



Rotary News Lava FLOW

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92 YEARS OF SERVICE

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Opening Act

The Rotary Club of Hilo embraced Friday, September 14, 2012, with greeters, **Laurie Bass** and **Corey Kawamoto**.



President Alan Kusunoki called the weekly meeting to order, and true to his well-

ordered patriotic routine, he immediately asked that guest, **Shauna Tuohy**, lead the attentive group in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag. Following the pledge, **Alan** entreated that the pledge be honored by the national anthem of the United States of America, "*The Star-Spangled Banner*," a poem written by Francis Scott Key, an American lawyer and amateur poet, in 1814 (Francis Scott, n.d.).



Inspiration

Inspired by Will Rogers (cowboy, humorist, and beloved celebrity), **Lauree (Jenny) Johnson** was donned in her authentic western cowgirl attire to deliver Will's words of wisdom on life and politics (The Official, n.d.):



*On aging - You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

*On war - I have a scheme for stopping war - It's this... No nation is allowed to enter a war till they paid for the last one.

*On life - We are all here for a spell; get all the good laughs you can.

*On wisdom - Never miss a good chance to shut-up.

Significant Events

•As announced by our president, **Alan**, our national anthem, "*The Star-Spangled Banner*," caroled earlier by all attendees, was written on this date.

•During the announcements, the Rotary Club of Hilo members were encouraged to sign up and participate in the "Get the Drift and Bag It" event for Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Rotarians and Their Guests

Cindy (Cynthia) Boots introduced her guest, **Shauna Tuohy**, and **Jim Kennedy** introduced his guest, **Diego Correa**, Chief Financial Officer of Gemini.

Special Thanks

A special expression of gratitude went out to **Tom Olcott** for taking notes and composing last week's Lava Flow newsletter, and to **Jim Cheney** (who requested that his name be properly pronounced) for his picture taking skills.

Rotary History

President Alan Kusunoki celebrated the many milestones faced by women for admission into Rotary; he identified that it is only recently that women were permitted into Rotary. As revealed by David C. Forward in "A Century of Services, The Story of Rotary International":

Despite the objections of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (predecessor to Rotary International), women formed clubs based on the Rotary club idea. In 1911, a mere 6 years after the founding of Rotary, a woman was elected president of the Minneapolis Women's Rotary Club. Despite the reality of several "women's Rotary clubs" the RI Board of Directors repeatedly rejected the idea of organizations of women similar to Rotary.

Originally, wives of Rotarians around the world were, and sometimes are still referred to as "**Rotary Anns.**" As stated by **President Alan**, "If my wife were here, I could introduce her by saying, 'Meet my Rotary Ann, **Zohara**.' In fact, in Thailand, when we traveled to the north, when listing the group, we saw, Rotarian **Susan Munro**, Rotarian **Jenny Johnson**, and Rotary Ann - **Zohara Kusunoki**." Regardless, it took a long time before women were embraced into Rotary; however, visitor, **Shauna Tuohy**, jested that "Thomas can be Rotary Andy."

Announcements

To keep all Rotarians au courant, **Kerry Glass** reminded meeting attendees of the donated storage facility for safe keeping of the Rotary Club of Hilo memorabilia and documents. As of now, the storage accommodation remains empty; however, Rotarians are encouraged to bring any and all club relics to the upcoming meeting next Friday, September 21, 2012.



Well-organized, **Helen Hemmes**, supposed that the collection of Rotary keepsakes was to be held at this meeting, and brought information on presidents of the club dating back to 1920. In response, fellow tablemate, **Gail Takaki**, queried if it would be acceptable for the documents to be scanned onto a computer disk to ensure safe keeping.

Put on the spot, **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, was asked to provide the group with an update on **Career Shadow Day**. According to **Bobby**, there are a total of 12 confirmed job sites, and the students will be provided with the list tomorrow, Saturday, September 15, 2012. A head count of students attending each site should be established by Tuesday, September 18, 2012, and the information will be announced at the upcoming meeting on Friday, September 21, 2012. **President Alan** added that it was good to have more than just one student at each participating location.



Birthdays:

Yoko Hayano September 3
 Bob Fox September 5
 John McElvaney September 8
 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
 Doug Arnott September 29

Club Anniversary:

Tom Olcott September 1
 Joe Hanley Jr. September 4
 Jimmy Yagi September 17
 Ian Birnie September 20
 Newton Chu September 22
 Jerry Watanabe September 22
 Tim Beatty September 27
 Corey Kawamoto September 27

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. 21
 Dave Berry
 District 5000 Foundation
 Thurs. Sept. 27
 Club Social - Wailoa Park TBA
 Fri. Sept. 28
 No Meeting
 Fri. Oct. 5
 Kevin Hopkins
 Pacific Aquaculture &
 Coastal Resources Center

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

Furthermore, **Gail Takaki** shared information on the upcoming Interact project, Isles Beach clean-up, to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, between 8:00 am – 9:30 am. **Gail** also touched upon the youth exchange article featured in the September 2012 issue of "The Rotarian." The touching story conveys how the youth exchange program has heightened the mindfulness of stimulating friendships and promoting cultural awareness throughout the world (Insider: Youth, 2012).



Steven Yoshida proclaimed that the peace forum was coming up, & he was away for a total of three months catching fish in Alaska. **Steven** reached out to the club members to help with the upcoming January 26, 2012, Martin Luther King Parade & Peace Forum event to be held on Oahu. This will be during the annual Pro Bowl tournament, and to add to the festive event, it is suggested that all participants room and board at the Ala Moana Hotel.



For all Rotarians who have skipped out on a meeting or two, next Wednesday, September 19, 2012, is **Hump Day** celebration at Cronies at 5:00 pm. If you are delinquent in your attendance, please be sure to make **Judith Gibson's** task a lot easier by making-up your absences.

If **Hump Day** isn't enough to add flavor to your week, Thursday, September 27, 2012 is our Wailoa State Park Social featuring B-B-Q with beer and wine. Come down, let loose, and get to know your fellow Rotary Ann(s), Rotary Andy(s) and their families. Cost of the jovial event is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child.

Keeping up with the... **Rotary Youth Exchange** ~ According to **Gail**, members of the **Rotary Club of Hilo** can look forward to the terrific progress of our two youth exchange students, **Fern** from Thailand, and **Mr. Mendonca**. We will be able to appreciate **Fern's** improvement in mastering the English language, and get to listen to of the voluminous adventures experienced by Kamehameha student, **Mr. Mendonca**.

Looking for more ways to put "**service before self**" ~ Look no further, members of the Rotary Club of Pahoia sought out assistance for Keiki Vision on Monday, September 17, 2012, at Keonepoko Elementary School in Pahoia (15-890 Kahakai Boulevard, Pahoia, Hawaii) starting at 8:30 am.

Birthday Celebrations

- **Jon McElvaney** recently had a birthday celebration ~ Happy Birthday **Jon!**
- **Dr. Craig Shikuma** celebrated his birthday on September 9, 2012 ~ Happy Birthday **Doc!** To celebrate his birthday, he made a \$100 donation to the **Rotary Youth Foundation**.
- **Cindy Boots** also celebrated her birthday on this date, September 14, 2012 ~ Everyone present sang the much celebrated "Happy Birthday" song with **Gail Takaki** leading the group by being the first to stand. **Cindy** responded by saying, "I feel a lot younger already!" In addition to the melodic tune, **Cindy** was "leid" by **Sally O'Brien**, and \$50 was donated on her behalf for the **Rotary Foundation**.



Happy Dollars

- **Susan Munro** was \$3 happy for information that she received on a November 2012 upcoming fundraiser organized by none other than Keith "Bradda Skibs" Nehls.
- **Shauna Tuohy** was \$20 happy and she donated this to the **Paul Harris Rotary Foundation** in honor of **Cindy Boots'** birthday celebration.
- To join in on the fun, **Alberta Dobbe** contributed \$20 on her own behalf to the **Rotary Foundation**.
- **Chris Tamm & Barbara** was on Oahu and came across a former member, **Steve Shropshire**, who's expecting a new child; **Chris** shared some happy dollars.

- **Doug Arnott**, has a high soaring heart, as reflected by his \$500 gift donation to his Naalehu student flight program. By way of this program, children who can barely speak the English language learn about flights; however, they are excelling in Math as a result of this fun filled program. To add to **Doug's** passion for this aeronautical youth program, photographer, **Mitch Dodo** contributed \$10 to this great cause.



More (Too Much) Information

- Lucky **Kerry Glass** "gets to sleep with his secretary," his wife, **Susan Munro**, who has volunteered to be secretary.
- **Ron Dolan** has been our club treasurer for the past three years, stating, "Thank God I'm out of here and **Corey (Kawamoto)** stepped to the plate after prodding and probing." To make the transition easy for **Corey**, **Ron** donated \$20 Happy Dollars.
- **Steve Yoshida** was happy to be back so he donated \$20 Happy Dollars.



Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

- To express glee for **Gail Takaki's** most recent advertisement for employment and longevity at HPM, **Theresa English** bequeathed \$5 Happy Dollars, and her amount was opportunely matched by **Gail**, equating to a grand total of \$10 Happy Dollars. **Gail** expressed her gratitude for helping individuals and families attain their housing dreams.

Guest Speaker

Susan Munro introduced guest speaker, **Karen Rowland** of Rowland Insurance, LLC. **Ms. Rowland** relocated to the Big Island 3 years ago; she is a mother of two, and an independent Medicare specialist. To begin, **Karen** voiced how honored she was to present to the group, and promised not to put the Rotarians to sleep with her shared wisdom and enthusiasm. She provided an in-service on Medicare 101 in less than 20 minutes. As an insurance specialist, **Karen** is able to make sense of the complexity of the Medicare programs available to individuals and their loved ones within our local community. **Karen** identified that *"people are afraid to retire due to loss of medical"*; however, with her help and guidance, individuals need not worry when turning 65 years of age. She is *"answering questions daily,"* and may assist individuals and their families in learning more and possibly securing supplemental insurance coverage.



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Conclusion

- To conclude our enjoyable meeting, **President Alan** promised our guest speaker,



Karen Rowland, an inimitable Koa pen that is made with "Aloha" by honorary member, **Gerard Carter**.

- Starting our weekend with the guiding principles of Rotary, **Theresa English** led our group in reciting the **Four-Way Test** (Rotary International, 2012)

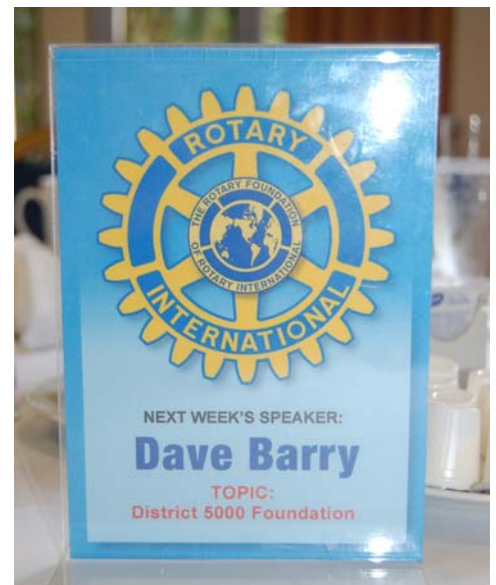
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This week speaker



Cindy, Shauna, Gail

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