

Rotary Club of Hilo



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Its Friday guys and you know what that means – Its **ROTARY CLUB OF HILO** time. Same time, same place as usual, noon at the infamous Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

GREETERS



Catching people in the hall before they can even get to the entranceway, was enthusiastic greeter **Kerry Glass**. After his “welcome, welcome, welcome”,

Susan Munro sort of calmed things down a bit and made sure everyone was signed in properly and provided the correct badge.

OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING



As you walked into the room, the African proverb that Rotary is using this year was noticeably visible on the screen in front: “If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together” The first part of this proverb is probably correct but obviously the author never had kids or nagging companions on his trip for the second part. That’s a whole different story.

After the traditional gonging of the bell and everyone getting up, **Pres. Hart** asked **Marcia Prose** to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. She did it using the Boy Scout Version by invoking the old 1 – 2 commands (a little different from what we are used to)

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Surprisingly we had no visiting Rotarian from other Clubs in attendance today, but plenty of guests:

Barbara Garcia of Ke 'Ola Magazine, guest of **Cindy Boots**

Suzi Bond, our speaker today, guest of **Pres. Hart**

Joyce Cabal, guest of **Dustin Acdal**

Elle Lee and **Sam Butler**, guests of **Nancy Cabral** (who was glad to have to Real Estate Agents from her firm visit us today)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn Harris informed us that our reading program that we do every year to young school students won't actually begin until some time in September. The school year has just started and



things need to set up with the teachers and dates and distribution of books and everything. Details will be forthcoming when they are available.

Judy Gibson still needs volunteers and helpers/



drivers for our incoming Hiroshima South visitors in two weeks. She would like to have a nice bunch of meeters/greeters at the airport when they come in and needs a few more drivers for the non-golfers doing site seeing around

town and then to and back to the Hilo Yacht Club for the steak fry Monday night. Please let her know if you can help with this.

Also, the **Interact Club at Waiakea High School** will be starting up shortly for this year and **Judy** is asking for us to show support by attending meetings there and providing whatever assistance they need to have the Club run efficiently (as we normally do anyway). Again, let her know if you could help and be visible at some of their meetings.

Kui Costa reminded us to sign us on MyRotary on



Rotary International's website. It will only take a minute and will provide you with up-to-date Rotary activities and information.

Pres. Hart mentioned that even though its August already, believe it or not some of us have not paid our Rotary dues as of yet (maybe about 15 of us). Come on guys, lets get those checks in – they are past due.

ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION



Kerry was more than happy to call up and present **Steve Handy** with his Paul Harris +2 award pin. Way to go **Steve!!**

ROTARIANS ON THE ROAD

Various slides, photos and brief stories were shown of our members doing traveling:

Helen Hemmes in Illinois

Bobby Stivers-Apiki in Taiwan

Alan Kusunoki in Honolulu

Nina Decker in Los Angeles & Paris

Jim Kennedy in St. Augustine, Florida

Yoko Hayano (prev. member) visiting Starbucks in Hilo

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

08/19 Friday – No meeting

08/21 - Hiroshima South visitors arrive

08/22 - Steak Fry at the Hilo Yacht Club

(substitute for the dark Friday on the 19th)

09/02 Friday – No meeting (long Labor Day weekend)

09/02 Friday - Get together at Mehana Brewing Company from 4-6pm and cost is only \$10.00

09/16 – Wiki Fresh Mixer at 5pm for new and prospective members

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays this week were celebrated by:

08/13 – **Tina Jimenez**

Club Anniversaries were celebrated by:

08/12 – **Cel Ruwethin**

HAPPY DOLLARS

Jim Cheney was exceeding happy that the Hilo



Medical Center has really good doctors, no matter what anybody thinks, His daughter, **Robin Cheney**, was the victim in that large auto crash last week and was not heliported to Honolulu because the EMTs and ER people did not

think she would live. However the doctors did their miracles and after 4 surgeries and 5 days in the ICU under the watchful eye of the hospital staff, **Robin** is recovering and has been moved over to the regular Surgical rooms. She is now in decent spirits, talking and her mind seems to be alert and active again. YEA for the physicians and miracle workers at Hilo Med Center. \$150 to the **Rotary Foundation**.

Steve Handy was overjoyed that his home country, Fiji, won a gold medal at the Olympics in Rugby. Way to go guys!



In following up on this event, **Gail Takaki** and **Alberta Dobbe** both

contributed \$ for Fiji's accomplishment.



Photographer: **Mitchell Dodo**

Birthdays:

Corey Kawamoto August 1
Misti Tyrin August 1
Dylan Shropshire August 2
Tina Jimenez August 13
Jerry Watanabe August 28

Club Anniversary:

Donald Straney August 6, 2010 (6)
Kui Costa August 6, 2010 (6)
Wally Wong August 6, 2010 (6)
Cel Ruwethin August 12, 2011 (5)
Nina Decker August 21, 2015 (1)
Lorraine Inouye August 28, 2009 (7)
Jessie Tolar August 28, 2015 (1)
Marcia Prose August 29, 2014 (2)

Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Anne Harris August 1 (18)
Gail & Gordon Takaki August 2 (36)
Tina & Tom Jimenez August 6 (34)
Jenny & Richard Johnson August 30 (47)

Announcements:

Aug 19- No Meeting
Aug 22- Hiroshima South visitation Steak Fry
Hilo Yacht Club
Aug 26- Paul Field
Hawaii Volcano's National Park
Sept 2 - No Meeting

Rotary Club of Hilo Board of Directors 2016 - 2017:

- President – **Randy Hart**
- Past President – **Wally Wong**
- President Elect – **Steve Handy**
- Vice President – **Mitch Dodo**
- Secretary – **Treana Breyfogle**
- Treasurer – **Corey Kawamoto**
- Sergeant at Arms – **Dirk Yoshina**
- Rotary Foundations – **Kerry Glass**
- Membership – **Connie Ichinose**
- Public Relations – **Marcia Prose**
- International Service – **Stew Hussey**
- Community Service – **Reese Mates**
- Vocational Service – **Cindy Boots**
- Club Service – **Kui Costa**
- New Generations – **Gail Takaki**

Foundation Chairpersons:

- Hilo Rotary Club Foundation – **Lisa Rantz**
- The Rotary Foundation – **Kerry Glass**
- Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation – **Mitchell Dodo**

And of course **Chris Tamm**, a rugby fan from like forever, provided \$5 in honor of Fiji.

Nancy Cabral donated \$100 in



R o b i n Cheney's name to the **Rotary Foundation** to commemorate her recovery efforts and for the job the Medical Center did.

Kerry mentioned that he had a conversation recently with our former member, **Vivian Birchall**, who is from Uganda and that she know the incoming 2018/2019 R.I. President who is also from Uganda. What a small world this can be. \$5 to the Club funds.



Richard and Jenny Johnson unfortunately gave us sad news as sometime within the next 12 months they will be moving back to Coronado, Calif. Let's enjoy their company while we can.

Chuck Porter gave \$20 to relate to us a story about the etiquette of riding mules and horses, somewhat close to "R" rated but not too bad. The punchline is that the mule's name was Homer, not Elmer (you had to be here to understand all of what he said).



Mike Meyer was \$10 happy in that his diabetes problem is receding along with his weight loss and he is getting healthier. Good for him.



Barbara Garcia contributed \$10 because she drove by Mohouli street last week, just after the accident, without realizing that she would hear about what happened from a relative of the victim.



GUEST SPEAKER

Suzi Bond (no relation to James Bond), Director of Kilauea Drama and Entertainment Network was introduced by **Pres. Hart**. Her family has been in Hawaii (on the Big Island) for almost 190 years, mostly in Kohala, and **Suzi** herself has been here almost her whole life, except for a few years on the mainland where she discovered she wanted to come back to Hawaii.

She's been in the entertainment field for basically her whole life as she started a long time ago at the DiamondHead theater in Honolulu because her

mother was volunteering there and helping out with everything.

Suzi did some professional theater on the mainland years ago but came back here because of her love for community theater.

In 2002 she was asked to put together a theater up in Volcano and actually made a whole \$5.00 profit the first year. Better than losing, that's for sure and much of the credit has to go to all the volunteering from the community.

She loves Gilbert and Sullivan shows and in 2004 put on a presentation of "Pirate in Penzance" which was great fun.

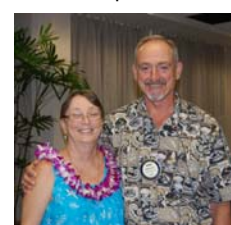
One of the nice unique benefits of doing a community program is getting adults and kids (lots of them for sure) to come out of their shell and perform. They learn to emote and not be shy and actually become people who can relate and communicate well with others. This is a nice side benefit to her aim of doing plays and functions to HAVE FUN!! (Sounds like one of our themes here at our Rotary Club).

She has her volunteers help with the creation of sets, using their imagination, and they often come up with something out of nothing. They recycle everything in recreating props and sets.

Suzi insists that the Big Island has talent, as much as anywhere else, but that she needs to get the people out to develop them.

She volunteers in other organizations too but always comes back to theater. Kid, volunteers, staffers and performers become friends for life. A lot of the kids she has worked with are doing theatrical events nationwide.

Naturally, just like most organizations, finances can be a problem so she is always looking for sponsors and backers for most of her productions. But no matter, she does theater because she loves it and it helps the kids involved in it grow.



After a few questions, **Pres. Hart** had her personally sign a book to be donated to one of our schools as a commemorative item.

Next official meeting here at the Hotel will be on 08/26 and the scheduled speaker will be **Paul Field** from the Hawaii Volcano National Park to talk about Ginger Eradication.

Healthier **Mike Meyer** was called upon to lead us in the **4-way test** and with that today's meeting was called to an end.

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