



Rotary News *Lava* FLOW

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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Welcome to Rotary

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. With YOU, we can accomplish even more.

CALL TO ORDER: President Kerry Glass at 12:01 PM on this 27th day of September 2013-- the 270th day of the year (271st in leap years), 88 days until Christmas and 95 days until the end of the year--welcomed members and guests to the **Rotary Club of Hilo** meeting. **President Kerry** proclaimed today as "Choo Choo Day" (no relationship to **Newton Chu**) in celebration of the first passenger train pulled along the track by a locomotive – not by a horse - in 1895. Could **President Kerry** have a "choo choo" train of his own?



PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Leading the room in unison with the Pledge of Allegiance was **Jerry Watanabe** who celebrated his 24th club anniversary on September 22. If **Jerry** attended a club meeting every week for 24 years, he would have recited the Pledge 1,248 times!



INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT: Health and fitness enthusiast **Yoko Hayano** reminded us about the World Ironman Race being held in Kailua-Kona on October 12. The race consist of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run all in one day! Last year 1,984 men and women from around the world entered the race and 95% of the athletes completed the race. Whose old, **Yoko** asks? Well, 24 athletes ages 70 to 74 years old and 3 athletes 80 years and older completed the race. No one is ever too old to do the Ironman. **Yoko** dedicated the following poem to all the "youngsters" in this year's race: "Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knee. It is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, vigor of the emotions. It is the freshness of the deep springs of life." –No Author.



GREETERS & GUESTS: One of the nice things about Rotary as you enter the meeting room is the warm welcome and greetings you receive each week by friendly and caring members of the club. This week was no exception as the gracious **Helene Tajiri** and the "man with a lot of papayas" **Toshi Aoki** were "Aloha Ambassadors" for the day. **Helene** welcomed visiting Rotarian **Aaron Whiting**, Rotary Club of South Hilo, and, while not introduced at the time, **Karolyn P. Lundkvist**, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, who attended the meeting. **Newton Chu's** guest (with **Newton** in absentia) was former Club member **Saeko Hayashi**. We miss you, **Saeko!** **Rev. Tom Olcott** welcomed our guest speaker for today, **Jason Chu**



President Kerry thanked last week's Lava Flow reporter, **Tammy Silva**, and photographer, **Gail Takaki**.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP: **President Kerry** announced we have raised \$674 for **Polio Plus Campaign**. We exceeded the goal of \$400 and donations are still being accepted.

The **Labor Day Lobster Fest** raised \$2,736.22 for the Club. The Auction raised \$1,640.48 and tickets raised \$1,095.74. **President Kerry** thanked everyone for their support.

Fri. Oct. 4 Hilo Bay Rotary Club's Oktoberfest at Auntie Sally's, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm, \$40.

Sat. Oct. 12 Ironman Triathlon Station Bicycle Turnaround at Hawi (8:30 am-2:00 pm).

Thur. Oct. 24 **Chili & Dessert Cook Off** at Wailoa State Park, 6:00 pm, \$15.

Sat. Oct. 26 YWCA Walk in Her Shoes is an annual event to bring awareness about domestic violence. Members are asked to walk and support this event. **President Kerry** is willing to wear "heels" if he can find a pair of shoes that fits him.

Sat., Nov. 2 **Membership & Foundation Seminar** at Hilo Hospice Bld. B, 9:00 am-12 Noon.

GOOD NEWS: **President Kerry** was happy to report the **Rotary Club of Hilo** was featured in two news articles in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald. The first article featured the **Interact Shoreline Clean Up** held on Saturday, September 2, where about 40 Interact members, Rotaract members and Rotarians participated. The second article featured the \$13,574 check presentation to **Lori Rogers**, Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, for the residency program by **President Kerry** and **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation (HRCF)** president, **John McVickar**. The donation was made from the club's successful **Brew Fest Fundraiser**.

RECOGNITIONS: "Kindness is more important than wisdom and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."



Our fellow members are worthy of celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to birthday members: **Tim Beatty**, Sept. 22; **Sam Wallace**, Sept. 22 and **Aki Watanabe**, Sept. 24. As **Aki** stated, "Good thing birthdays come around every 365 days." No wedding anniversaries but four club anniversaries were celebrated: **Newton Chu**, Sept. 22 – 19 years; **Jerry Watanabe**, Sept. 22 – 24 years; **Tim Beatty**, Sept. 27 – 11 years and **Corey Kawamoto**, Sept. 27 – 11 years. **Sam** was \$69 and **Aki** \$50 happy for their birthday celebrations and **Jerry** was so stunned about his club anniversary he gave \$20 HRCF happy dollars!



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. 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
- Fri. Nov. 4 Cliff Townsend
Puna Geothermal Plant

- 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

HAPPY DOLLARS: "A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money." A whole lot of kindness was shared through **Happy Dollars!**



President Kerry, \$3 happy for the recent win by the USA Yacht team in San Francisco; **Richard Johnson, \$5** happy announcing the upcoming Hilo Medical Center Foundation "Wine, Cheese, Chocolate & More" fundraiser on Nov. 3, \$65 advance, \$75 at the door;



Susan Munro, \$5 for the "cheese"; **Lorraine Inouye, \$25** to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** for her husband's successful robotic surgery and for member **Naomi Menor's** daughter **Sherry Menor-Nakamura's** milestone achievements as the first female, person of Japanese-Filipino descent and youngest Executive Director of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, as featured in a recent newspaper article;



Naomi Menor, \$100 happy for the surprise news article about her daughter that **Lorraine** praised; **Biff Kennedy, \$10 TRF** happy in asking for someone to replace him as the Lava Flow report on Oct. 11 as he will be spending time with his family in Kailua-Kona; **Nancy Cabral, \$20** happy announcing the Ku'ikahi Mediation Center 8th Annual Recognition Dinner and Auction on Nov. 10. She is selling tickets. **Karolyn Lundkvist, \$10** for achieving Exempt Status membership as now does not need to do make up meetings; **Alan Kusunoki, \$100** happy for his 41st wedding anniversary and his father's 100th birthday;

and **Lorraine Shin, \$20** happy for her son BJ's Foundation work with youth, its new fitness center opening in Waikele, and a "Just Scrap" match this weekend.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Rev. Tom Olcott** introduced today's guest speaker, **Jason Chu.**



Rev. Olcott invites church associates from around the world for three months to serve the mission of the church. **Newton Chu** saw **Jason** on You Tube and invited him to Hilo and he accepted. Born and raised in Delaware of Chinese-American descent and a graduate of Yale University, he is a "hip hop & rap" artist that takes his message of hope to youth and adults all around the world. "I believe in hope. Hope is not easy. We're told: set your sights lower, care less, watch out for yourself. We're told our dreams are too foolish, our hopes too childish. But I believe its right to care. To give. To be moved by what we see around us. I believe our dreams are not foolish – the naysayers merely lack faith. I believe in Hope." Music is his outlet to express his messages of hope especially to our young people. He acknowledged Rotary's **The Four-Way Test** to be the values young people need to know about truth, fairness and acceptance. He performed a couple of "raps" for the membership.



President Kerry presented **Jason** with the club's signature gift, a koa pen made by honorary member, **Gerard Carter**, and thanked him for his inspirational message.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST: Before closing today's meeting, **President Kerry** reminded members our next meeting on October 4 will be held upstairs in the Hale Ikena room and will be a Club Assembly meeting featuring Membership by **Nancy Cabral** and committee. **Jeanne Atebara** led the membership in the club's ritual **The Four-Way Test** of the things we say and do.

ADJOURNMENT: President Kerry adjourned the Rotary Club of Hilo, September 27, 2013, meeting at 12:58 PM.



Naomi-san very happy!!



Saeko & Jason

Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**