OAHU JANUARY 2013

Adjusting the agenda to accommodate guest program speakers, **PRESIDENT ALAN** then turned to International Services Director **STEVE YOSHIDA**, who introduced his guest from Zambia, **Erin Ghambi**. **Erin** is studying political science at BYU on Oahu and plans to return to Zambia after finishing his



degree at BYU. Before coming to Hawaii, **Erin** worked for a Cabinet Minister in the Zambian government who happened to be a Rotarian. The Rotary connection lead to **Erin** working with **STEVE YOSHIDA** and the Peace Forum committee. This in turn resulted in the chartering of a new Rotaract Club at BYU that now meets weekly and has already initiated several international



partnering projects. The club is actively recruiting candidates for the Peace Forum.

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. 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

STEVE YOSHIDA followed up with a brief overview of the Peace Forum in Honolulu, which will be held on January 25th and 26th at the Convention Center. The Honolulu forum will be one of three Rotary Peace Forums held during 2013, with the other two taking place in Hiroshima and Berlin. The aim of these Forums is to encourage young leaders to get involved in global discussions of issues and approaches that will enhance prospects for world peace. While senior Rotary International officers will preside at all three forums, the programs will consist of presentations and workshops lead by inspirational young leaders who will challenge conference participants to work together to address global issues.

STEVE noted that a MYSTERY GUEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER—a world-renowned Nobel peace laureate recipient—will be giving the key note address to the conference—and that when the identity of this speaker is known, all seats to the Forum will likely be sold out. **Steve** offered a discount to members who sign up before November 15th. Message to members: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW—or you will probably miss the opportunity to attend! The identity of the mystery speaker will be announced on November 15th.

ADG CHARLENE MEYERS made a moving presentation to past club president **MITCH DODO** of a TRF "Quest" award. This legacy gift to TRF provides a means for generous Rotarians (THAT is a redundant description—Rotarians by DEFINITION are generous!!) to perpetuate their giving to Rotary even after a good undertaker has



formally ended this chapter of their experience. **MITCH**, who well knows the frailties of the human condition, decided at the ripe old age of 42 that, based upon his experience, one never knows what will happen next—or when. He expressed profound gratitude for the way in which Rotary has expanded his view of "what's out there beyond the island," and committed \$10,000 of his future estate to The Rotary Foundation. **MITCH**, OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOU—MAHALO FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO ROTARY AND FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! By the way, **ADG CHARLENE MEYERS** has also made the "Quest" commitment. Members are encouraged to give

Photos by **GAIL TAKAKI**

thought to doing the same, as among other benefits, estate taxes are reduced when the legacy is given to TRF.

HAPPY \$\$\$s were contributed by immediate past president **JOE HANLEY**, who gave \$5 in support our military veterans. **HELENE TAJIRI** was \$50 happy for a special trip to one of the holiest of cities in the world (Jerusalem) during which she was impressed by the daily peaceful coexistence of people from the world's three major religions. **STEW HUSSEY** echoed **Helene's** thoughts, and wondered if politicians would ever be able to just let people live their daily lives as good neighbors. **STEW** gave \$100 to TRF with a thought about how good it always is to come home.

JENNY JOHNSON showed members several designs for "Rotarians at Work" shirts, and asked members for their suggestions. More to come by email.

The final event of the meeting featured master

a u c t i o n e e r
NEWTON CHU raising funds for our Club's treasury by bidding up prices for beautiful anthurium arrangements (including Halloween decorations) donated by **LORRAINE**



INOUE. **NEWT's** efforts produced several hundred dollars for the club. **NANCY CABRAL** bid \$50 for one arrangement, then added another \$500 toward the Hilo Medical Foundation's Residency Program, noting that this worthwhile program will unfortunately not have the support of our Club's Embalmer's Ball contributions this year. THANKS **NEWT, LORRAINE, NANCY, AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED**. Your continuing generosity and talents are much appreciated!

The meeting was adjourned with **PAST PRESIDENT GAY PORTER** leading the group in the **Four Way Test + 1 = HAVE FUN!!!!**

