



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

What a beautiful day in the neighborhood! The view looking out over Hilo Bay was a wonderful backdrop for the roomfull of Rotarians who met for lunch on Friday September 5th. Greeters **Sam Wallis** and "first Lady" **Jenny Johnson** had their hands and arms full keeping up with the flow of folks signing in and exchanging friendly greetings.



Once **President Richard Johnson** called the meeting to order, **Ed Hara** was asked to lead the crowd in the Pledge to our Nation. **Alberta Dobbe** shared a few fun and interesting quotes as inspiration for the day, and chuckles all around the room. "Life is like a sewer..what you get out of it depends on what you put into it!" **Tom Leher**



"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." **Dalai Lama**
 "My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already." **Dave Barry**

Sam Wallis introduced visiting Rotarians **Malcolm Smith** and wife **Anamaria Maraboli-Smith** who were visiting beautiful Hilo all the way from LaSerena Chile. **Malcolm** is actually a past member of our club and knew many of our members so it was a great day for renewing friendships. Another visiting Rotarian, **Laura Kniffin**, made the long trip through the mountains all the way from The Kona Mauka Rotary Club .

Prez Richard then introduced **ADG Charlene Meyers** of the Rotary Club of Volcano, and guest speaker for the day, **District Governor Laura Steelquist** and her husband, **past DG John Steelquist**, both members of East Honolulu Rotary Club.

Reporter **Tammy Silva** and photographer **Mitchell Dodo** were applauded for their combined efforts on the August 29th Lava Flow, and **Tammy** and **Ed Hara** were also thanked for their continued service of keeping the weekly newsletter "flowing".

Upcoming Events were noted:

Monday, September 8th: The film, A Brave Miss World will be showing at the UH-Hilo starting at 5:30PM

Friday, October 3rd: Octoberfest to be held at Sanga Hall. \$45/per person

Saturday, October 11th: Rotary Aid Station in Kohala for Ironman Triathlon. Sign up sheets passed out.

Saturday, October 18th: Rotary at Work Day-Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Rotary Park. 8-11:30AM. Time to put our muscles to work. Bring chainsaws, machetes, rakes and gloves as we'll be mostly clearing brush. A Potluck lunch will follow around 11:30. This will involve our East Hawaii clubs, and you can bring along family or friends who enjoy working on this sort of project. Many hands make quick work!

Friday, October 24th: RI World Polio Day Wear your pins, t-shirts etc.

Saturday, October 25th: YWCA "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" Sign up to walk or just donate to the cause. The East Hawaii Rotary Clubs will be walking as a team. 8AM start

Thursday, October 30th: Chicken Hekka Social-Wailoa State Park. Details and sign-up sheet to follow

Friday, October 31st: No Rotary Meeting....Happy Halloween

Saturday, November 1st: Rotary PRLS training day (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars) Also deadline to apply for District Governor for District 5000.

Sunday, November 9th: Hilo Medical Center Fundraiser. Wine, Cheese, Chocolate and More.

Members in the News:

Kudos to **Alberta Dobbe** (PR Director) for the great photo and write up in the Tribune Herald featuring New Generations Director **Glenn Harris** as he reads to a kindergarten class. **Glenn** has been the springboard for the club's Reading in Kindergarten program, which was a great success last year and is now starting into the 2nd year of promoting literacy in schools beginning at the kindergarten level. Great job showing the community "Rotary at work" **Alberta** and **Glenn!** **Glenn** then showed off the first book of this years' program. It will be **Wimberly Worried**. Unfortunately there wasn't time for him to read it to us, like he did Click, Clack, Moo! It was such fun to enjoy his enthusiasm for this project and spread the excitement.



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 12 -UH Basketball Coach
CE Coleman
Fri. September 19 - Doug Simons
Canada France Hawaii Telescope
Fri. September 26 -Habitat for Humanity
Julie Hugo
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

Birthdays, and Anniversaries!

Yoko Hayano had a b'day on 9/3, John McVickar celebrated his on 9/4 and Bob Fox turned a year older out there as he's travelling somewhere in Europe on 9/5. John shared that he'd put his birthday \$ to work in the Unitrust he's established for Hilo and Big Island Students to encourage attending the UH-Hilo.

Richard and Jenny Johnson celebrated 45 years of wedded bliss with a few days over in Honolulu and still had money left to each donate a \$45 check to the HRCF. Tim and Kanoa Beatty had chalked up 13 years of marriage on 9/2 although Tim was available to share how they celebrated. Helen and Don Hemmes have spent 47 years as a married couple as of 9/2 and Helen had a \$100 donation for TRF. Our guests DG Laura and John Steelquist have recently celebrated their 50th anniversary together, and also guests Malcolm and Anamaria Smith have enjoyed 44 years and just recently celebrated too!

Points of Interest: The total amount collected for the RI Rotoplast Project over the last 2 meetings was \$962, and by utilizing a D5000 Global Grant with some matching funding, our club is able to donate a total of \$3,376. Thanks everyone for your generosity. And then the Happy Dollars just started rolling in!

Jim Kennedy was \$20 thrilled to see his friend and well-respected astronomer Malcolm Smith and his wife at the meeting. Jim and Malcolm had jointly worked on several huge Astronomy projects here in Hilo and also in Chile. Russ Oda had a \$20 bill to add to the joy of the same renewed friendship, as Russ had been Malcolm's sponsor for the club years ago. He also couldn't resist adding, "Malcolm is an out of this world guy!"



Adding another \$20 of "welcome", Naomi Menor shared some big hugs to see the Smiths again in Hilo. What a day of great reunions. At some point here, flags were exchanged. Malcolm and Anamaria belong to

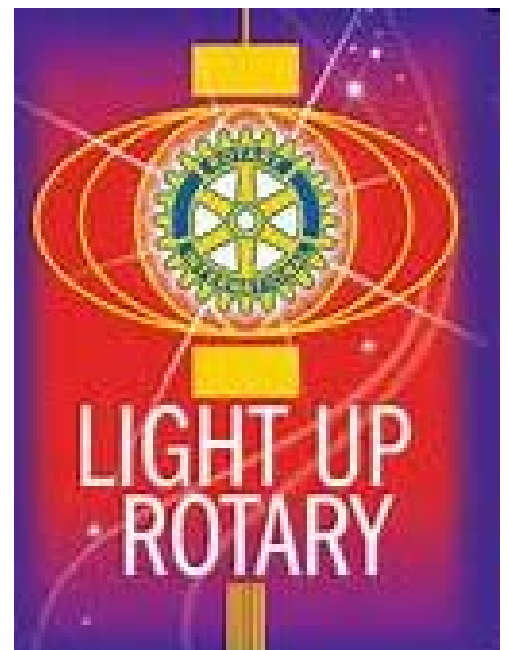


different clubs, so Prez Richard had to use a little sleight of hand to create a nice photo-op. The Smiths contributed \$65 happy dollars toward our RIK program and were both very enthused to be among so many good friends again. Anamaria's club is working on a worldwide project, Tsunami Education for Kids, and this may be of interest for our International Committee to look into.

Jeanine "Go Ducks!" Atebara had 2-\$50 checks to contribute to HRCF and TRF to share her pride in the community and how the partnerships with Hawaii Island United Way all pitched in to do whatever possible in assisting in the Puna Relief efforts. From neighbors wielding chainsaws to Food Basket contributions, helpers from Habitat for Humanity, Mediation Services and Hope services, volunteers were all willing to do whatever was necessary to help out. A proud moment for our community!



Alberta Dobbe managed to bring a flush to Mitch Roth's face by sharing \$5 of knowledge that Mitch will be a contestant on the Wheel of Fortune show which will start filming in the next 2 weeks over at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. We hope he'll make us proud too! A blushing Mitch shared a \$50 check for HRCF and his recent experience at Camp Agape which is for children of incarcerated parents. The camp hosted 160 children who were able to do some surfing, horseback riding and roping, and just having fun.



Photos by Kerry Glass

Yoko Hayano had a \$50 check for **HRYF** to share that she's almost got the schedule for the WHS Interact filled and still needs a few more volunteers yet.



Just back from a 2 week vacation, **Ed**

Hara had \$100 for **HRYF**, and was glad he'd gotten to catch up the Lava Flows for everyone. **Ed** was also happy to hear that the WHS-Interact Club had 120 students signed up to start the new year.



Helene Tajiri, who's been on a leave of absence, reported that her hubby **Harvey** has been making a good and steady recovery from his extensive back problems. She and **Harvey** are thankful for all the prayers and support through this difficult time.



Helene had \$50 checks for our **HRCF** and also **TRF**, and hopes to be able to start attending to work and Rotary soon. We're all glad to see you **Helene!**

Kerry Glass chipped in a \$20 to share that he and **Susan** will be off on an extensive 4 week road trip, starting off with his 50th class reunion in Texas, and then visiting the last 3 states (Maine, Vermont & New Hampshire) that he's never played tourist in yet. Safe travels.

DG Laura Steelquist wanted to add a \$5 to our coffers and mentioned that she and



John would be venturing out to the Puna district after the meeting to do a needs assessment for additional Rotary funds that will be made available for the Puna Aid Relief. There is also a Chef's

Cook-off on Maui this week which will be raising funds for the Puna Relief, and one of the chefs is actually local boy, **Sheldon Simeon** from Hilo.



ADG Charlene Meyers added \$3 to share that a Rotary Club in Cambridge MD will be donating all their Happy Dollars collected in September to the Puna Relief. **Charlene** and her husband **Amos** will be visiting Cambridge in October and will be attending a Rotary meeting and extending our big Mahalo from our island to the club. Another important fact about Rotary is that we strive to take care of our own people.

At this point, **President Johnson** introduced **DG Laura** so she could share her vision for the upcoming 2014-2015 Rotary year. She began by lighting a candle, which follows this year's theme, **Light Up Rotary**.

As the candle glowed, **Laura** quoted **Confucius** "it is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness", and she went on to impress on this



room full of Rotarians, that it's time to get more people involved in Rotary. **RI**

President Gary Huang has asked that this year be the year that Rotary grows from 1.2million to 1.3million Rotarians worldwide. In this coming year, there are 3 goals for all Rotary Clubs.

#1 is to complete the eradication of Polio. There are just 3 countries remaining that need the assistance that Rotary has been supporting over the years. Please support the "End Polio Now" final push.

#2 is to involve your families and friends in Rotary. Don't forget to just ASK if they are interested in and would want to be part of the Rotary Family.

#3 Increase membership. As our own **President Johnson** had pointed out earlier in the meeting. We need to continue to ask and bring guests to meetings and socials. We cannot get new members without them being guests first. This is everyone's job as a Rotarian to share in this goal.



One of the ways to interest people in Rotary is to share your own story of Rotary. Share the reason you decided to join your club, what special community projects you really enjoy working on, or why you feel strongly about Rotary and it's **4 way test** of how we live our lives. Everyone has their own Rotary story and a special reason to be a member in this organization where you, as just 1 person can make a difference to someone on the other side of the world.

We were all enthralled by **DG Laura's** Rotary Story including her very moving experience with Polio distribution in Ethiopia. As **DG Laura** closed, she urged everyone to "Light your own candle, change someone's life this year. The life you change the most, will be yours!"

A quick hot-water demonstration to show the special "light up Rotary" mugs which can be bought for \$21. For every mug sold, \$10 will go to Polio Plus. If you would like to buy a few, please let **Prez Richard** know and he'll order them for you. One of our own Rotary Club of Hilo mugs was presented to **DG Laura** as a special gift for her desk in Honolulu.

The meeting was closed with the **4 Way Test**, led by **Malcolm Smith**.

