



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

September 19, 2014 94 Years of Service Reporter: Double H

The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Here it is Friday afternoon already and time for our weekly get-together of the Rotary Club of Hilo. As this reporter was sitting at the table waiting for the meeting to start, I was commenting to a fellow Rotarian on how much leeway and power a *Lava Flow* reporter has in summarizing what goes on at a meeting and how he can make seemingly little things sound good or bad for anyone doing or saying something at the meeting. Well this fellow Rotarian who I was chatting with (and I won't mention any names but her initials are KM) said we should go for the jugular and be as sarcastic as we need to be, if its not hurtful of course. I thought we did this since usually *LF* reporters can generally speak their minds without too much of a backlash. But today's report will be my normal mild, gentle (HA!) summary to today's happenings.



GREETERS

Welcoming all to our meeting today with smiles and open arms were **Biff Kennedy** and **Theresa English**. Nice job guys!

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. Repetition of these facts makes us knowledgeable if we have conversations with non-Rotarians and we can include them in our talk with them and actually sound like we know a lot about Rotary.



After this, **Pres. Johnson** called on **Judy Gibson** to lead us in the recitation of the Pledge to the Flag, which she did with her normal gusto.



Christina Dhillon, who seemingly forgot that it was her turn to do this, was called upon to provide us with words of inspiration, which turned out be quotes from famous people about animals. I guess she's an animal lover (like **Nancy** and her horses). For those not in attendance today, some of them

were:

1. Happiness is a warm puppy.
2. The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.
3. A Horse! A Horse! My kingdom for a horse!
4. Animals don't hate, and we're supposed to be better than them.

There's more but you get the idea.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Since the 2 greeters worked in tandem welcoming everyone, they did the same in introducing our visitors and guests, which were:

Mike Daniels hosted by **Cowboy Kaneshiro**
Doug Simons (our guest speaker) by **Jim Kennedy**
Dennis Mayo hosted by **Glenn Harris**

and visiting Rotarians:

Malcolm Smith from La Serena Chile
Anamaria Smith from La Serena Chile
Greg Duckworth of Charlotte, NC (who brought his son **Gregory Duckworth II** as his guest)
PDG Pete Muller & **Keith Marrack** of RC of South Hilo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks and kudos were given to last week's *Lava Flow* Reporter and Photographer, **Bobbie Stivers** and **Ian Hatch** respectively.

A quick review of upcoming events which most of us were already aware of:

- 09/20 – Interact Club Beach Clean-up
- 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



For more details about the above you can check last week's *LF* or contact our esteemed Club President.

PDG Muller was called upon to tell us a joke, which he had prepared especially for us. It was quite long (he had to read it) and somewhat tacky about our **U.S. President, Mr. Obama**. It was ok.



Our visiting Rotarian from North Carolina, **Greg Duckworth**, then exchanged banners with **Pres. Johnson** and said a few things about his Club, which is actually fairly small in size.



Then **Alan Kusunoki** went up front and presented Paul Harris Fellowship pins to **Rand Mundo** (PH +1) and **Richard and Jenny Johnson** (both PH +4). Way to go guys!!!



And in the same vein, **Mitch Dodo** honored **Chris Tamm** for the **\$1,000** total donation to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, the **Maurice J. Sullivan Fellow**. This is one we don't often reach but **Chris** has done well for himself.



Photos by **Bob Hanley**

Birthdays:

Yoko Hayano September 3
John McVickar September 4
Robert Fox September 5
Craig Shikuma September 9
Cel Ruwethin September 10
Cindy Boots September 14
Christina Dhillon September 14
Tim Beatty September 22
Sam Wallis September 22

Club Anniversary:

Joe Hanley September 4, 1987 (27)
James Yagi September 17, 1965 (49)
Ian Birnie September 20, 1985 (29)
Newton Chu September 22, 1995 (19)
Jerry Watanabe September 22, 1989 (25)
Tim Beatty September 27, 2002 (12)
Corey Kawamoto September 27, 2002 (12)

Wedding Anniversary:

Tim & Kanoa Beatty September 2 (13)
Helen & Don Hemmes September 2 (47)
Rand & Joann Mundo September 6 (11)
Misti & James Tyrin September 8 (7)
Alan & Zohra kusunoki September 20 (42)

Announcements:

Fri. September 26 -Habitat for Humanity
Julie Hugo
Fri. October 4 Ms. Springer Kaye
UH Hilo Invasive Pests
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

For our October 10th meeting, that will be our annual Business Visitations event and the 4 locales we can go see are:

Dodo Mortuary (a breathtaking visit to say the least)

Hawaii Printing/Instant Sign Center (learn all you can about the printing industry)

Smithsonian Institute (about what's Washington and here)

Dr. Mundo's Podiatry office (maybe this will help keep your foot out of your mouth)

Glenn then offered great thanks to **Steve Handy** for his presentation to the Interact Club about the Tahiti project he sponsored and about all of us for our efforts in the ongoing Read-to-Me project (the kids and the teachers love it).

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

On 09/14 birthdays were celebrated by **Cindy Boots** and **Christina Dhillon** (twins by different mothers).

No wedding Anniversaries (guess September is not a highlighted month for young lovers).

And on 09/17 **Jimmy Yagi** celebrated 49 years as a member of our esteem organization. Wow! Longer than some of our members are old!! He present 3 checks to the various foundations "to pay bills".



HAPPINESS AND RECOGNITIONS



Chris Tamm is ecstatic about his wife **Barbara** being well enough after her "mild" stroke (if there is such a thing) to be able to go on their planned trip to Panama. Good for her. **\$10.00**

Greg Duckworth was **\$10.00**

happy to be in Hawaii, this money coming from his "beer money" fund.

Nancy Cabral was glad her



11 Rodeos in 10 days trip to the mainland is over – just a lot of dust, dirt and the brown squishy stuff. **\$50.00**

Chuck Porter

was **\$20.00** happy for a bunch of reasons, one of them being really glad that **Christina** is working in his company and is such a good person.



PDG Pete was happy to see his old friend **Malcolm** and others in the Club - **\$10.00**

And in response, **Malcolm** was happy to be back again and being able to be with see lots of his old friends, especially **Russ Oda**.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jim Kennedy then went up and provided a long introduction of his boss, **Doug Simons** of the Canada, France, Hawaii Astronomy group, which included tales of adventures of things they did together and a split schedule of work assignments – daytime (for normal people) and night-time ("the



Dark Side"). Obviously these two spend a lot of time together.

Anyway, by the time **Dr. Simons** finally got to talk to us, he had a detailed, graphic photoshop presentation set up which helped us decipher his message. You almost had to have had a degree in Astronomy to understand what he was saying without the graphics. (And you expect poor little dumb me to write accurately and interestingly about what he said? Boy you expect a lot, for sure!).

He talked about what is occurring at various levels up on Mauna Kea, at 5,000 feet, 9,000 feet and 14,000 feet. Most of us never get to go past the visitor center up there so what he related to us about the goings on at the upper levels was very interesting. A lot of it had to do with the trees and growth along the ways with various birds and insect activity. The observatories are science, cultural and environmentally concerned about what they do and how they affect everything around them.

Then he showed a tape presentation about the 30 meter TMT and explaining 400 years of telescope technology. We are mapping star like the old map makers did hundreds of years ago in displaying what is where. In all of this is the feeling that there is life beyond our planet and we, someday, will visit other planets. It may not be in our kids lifetime but sometime, somehow, things could get figured out.

There are many different observatory companies up on the mountain and they all don't do the same thing. What was mentioned is that each one sort of specializes in some task and they share data and work together in analyzing what is happening in the heavens. This helps avoiding duplication of work up there.

With the proposed new TMT, Hawaii will be unique worldwide in what they can do in astronomy. Because the current sublease for CFH expires in 2033 (which sounds like a long time from now, but in astronomy time, this is very short) a new master lease

is in the works trying to work up agreements that will be acceptable to everyone here and with the Observatory companies.

Basically this was one of the better photoshop presentations we've had and, for sure, we needed it to follow what **Dr. Simons** was talking about.

And with that, **Dr. Simons** opened the floor to any questions we had and there were a few, which showed that we actually paid attention.

Pres. Johnson gave **Dr. Simons** our Rotary Cup as a token of appreciation.

CLOSE OF MEETING

And with that **Jimmy Yagi** 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. See you all next week. . . Pau.

