



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



President Kerry Glass rang the bell and opened the meeting; he reminded us that September is **Youth Service Month**. We learned Fridays have been considered unlucky as early as the 14th Century and were considered not a good day to start a journey or begin new projects. In numerology, Twelve was always considered a number of completeness – Twelve months in a year, Twelve Gods of Olympus, Twelve Tribes of Israel, Twelve Apostles versus the number thirteen – considered irregular, transgressing this completeness.

Lisa Rands led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

We enjoyed a brief Rotary movie "Let's Talk About Rotary" for our inspirational moment. The movie invited our members as Rotarians to talk about Rotary, so we get people engaged and involved, by understanding about the things we do, locally and internationally, and they will want to join us. **Kerry** mentioned the importance of press releases so the community hears about the things we are out and about doing such as keiki vision and our reading program.

Yoko Hayano and **Steve Yoshida** were the greeters this sunny day. **Steve** introduced his guest "Emi"



Aye, a student from Thailand; she is staying with he and **Noko** for six weeks. **Emi** hails from the Hill Tribe in Northern Thailand; **Yoko**



Yoshida was her teacher and they remember "Emi" as a remarkable hard working student. **Richard Cunningham** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, and **Arabel Cambor** and **Noko Yoshida** both from the Rotary Club of South Hilo attended the meeting.

Thanks to **Jim Kennedy** our Reporter and **Ian Hatch** our Photographer for our August 23rd Lava Flow and also thanks to our Coordinator **Tammy Silva** and our Publisher **Ed Hara** and to all the "on going staff" who say yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A welcome party/ social mixer is today at 5:30 PM for Interact Students.

Volcano Winery's Harvest Festival is September 15, 2013. If you miss it this year, consider getting on next year's calendar. The winery owners were very generous with their support of our Lobster /Shrimp Feed we held jointly with the Volcano Rotary Club.

Gene Tao handed out a flyer and announced Sunday September 15, 2013 a fundraising event at the Holy Cross Church. Our very own Rotarian **Newton Chu** would be toasted,

I mean roasted, for the purpose of raising money for the Chinese Moon Festival event which will be held on Sunday September 22nd and tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$5 children and below 5 free. **Newton** or **Gene** will have tickets for sale.

Other Upcoming Events are the **Interact Beach Clean-up** Sept 21st, Saturday at Liliokalani Park 9-11 AM. **Hilo Bay Rotary's Octoberfest** - Oct. 4th (Fri). **Chili and Dessert Cookoff** - Oct. 24th at Wailoa State Park. **Membership & Foundation Seminar** - Nov. 2nd (Sat).

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

B J Penn Foundation was in the news. Will BJ Penn fight again against Edgar in April? **Lorraine Shin** was not at the meeting to comment.

BIRTHDAYS:

Craig Shikuma's Birthday is 9/9 and **Cel Ruwethin** is 9/10.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Rand and **Joann Mundo** Sept. 6, celebrated 10 years and **Misti** and **James Tyrin**, Sept. 8, celebrated 6 years.

RECOGNITION:

Dr. Wayne Atebara is the recipient of the **Paul Harris Fellow**

Plus II. **Dr. Craig Shikuma**, **Helen Tajiri**, **Helen Hemmes** and **Mitch Dodo** were recognized for their level of giving each donating \$1000 to the **Rotary Youth Foundation** scholarship fund. **Gay Porter** was recognized for the additional level of giving \$2000 to the **Rotary Youth Foundation** scholarship fund.



HAPPINESS MONEY:

Chuck Porter was \$20 happy for his wife **Gay Porter**, that after two years, she can return from Oahu to working on the Big Island. **Mitch Roth** was \$20 happy about his daughter's success in a local commercial. **Glenn Harris** was \$10



happy bringing thank you notes from Laupahoehoe School for several of the back packs he delivered personally on Rotary's behalf. The teachers are excited to hear about our upcoming reading program. **Joe Hanley** was \$50 excited that he will have all his kids together

for two weeks, and announced the Ford Dealership Event is this Saturday with food trucks, music and crafts. They are celebrating and saying thank you to the community for their 45th anniversary. **Bob Fox** is happy about the Ford Rafter Off Road Truck that does everything. **Yoko Hayano** is \$5 happy that the 2020 Olympics will be held in Japan. **Pastor Tom Olcott** is \$20 happy his moving sale Saturday went well, and granddaughter is appointed



Birthdays:

- Yoko Hayano September 3
- John McVickar September 4
- Bob Fox September 5
- Craig Shikuma September 9
- Cel Ruwethin September 10
- Cindy Boots September 14
- Tim Beatty September 22
- Sam Wallis Jr. September 22
- Aki Watanabe September 24

Club Anniversary:

- Tom Olcott September 1, 2006
- Joe Hanley Jr. September 4, 1987
- Jimmy Yagi September 17, 1965
- Ian Birnie September 20, 1985
- Newton Chu September 22, 1995
- Jerry Watanabe September 22, 1989
- Tim Beatty September 27, 2002
- Corey Kawamoto September 27, 2002

Wedding Anniversary:

- Tim & Kanoa Beatty September 2
- Helen & Don Hemmes September 2
- Rand & Joann Mundo September 6
- Misti & James Tyrin September 8
- Alan & Zohra Kusunoki September 20

Announcements:

- Fri. Sept. 20 Lt. Col. Eric Schwedo Pohakuloa Training Area Update
- Fri. Sept. 27 TBA
- Fri. Oct 4 Club Assembly Speakers
- Fri. Oct. 11 Glen Harris Achieving Your Dreams
- Fri. Oct. 18 Dr. Randy Hirokawa Group Dynamics
- Thurs. Oct. 24 Chili/Dessert Social
- Fri. Oct. 25 No Meeting

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



Pastry Chef where she current works. He is retiring from his position as the Pastor of Holy Cross Church

ROTARY FOUNDATION:

Thanks to the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation for donating \$500 as part of a \$100,000 Global Grant project to provide soy milk producing Mechanical Cows for 10 schools in Ecuador.

VOCATIONAL SPEAKERS:

Jean Sugiyama as one of our newer members briefly shared her 30 years experience with network security. Jean, with her recent positions as a Director of Network Security gave us an eye-opening view of hacking issues. It became easy to spot traffic on the network in the early hours (1-5AM) looking at changes in activity. The concern is third parties installing malware, their hardware. Jean was employed at UC Berkeley, Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University in network security. Jean retired to Hilo. There is only so much growing and weeding one can do after enjoying her career and interaction with students. We are fortunate she said yes to our rotary club. Our President Kerry with his telecommunications background can relate to Jean's experiences with working all hours of the night.



Mitch Roth as our County Prosecutor was in court today so he was dressed up real nice. I liked his True or False Quiz. Is Mitch a high school drop out? Did he work at a chain grocery store? Does he have a family member who went to prison for art theft? If you did not attend our meeting, why not ask Mitch? One clue is they are all true or all false. Mitch is proudest of his three kids. His vision as our County Prosecutor is for us to prosecute smarter and not just tougher. There is no more room in the joint. Prosecute pro-active rather than reactive. It's nice to see Mitch showing up at so many of our events.

Lisa Rands, coming after Mitch Roth, is an educator and believes it is far better to educate, in the hope they will not need to prosecute. Lisa loves to travel globally. She started out as an audio engineer recording



bands. She has two twenty-year old identical twin sons in Hawaii. Lisa went back to school for her second degree and became a teacher. Good news for our club, Lisa said yes to Rotary, and chose to move to Hilo. Lisa's expertise is writing grants for Non-Profits, and writing curriculums for schools. Lisa is involved with the Edison Learning Center with fifty core schools. She is a reading director who works directly with teachers.

Connie Kurohara did what I did. I also came unprepared, and it was great to hear how well Connie spoke. Connie's three kids are all on the Big Island. She was married twice and has owned Creative Arts Hawaii for five years. She was too modest to let us know the store is recognized for quality products. Where did Connie work where she was nick-named "Sushi Boy"? You will have to ask her. Connie indicated her first two years starting up Creative Arts were hell. The business was 36 years old. It really resonated when Connie said that her challenge to successfully grow a business builds character. She has learned to be less emotional, when making decisions. Nancy Cabral invited Connie to join Rotary. They go back many years. Their boys played baseball together. The kids asked their mom why don't you shout like Nancy? We can hear her from the outfield. Connie's response, "it just wouldn't be me".



Biff Kennedy is a retired engineering professor for 28 years (Clemson University 1984-2002 and Utah State 13 years). John McVickar invited Biff to join our Rotary. Biff previously was a naval officer for three years prior to becoming a professor. He moved from South Carolina to Hilo to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. Biff observed as a teacher that the students who were in naval officer training did not need a proctor to monitor them when taking their exams, and their results were consistently high grades. They had study groups and learned together. Biff is enjoying life in Hawaii. He first joined Rotary in 1986 when there were no women members. He is proud that their So Carolina Club took a vote and 2 to 1 opened up their club to women members. They were the first club to have a female member.

Kerry ended our meeting auctioning off a golf wedge club donated by Dirk Yoshina. Jerry Watanabe grabbed the wedge for a mere \$20.

Steve Yoshida closed our meeting reciting the Four-Way Test.

Photos by Alberta Dobbe

