



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

September 21, 2012 (the 265th day of this year)

"Aloha Kakou." **President Alan Kusunoki** welcomed all, calling on **Past President (PP) Mitch Dodo** to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

We then sang the patriotic song, "America," with songster **President Alan** and most members knowing the tune and words! **Helene Tajiri** shared favorite words of inspiration (Psalm 100, verses 4 and 5), followed by a prayer.

PP Jeanine Atebara and **Steve Yoshida** served as greeters, **Steve** introducing visiting Rotarians and guests.



Visiting from the Rotary Club of Volcano was **Assistant Governor (AG) Charlene Meyers** and from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, **Anita Cunningham**. Visiting Rotarians included speakers **Dave Berry** and **Mary Ann Berry** from the Rotary Club of

Ala Moana, along with **PP Howard Tatum** and **PP and PADG Mary Ann Tatum** of Dove Mountain Rotary Club in Arizona (D5500).

President Alan recognized **Tammy Silva** in absentia and **Mitch Dodo** for the superb job on the last issue of the Lava Flow.

Rotary History in Keeping with **New Generations Month**. **President Alan** noted that his source for stories about Rotary Clubs establishing societies for crippled children was David C. Forward's book, *A Century of Service, "The Story of Rotary International."* Rotarians and Rotary Clubs through support of crippled children's work eventually led to the formation of the International Society for Children in 1921, of which Paul Harris was chairman and Edgar Allen (donor of \$100,000 for the Elyria Memorial Hospital in Ohio in memory of his son, plus later more funds), President. In 1944 the Society added "and Adults" to its name, and in 1949, dropped the term crippled to become the Easter Seals Society.

Announcements.

Rotary Memorabilia. **Kerry Glass** expressed thanks for more memorabilia that came in. Noteworthy were pages from an "old blue book" membership directory—yes, those were the younger days for some of the Rotarians in the Club—with **Chris Tamm** generously donating to the Club a photo—recently framed at his expense—taken at the RD 150 conference April 14-17, 1955, at the site of the Naniloa Hotel, a photo belonging to **Col. Carl Rohner** (1917-2000), a member of our club from 1948-1998, and PP 1957/58 and 1960/61. **Mrs. Rohner (Helie)** gave the photo to **Chris** in 2010. **PP Joe Hanley** had eight boxes for storage, most of it picked up earlier this week.

The **Beach Clean-Up** Last Saturday with Interact. Mahalo to

those who helped!

Career/Job Shadowing, Oct. 1-5. **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** will have the head count this week Tuesday. Students will contact Rotarians.

Thursday, Sept. 27, Club Social. **Steve Handy** noted \$20 for adults and \$10 for keiki ages 12 and younger would buy "dinner, booze, and a good time." It will be a neat opportunity to visit with our visiting Rotary Exchange student **Chotika Tanburana, "Fern"** to us. There is no meeting on Friday!



Keiki Vision. Thanks to Rotarians **Kerry Glass, Lorraine Inouye,** and **Wally Wong** for sharing their expertise with the Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset.

Dictionary Distributions at Kamehameha Elementary on the 26th and at Laupahoehoe on the 27th. Let **Wally Wong** know if you're available (and then head to the Club's social).



The **Ironman Event** in Kohala on Saturday, Oct. 13. Around 10 more Rotarians are needed to hand bags to participants at the turnaround point in Hawi. Contact **Wally Wong.**

District Training Seminar in Hilo. Save the date of Oct. 20, 8:15-11:30 a.m. for Membership/Vocational and from 12:15-3:30 for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Breakfast and lunch at \$5/\$10.

TRF and Future Vision District Training Seminar. Learn more about the new program of the TRF on Nov. 3, 8:30 to 3:30, with the incentive of \$100 via transfer of 100 points to your account.

The Peace Forum. Progress! There are 300 registrations to date from 25 different countries with a goal of 900, in late January at the Ala Moana Hotel, with a total of 84 workshops to be offered by youth from all over the world. Contact Steve Yoshida.



Recognitions

President Alan and **Zohra Kusunoki** celebrated forty years of wedding bliss on Sept. 20, with \$40 donated to TRF.

Club anniversaries included that of **Jimmy Yagi** (9/17) and **Ian Birnie** (9/20). (Did you know that you can (and should) go to the Club's webpage (www.hilorotary.org) to update your profile and add information such as your sponsor?)

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:

- Thurs. Sept. 17
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

Happy Dollars -- keeping Acting Sergeant-at-Arms **Chris Tamm** busy!

PP Joe Hanley gave \$10 to announce that his son got back safely from Afghanistan and that he'll be home for two weeks. It's "been an incredible experience" for him.

AG Charlene Meyer gave extra \$\$ instead of her normal \$1 when visiting a Club, grateful to hear the news about **Joe's** son.



PP Dave Berry gave \$1 for being here, and **Mary Ann Berry** contributed \$\$ for being in East Hawaii for four days and surviving coqui frogs!

Helen Hemmes gave \$5 in honor of Visiting Rotarian **Howard Tatum**, a director on the board when she served as president & CPO of Hawaii Island United Way (HIUW).

Anita Cunningham gave \$ to announce that she is now working with **PP Jeanine Atebara** at HIUW and that she wanted to peddle tickets to her Club's Oktoberfest on October 12. (And then drive up to Hawi to help the athletes!) **PP Jeanine Atebara** gave \$\$ to share she's happy **Anita's** on board to help with the HIUW's upcoming campaign and its goal of \$1.2 million.



Nancy Cabral gave \$80 to the **Club's Foundation** for the joys of going to eight different rodeos in nine days

Wally Wong gave \$5 each for the Rotarians helping put the Rotary 4-Way Test stickers in the dictionaries. Mahalo, **Wally!**

Program

Dave Berry, PP of the Ala Moana Club (2007-2008) and District 5000's Chair for both the TRF's Permanent Fund and the District 5000 Foundation, said he was giving up his regular PowerPoint about the Permanent Fund so he could also talk about both foundations. He encouraged potential **Benefactors** (gift or pledge of \$1,000 to \$9,999) and **Bequest Society** members (\$10,000 and more) to designate the spending portion "through **SHARE** (District

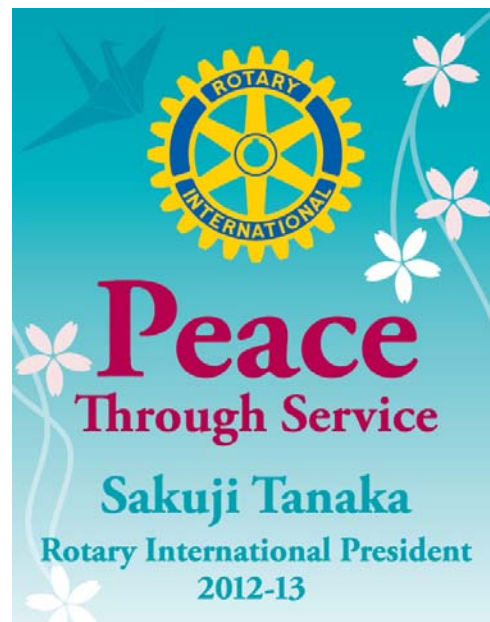
Designated Fund and World Fund) when completing the form. (He noted our Club to date has five Benefactors and one member of the Bequest Society.)

The commitment can be in the form of a will/bequest, outright gift, or other choice (possibly via as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy). With a straight face, he announced a challenge of having a minimum of four (4) new bequests and (15) benefactors—or was it the other way around?—by the end of the program and then moved on to the second topic of D5000's Foundation. (That's D for District!)

The form to become a benefactor or member of the **Bequest Society** is simple to fill out, though you may want to check with your tax advisor if you have questions about how to fund your gift. Interested? Go online to www.Rotary.org and www.rotary.org/bequestociety. (Per the FAQ handout on the tables, bequests can be revocable, and "There is no need to change your will, a simple codicil will suffice.")

The **District's Foundation** is a 501(c) (3) organization, established so the individual Clubs in the district would not have to establish their own foundations, each with reporting responsibilities and liabilities for directors. It takes just a one-page Resolution for Clubs to join; all except eight Clubs are members; and 80 percent of the member Clubs have active foundations. (Our Club's Foundation is known as the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation, FYI.**)

He noted that some Clubs have just one account, while other Clubs have multiple accounts or subaccounts, e.g., undesignated, scholarships, and dictionary. The District incurs the expenses of operating the Foundation, such as the annual audit by an independent CPA; to help offset costs, the District Foundation keeps income generated by funds in the D5000 Foundation (minimal at this point



due to current interest rates) with the District subsidizing as necessary.

Individual Clubs need to raise their own money to put into their own Club's account/subaccounts in the District Foundation for eligible programs. Some sources of funds are deemed inappropriate to put into the account, such as income from the bar at a special event or the costs of the dinner at an event, opined speaker **Dave** with speaker/Treasurer **Mary Ann Berry** concurring and differing slightly; withdrawals happen fairly quickly with a one-page request signed by two Rotarians with checks issued to or for the Rotary Club's service project or activity. Requests can be transmitted electronically; since two signatures are needed on checks there may be a delay of just a few days to get both signatures. Funds are released only if there are funds in the account (or subaccount), and if the project is eligible.

Ala Moana Club, for example, hosts a dinner at Kapiolani Community College with just part of the ticket cost considered tax-deductible, raising about \$25,000 annually for their Club's account/subaccounts.

Questions? What do the Bylaws say about restitution to a Club if—surely not with Rotarians!—funds mysteriously disappear? **Dave Berry** said he didn't know the answer but would find out.

Is there a D5000 core account? Yes and no. In the past the various individual Rotary Clubs have directed disaster relief funds through the D5000 Foundation so just one check could be written (with all donors eligible for the tax deduction to the extent permitted by law).

How are the directors elected? Member Clubs, or was it Rotarians of Rotary Club D5000 members, get to vote. Did you know our own **Wally Wong** is a District Foundation director?

If a Club has multiple subaccounts, can funds be transferred from one account to another? Yes, with the proper paperwork (either via the donor's permission or a more complicated process involving a Board resolution....)

Parts of the presentation were indeed quite complicated, but the questions for our Club—unasked—are quite simple. Is our Club a member, and, if not (and presumably not) what would compel the Club to become a member...and possibly still keep our own Club's Foundation, or not?

In Closing.



President Alan thanked **Dave Berry** and gave him a koa pen made by our own Honorary Rotarian **Gerard Carter**.

President Alan Kusunoki called on **PP Gay Porter** to lead the Club in the **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do, and the meeting was adjourned.

Did we see, at the end of the meeting, a Rotarian completing the paperwork to become a member of the **Bequest Society**? Yes, and, per the Rotarian, happy to be able to make the commitment. Mahalo plenty from all of us!

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