



Rotary News **Lava FLOW**

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94 Years of Service

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Good fun and Fellowship. Words that are an important part of Rotary, and there was a whole lot of fun and fellowship from start to finish at the Friday, August 1st meeting presided over by Past President **Mitchell Dodo**.



Dr. Rand Mundo was called upon to lead the Pledge to our Nation, and **Judy Gibson** and **Jeanine Atebara** shared the greeting duties.



Jeanine did double duty introducing guests and sharing some great words of inspiration. Here are a few key thoughts from Stephen King on Giving. *"Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift, but the giver. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, one does it to improve one's self. Giving is a way of taking the focus off the money we make and putting it back where it belongs-on the lives we lead, the families we raise, and the communities that nurture us. A life of giving-not just money, but time and spirit, repays. We have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves. So as you give, you'll find in the end that you got far more than you ever had, and did more good than you ever dreamed."* **Mitchell** noted that for those who are tapped to give inspirational thoughts in the future, he promises to have his "handy dandy" book of inspirational quotes on hand.



Guests from other Rotary clubs were **Mary Begier** from the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, and **Keith Marrack** from the Rotary Club of South Hilo. **Nancy Cabral** hosted **Marcia Prose**, and **Tammy Silva** brought her daughter **Kulia Silva** and was very proud to share that



Kulia is somewhat of a soccer star. **Jimmy Yagi** was very happy to introduce 2 basketball coaches from the UH-Hilo, Men's Coach **G.E.Coleman** and Women's Coach **Dave Kaneshiro**.

Instead of a wardrobe malfunction, **Mitchell** was faced with an "i-pad" malfunction, so he was forced to conduct the meeting by "lighting up Rotary" in his very own "Dodo-esque" style. Following instructions from **Prez Johnson**, **Mitchell** extended kudos to Lava Flow writer, **Tammy Silva**, and photographer **Stew Hussey** for the July 25th coverage, and gave a big Mahalo to **Ed Hara** for his great service of publishing the Flow each week, while **Tammy Silva** keeps all the writers and photographers on schedule.

Upcoming Events:

August 8th meeting, **District Governor Laura Steelquist** will be the guest speaker, and all members are encouraged to attend to show strength in our membership, and dedication to Rotary and our club.

August 9th, is Voting Day. Please get to the polls to cast your vote as the Primary Election is very important in forming the slate of candidates for the General Election November 4th.

August 15th there is NO MEETING, as it is Hawaii's Statehood Holiday weekend.

September 1st, don't forget the joint club **Lobster fest** being held at the Cooper Center in Volcano Village. Lunch is from 11-1PM. All tickets sold by our club will have proceeds going to our club's General Funds, and all proceeds from the items our club submits for the Silent Auction also comes directly back to our club. Please get in touch with either **Cindy Boots** at alohabts@hawaiiintel.net or **Kathleen McGilvray** at KathleenMcGilvray5@gmail.com.



One last event is the **Octoberfest** to be held at Sanga Hall on October 3rd.

Glenn Harris had emailed to **Mitchell** that he'll be back to Hilo in mid-August and will then be kicking off the new school year of Reading in Kindergarten, with the first book. He's hoping all those volunteers who read last year, will remain and that he may even have a few new volunteers. **Glenn** also advised that there's going to be a gathering at KMC with Hawaii Island Interact Clubs. There was some confusion about the October 9th date **Glenn** gave to **Mitchell**, so **Mitchell** clarified: *"Sometime in October something is going to happen"* Yup, that's sort of how things just kept everyone laughing.



Theresa English had \$2 just to comment on the Comedy Routine, and **Bob Fox** had a \$5 bill mentioning that **Mitchell** should get a break, as he isn't used to having real live people to talk to!



Mitchell cautioned everyone that **President Johnson** will be gone again for 5 weeks in October so members should be prepared for more "stand-in" leaders.

Jumping forward to Members in the News, **Jimmy Yagi** was found to be recognized for his Basketball Camp and **Mitchell** "sort of" convinced him to donate \$10 for the recognition. It was at this point that **Tammy Silva** gave \$1 to stop the bullying, although **Mitchell** didn't realize he was the one doing the bullying.



There were a bunch of folks who had birthdays, but were not present to be bullied into donations, however, August 1st Birthday Boy **Corey Kawamoto** was on hand to be not only talked into a \$20 donation, but then paid an additional \$20 to have **Toshi Aoki** sing a sort of Asian Fusion version of the birthday song.



Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Jerry Watanabe August 28

Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 3, 2010 (4)
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (4)
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (4)
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (3)
Lorraine Inouye August 28, 2009 (5)

Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1 (16)
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (34)
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30 (45)

Announcements:

Fri. August 8 - Laura Steelquist
District 5000 Governor
Fri. August 15 - No Meeting
Statehood Day Holiday
Fri. August 22 - Hilde Shelter
Update on VASH
Fri. August 29 - Jen McGeehan
My Year in a Yurt
Fri. September 5 - Club Assembly
Fri. September 12 - Club Admin Day
Fri. September 19 - Doug Simons
Canada France Hawaii Telescope
Fri. October 24 - Al Jubitz, Rotary Club of Portland
House of Friendship - Peace Through Rotary

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

There was lots of laughter and clapping and many more happy dollars were contributed with a sort of abandon and silliness difficult to relate. **Bob Fox** did comment on how **Mitchell** made the whole comedy hour seem effortless. If you were present at this meeting, you're probably still chuckling, if not, you missed a very fun and light hearted gathering.

Kathleen McGilvray did have some dollars to announce that the YWCA will hold it's annual "Walk A Mile in her Shoes" walk on Saturday October 25th and hopes that our club will again have a team to walk and raise money for the cause. **Nancy Cabral** reminded everyone of the Orchid Show which started Friday August 1 and ran thru Sunday August 3.



Somewhere in there, **Christina Dhillon** arrived with her guest, **Pineapple aka Russell** who is also a special friend of **Shauna Tuohy**.



Finally getting to our featured speaker, **Mitchell** called on **Mike Robinson** to give a presentation about what will be Phase II of Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Rotary Centennial Park. **Mike** had slides of this 4-club project that started back in 2002 as a Rotary project to commemorate Rotary's 100 year anniversary. The original project cost was around \$120,000 of which about \$90,000 was raised thru our combined Rotary Clubs with an additional \$22,000 from a grant. The Phase II project is budgeted for close to \$31,600. Numbers have been extrapolated per club based on membership size and a tentative breakdown looks like: Rotary Club of Hilo-\$12,125, Hilo Bay Club-\$8,229, Pahoia Sunset-\$2,633, and Rotary Club of South Hilo-\$8723. These are tentative, with a possibility that some of the costs in the budget may be covered by county such as new benches and picnic tables or some grant money. Plans call for working on 3 specific areas. There are some banyan and ironwood trees that will need to be professionally taken down, and 2 areas that will require volunteers to work with machetes, chainsaws, weed-wackers and good ole' hard work to clear brush and undergrowth near what is thought to be an historical fishpond. The clean-up will make the park an even better place to spend time in and will open up the views to Hilo Bay. The Volcano Rotary Club will be upgrading the original observation platform as their

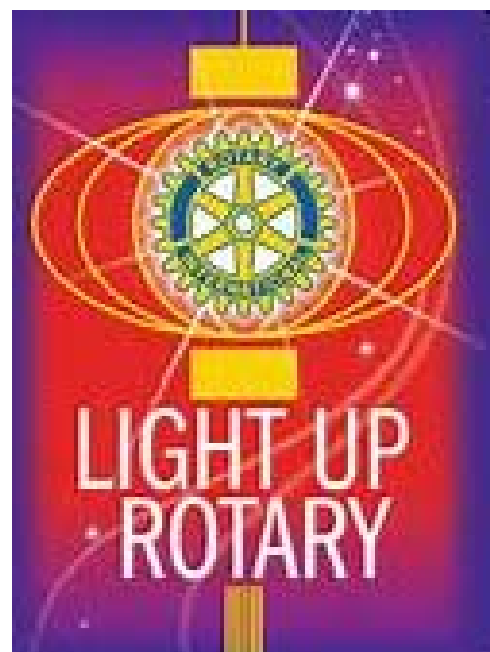
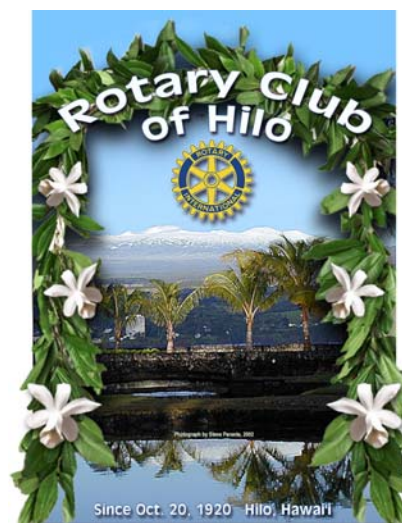


contribution to the project. Additional native plants will be added around the boundary of the park. The timeline for the project is to have some scheduled Rotary Workdays sometime in August thru September, removal of the large trees by a professional arborist Nov-Dec, with January thru April some additional workdays to complete the project.

Always generous **Nancy Cabral** kicked off our Rotary Club's giving with a check for **\$1,000**. **Mike** asked for anyone with grant writing experience to get in touch with him, as there may be some additional grant money available to help with the project.

It's exciting to see this new Phase taking shape and wonderful to know that we can all be part of creating a fantastic legacy park for the community, and continue our Service above Self motto of Rotary.

Birthday Boy, **Corey** was coerced into leading the **4way test**, with a very hearty 5th way of Just Have Fun!



Photos by **Tammy Silva**