



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



A small, but mighty contingency met on May 22, 2015 for the weekly noontime meeting of the Rotary Club of Hilo. Attendees were greeted at the door by **Mike Meyers** and **Cindy Boots**.

Upon **President Richard's** gonging of the bell to start the meeting, **Jimmy Yagi** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Eric Cohen** shared these words of inspiration: "Age wrinkles the body; Quitting wrinkles the soul." – U.S. Army General (1880-1964); "If a man knows not what harbor he seeks, any wind is the right wind." – Roman Seneca Writer (54 BC-39 AD)



President Richard thanked **Tammy Silva** and **Mitchell Dodo** for their talents as reporter and photographer, respectively, for the May 15th meeting's Lava Flow.

Mike Meyers introduced guests at the meeting: **Reese Mates** introduced her husband, **Steven**, and her daughter, **Hannah**. **Connie**



Kurohara introduced her guest, **Robert Olin**. **Tina Jimenez** introduced her son, **Mark**, and **Tammy Silva** introduced her guest, **Johanna Nosaka**.

President Richard reminded club members of the busy Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- ** May 26 – Steak Fry Social for Taiwan RFE
- ** May 29 – No Club Meeting
- ** June 2 – RC of Pahoa Sunset Community Awards Banquet at 5:45pm at Akebono Theater (\$35)
- ** June 5 – Meeting in Mala Ikena Room (upstairs)
- ** June 13 – **Brewfest!!!**
- ** June 19 – Meeting in Mala Ikena Room (upstairs)
- ** June 28 – **Club Induction Dinner** – Imiloa
- ** July 1 – 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Hawaii
- ** July 8 – D5000 100th Anniversary Luau, Kapolei (\$100)
- ** July 12 – Hilo Triathlon Aid Station
- ** May 29 – June 1, 2016 – RI Convention in Seoul, Korea

Recognitions!

Birthdays:

May 16th... **President Richard** who happily gave \$71 to the Rotary Club of Hilo Foundation
May 21st... **Theresa English**

Wedding Anniversary:

May 17th... **Tammy & Kala Silva** (21 years)

Club Anniversary:

May 21st... **Mike Robinson** (22 years)

Announcements:

- ** May does not have a Rotary theme
- ** D5000 District Conference, May 22-24, at Hilton Waikoloa
- ** Our club has a great Facebook page. Check it out. Go to Facebook. Search for Rotary Club of Hilo.

"Like" the page and you'll get updates to the page.

Time To Be Happy \$:

Mike Meyers was \$10 happy because his daughter is home for the summer from St. Johns University



Marcia Prose was \$5 happy for May and June

happenings at the Palace Theatre and offered complimentary tickets (3 pairs/performance) to the May 23rd & May 24th Variety Show performances.



Connie Ichinose was \$100 happy because of her recent marriage to **Galen**



Ichinose! Congratulations Connie!

Tammy Silva was \$21 happy in honor of her wedding anniversary and because she aced her classes! (All A's!) **Congratulations Tammy!**



Cindy Boots was \$5 happy because she answered this Jeopardy question correctly:



Became a U.S. Territory on June 14, 1900. Answer: What is Hawaii?

Nancy Cabral was \$100 happy to the **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** because she saw her sons on the mainland. But she also wanted the club to know that club member, **Sandy Song**, was recently placed under hospice care at Hospice of Hilo's Pohai Malama Care Center on Kapiolani Street in Hilo. Please keep **Sandy** in your thoughts and prayers.



Yoko Hayano was \$50 happy for the time she has spent in our club, including her son's activities being in Interact and her experiences as Interact Advisor for 2014-2015. Sadly, for all of us, **Yoko** and her family are returning to Tokyo, Japan this summer. **Yoko** briefly recounted when she came to Hawaii in 2005 and taught exercise classes to seniors. She also led exercise workshops for 33 Danish gymnastic team members. **Yoko** expressed her appreciation for all of the rich memories she will take back with her. When she returns to Japan she will most likely return to teaching school...7th grade through high school. **Yoko, we will miss you!**



Lisa Sweeney was \$20 happy to the **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** because her daughter celebrated her second birthday.



President Richard recognized **Bob Hanley** for sponsoring a new member into our club.



Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
 Stew Hussey May 2
 Connie Ichinose May 5
 Richard Johnson May 16
 Theresa English May 21
 Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 01 2009 (6)
 Susan Munro May 01 2009 (6)
 Mike Robinson May 21 1993 (22)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 01 (32)
 Nancy & Al Cabral May 01 (26)
 Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 01 (31)
 Steve & Shari Handy May 03 (17)
 Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (21)
 Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (31)
 John & Anja McVickar May 29 (40)

Announcements:

May 26 - Tri-Club Steak Fry
 May 29 - No Meeting (In lieu of May 26 Steak Fry)
 June 5 - Club Administration Day
 June 12 - No Meeting (Brew Fest June 13)
 June 13 - 3rd Annual Brew Fest
 June 19 - Heidi Kim - Healthways, Inc.
 Blue Zones Project - State Well-Being Initiative
 June 26 - Kui Costa & Steve Handy - Fiji Project
 June 28 - Installation Dinner
 July 3 - No Meeting
 July 10 - Club Administration Day
 Welcome President Wally / Board & Committee members

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 Connie Ichinose
 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

Vocational Profiles!

We all enjoyed getting to know three of our newer members better via their Vocational Talks:

Tina Jimenez grew up in southern California and earned a BS in Business Administration. She joined the Peace Corps and went to El Salvador. Three days after she arrived, 35 people were in San Salvador. Within 6 months all Peace Corps volunteers were removed. She spent the next three years in Costa Rica where she started the first sheltered workshop for mentally handicapped adults. She also met her husband, **Tom**, a medical student. They got married and moved to New York while he completed his General Surgery residency.

Tina went back to school and became a registered nurse. They slowly migrated west, first to California and then to Hawaii in 1995. They built a B & B in 1996 and she has been running it ever since. They have three children... two daughters who have graduated from college and are living in Hawaii and a son who attends the University of Arizona. **Tina** was introduced to Rotary by our former member, **Donna Chalmers**. **Tina** has been a member of our club since January 2015. **Tina**, we're honored to have you in our club!

Mike Meyers admitted that he had forgotten he was speaking today so he said his talk was impromptu.

Mike was born in Tuscon, Arizona, but moved to San Diego when he was 6 months old. So he considers himself more of a Californian. He moved to Oahu in 1989 where his grandparents have a home on Sunset Beach. He and his family moved to Hilo in 2009. He has three children. His oldest daughter lives in North Carolina and owns a crocheting store; son, **Tim**, works at Target; and daughter, **Kayla**, is a student at St. Johns University. **Mike** has worked in telecommunications for 31 years... since he was 18. How old is **Mike**? (You do the math.)

He enjoys his work as an engineer, programmer and troubleshooter. **Mike** was sponsored into the club by **Jim Cheney**. **Mike** didn't know anything about Rotary so he looked us up on Facebook and was impressed. He encourages his children to become involved in the community and to give back. **Mike**, we're honored to have you in our club!

Lisa Sweeney was born in Mililani. Her husband is from Boston and moved to Waikiki. Five years ago they moved to Pahoa. They both work remotely from this island for a law firm on Oahu.



Lisa's husband is an attorney and she is a paralegal and collections agent. They have a daughter who is two years old. **Lisa**, we're honored to have you in our club!

At the conclusion of the Vocational Talks, **Jeanine** led us in the **Four-Way Test** and **President Richard** adjourned the meeting.

Hope everyone enjoyed a long and happy Memorial Day weekend! -30-





Hiroshima South Rotary
 Celebrating their 60th Anniversary
 April 2016
 "Sister Relations"
 Celebrating our 45th Anniversary

Naomi is planning a super itinerary. Save your \$\$\$ - approx. cost \$ 4,500 per person