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The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo

Its Tuesday night, a different day and time for our meetings that we are use to – and in conjunction with the other 4 Rotary Clubs on the East side of the Big Island – to celebrate the visit of the Taiwan Rotary Fellowship Exchange Group.

Because of the joint attendance from the 5 Clubs, there were a lot different faces than we are used to - not to mention a load of guests of Rotarians and various offspring. Approximately 120 or more people were signed up for this event – a larger gathering than what most of the Clubs normally get. It was quite a diverse meeting, and very enjoyable, interacting with people we don't normally see.

AND, lo and behold, even **Nancy Cabral** came out for an evening function – what a surprise to see her here!

The official starting time for fellowship was 6:00pm but when this writer arrived just a little past after that, there was already a large crowd in the pavillion – plenty of early arrivals.

Greeting everyone (and collecting the entrance fees) were our own **Cindy Boots** and **Jerry Watanabe**. There were 5 sets of sign-up sheets ready and waiting at their table so each Rotarian could mark his/her attendance accordingly.



The snack table in back was filled to capacity with various salty items along with most appropriate beverages (Bud Lite, Heineken, various bottled beers, sodas, water and red and white wines – no hard liquor though, thank goodness) for all to nibble on and imbibe. And, seemingly, most everyone was doing just that.

Our own **Richard Johnson** presided over the festivities and called the "meeting" (sic) to order at 6:50pm by having a member of the South Hilo Rotary Club lead us in the Pledge of Alligence. Then **Mary Begier** had the honor in providing the words of **i n s p i r a t i o n**. Unfortunately because the mike system was not really clear most of what she said, this reporter missed. Sorry.



Then a voluntary introduction arrangement of guests was started with the mike passed around and members introducing their own guests (and there were a lot of them), if they wanted to. This was certainly different because lots of guests and visitors went unrecognized if their sponsoring Rotarian didn't come up and say anything. So this went a lot quicker than expected since maybe only 1/2 of the guests and visitors were introduced.

Obviously the 5 visitors from Taiwan were brought up appropriately, since this dinner was in their honor: **Lin Po-Hui**, **Su His-Kun**, **Liaw An-Jih**, **Han Chang-Ming**, and **Chen Chung-Huang**, all from various Rotary Clubs in Taiwan.

And then, time to eat!! Our hardworking crew of cooks (**Tom Brown**, **Steve Handy** and the gang) put together a sumptuous spread of BBQ steak, chicken, (all cut to bite size pieces to make it easy to eat), white rice, mac salad, green salad with pineapple upside-down cake and pumpkin pie for deserts. The meal was better than it sounds here – IT WAS GOOD! The lines went fast too so this went very smoothly.



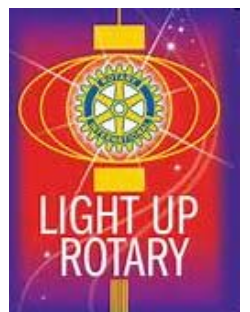
Near the end of the dining period, representatives of the other Clubs made mention of their upcoming events, many of which sound promising and entertaining.

So by 8:00pm everyone was winding down, and being very full from dinner, not really paying attention to the goings on up front so **Pres. Richard** made a good call having someone lead us in the **4-Way Test** and gonged the close of the meeting.

While many were trickling out, believe it or not, a lot of people were sort of dancing to the music up front. Like I said, a strange meeting. Enjoyable though.

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