

Rotary Club of Hilo



LAVA FLOW



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Here it is a Friday already and time for our infamous weekly get-together, THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILO SOCIAL HOUR. And by looking around the room, it sure is different from over 25 years ago. Back then about the only women present were **Nancy, Naomi, Helen** and **Judy (Magladay** for those of you who don't know her). Today it seems like over 50% of those here (including guests) were of the female persuasion. What a difference!! And for the better though I'm sure a lot of the old, old timers are rolling in their graves now.

GREETERS

Welcoming everyone with open arms, smiles and good words were **Steve Handy** and a **Toshi Aoki** look-alike (if one disregards his being nearly a foot taller and 100 lbs heavier) **Corey Kawamoto**.



OFFICIAL START OF THE MEETING

After turning off the loud, loud background music, **Pres. W. Wong** officially began the proceedings by suggesting we all "Be a Gift to the World".

Jade Perreira, previous member of Rotoract, was called upon to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag and then the grouping sang the Doxology shown on the screen.

Pres W. Wong gave us his "Thought for the Day" - As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend (from Proverbs 27:17), which fits right into the structure of Rotary.



Thanks were provided to all of those giving of themselves this past week – on



April 30th Rotarians at work, at the Friends of the Children's Justice Center event, the Rotoract Club clean up (led by **Brooke Higa** which netted their Club \$400.00 from Matson for doing this) and last week's Lava Flow reporter (**Tammy Silva**) and photographer (**Kerry Glass**).

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Pres. W. Wong himself then introduced all the visitors and guests present rather than have the absent **Toshi** do it.

Brooke Higa and **Stacy Gelacio** from our Rotoract Club at the U of H – Hilo.

Dan Benz, guest of **Donnie Demuth**



Patty Terada, guest of **Mitch Roth**



Ian Kitagawa, guest of **Newton Chu**



Nellieshy Mamuad and **Jade Perreira**, guest speakers and guests of **Wally Wong** **Harvey, Gail** and **Amber Nagata**, guests of **Mitch Dodo**

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Mitch Dodo went up front to award our **Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation MJ Sullivan** scholarship of \$5,000 to **Amber Nagata** of Waiakea



High School and to inform us of how we are able to present this award annually to qualifying High School Students. **Ms Nagata** was the winner from 4 finalists trying for this scholarship from about 22 candidates overall. She is well deserving of this award and plans to attend school here at U of H – Hilo (Big YEAH!!! from the audience) with a final major to be in Architecture. **Ms Nagata**, in her bright green shirt and matching watch, gave a heart-warming thank you speech and mentioned she attended the **RYLA** camp we just held back in February and really enjoyed it. Good Luck to you **Amber**.

And in conjunction with this presentation, both **Cindy Boots** and **Nancy Cabral** were called up and awarded **Rotary Youth Foundation Fellowships** due to their continued contributions to the **HRYF**. Congratulations guys!!



ANNOUNCEMENT

May is **National Foster Care** and **New Generations Month**.

There were 3 events being held on Saturday (and since they will be long over by time everyone gets to see this issue of the Lava Flow, that's all that will be said about them) and May 28th is the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery work day, 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

A quick listing of other upcoming events (again, besides the one held on tomorrow):

05/10 – Cinco De Mayo party by the Rotary Club of Pahoa at the Akebono Theater, 6:00-9:00pm.

05/14 – BISAC Garden Project, Shipman Business Park, 8:00am to 12:00 noon

05/30 – Kava Special

06/10-06/12 – Rotary D5000 District Conference

06/18 – Hilo Brewfest.

For more details about all these events (and more), please check out our website www.hilorotary.org.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays this week were celebrated by:

05/02 – **Steve Handy** and **Stew Hussey** (brothers by different mothers)

05/05 – **Connie Ichinose**

Wedding Anniversaries were celebrated by:

05/01 – **Toshi** and **Kahori Aoki**, **Nancy** and **Al Cabral**, and **Gerard** and **Kathleen Carter**, 33, 27 and 32 years respectively

05/03 – **Steve** and **Shari Handy** (wow **Steve**, nice to have your anniversary the day after your birthday – makes it easy to remember), 18 years

Club Anniversaries were celebrated by:

05/01 – **Kerry Glass** and **Susan Munro**, 7 years each

HAPPY DOLLARS

Stew Hussey was \$100 happy for getting to know **Pres W. Wong** and for his having a good and eventful year as President. There was a lot of blah, blah, blah and to keep everyone's interest here, that's about all that will be said about this.

Mike Robinson is sort of happy/unhappy about his imminent move to Washington (state, not DC) and gave his Rotary Club of Hilo commemorative bag with his name (**Mike**) on it to **Mike Meyer** (the only other **Mike** in the Club).



Birthdays:

Steve Handy May 2
Stew Hussey May 2
Connie Ichinose May 5
Donnie Demuth May 25
Ian Birnie May 28

Club Anniversary:

Kerry Glass May 01 2009 (7)
Susan Munro May 01 2009 (7)
Mike Robinson May 21 1993 (23)

Wedding Anniversary:

Toshi & Kahori Aoki May 01 (33)
Nancy & Al Cabral May 01 (27)
Gerard & Kathleen Carter May 01 (32)
Steve & Shari Handy May 03 (18)
Connie & Galen Ichinose May 17 (1)
Tammy & Kala Silva May 17 (22)
Joe & Diana Hanley May 26 (32)
John & Anja McVickar May 29 (41)

Announcements:

May 13 - Dr. Warren Skidman - TMT
May 20 - Stephanie Nagata -
Mauna Kea Management
May 27 - Ilana Stout
Hawai'i Heritage Seed Project
June 10 - Christine Roach
Helping Transitional Youth
June 24 - Magin Patrick & Cliff Kama
Project Hawai'i Summer Camp
June 28 - Rotary Club of Hilo Installation

President Wally Wong
President Elect..... Randy Hart
Immediate Past President..... Richard Johnson
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Mike Robinson
Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen McGilvray
Membership Connie Ichinose
Public Relations Marcia Prose
Rotary Foundations Kerry Glass
Club Service ???
International Service Stew Hussey
Community Service Reese Mates
Youth Service Tammy Silva
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy



Tammy Silva was \$20 happy for this being New Generations month and that she recognized **Brooke Higa** from her work up at the University.



Lorraine Inouye was \$100 happy in being glad to be back after all her legislative chores and with her upcoming trip to Korea and her canceled trip to the Philippines.



Nancy Cabral gave \$50 the HRYF in thanks to all those in the Club who have done things for her (but she still finds ways to do more and more for everyone else out the goodness of her heart).

Ian Kitagawa was \$5 happy that his sister and her new baby will be coming to visit with him next month.



Treena Breyfogle was \$5 happy from attending a wine tasting Rotary Club in Tori Pines, CA., a far cry from what a lot of Rotary Clubs do.

Connie Ichinose was \$100 happy in that her birthday and wedding anniversary times are close (there were other reasons but this reported did not record them properly and has not a clue about them – sorry).



GUEST SPEAKER

Nellieshy Mamuad, Island Coordinator for the Youth Empowerment & Success, was introduced by **Pres. W. Wong** as our speaker for today.



She started off by mentioning that she was raised in Foster Care and years ago received a \$200 donation to go shopping to get clothes to go to the mainland for a Rotary Interact function and is exceeding grateful to our Club for that.

And, wow, she talks fast! Trying to keep up and take worthwhile notes (thanks for the informative photos on the screen which really helped in keeping up with her) is a challenge at best.

Her organization, YES HAWAII, serves youths and young adults, ages 14-26, in the Foster Care program by providing peer support, outreach services and engagement in meaningful events for the kids and will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary next month here in Hawaii. Its goal is that every child in Hawaii has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

They try to hold 1 event per month (involving various activities, food, fun, limited training and social media) to raise the awareness of the kids and make them feel that people care about them. There are about 477 kids in Foster Care in the state of which 96 are in East

Hawaii (the majority, consisting of about 182 kids, are naturally on Oahu).

She provided us with many photos of what's happening in their activities and what they've done. They especially try to focus around holiday events (Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc) since these are generally emotional times for the kids. In most of these functions they try and teach basic etiquette along with table manners as well as lessons in cooking and baking.

One of the figures she provided was that there are nearly 200,000 in the 14-26 ages nationwide in foster care (though that number seems small) and that the yearly turnover is 24,000 in and out at the age of 18.

The East Hawaii area is considered to be from Honokaa to southern Puna and one of their major concerns now is getting available transportation for the youth to their various events and program sessions. Anyone applying to help needs to get a background check to prove they are ok to work with the kids.

Obviously they also need volunteers to help sponsor and collaborate in their events. Their goals for the kids are to prepare them for a successful normal adulthood, build life-long peer relationships with other foster youth, build confidence and a feeling of empowerment, give the youth an opportunity to be mentors and leaders, enhance the safety net for younger foster youth and to help the kids feel that they are not alone and that there are people who want them to succeed.

Jade Perreira then came up and talked about what its like being a former foster youth and what you have to endure to make it through. These social get-togethers and activities make a big different in one's attitude and emotional well-being.



Some time was provided for questions and answers, most about the transportation problem.

Pres. W. Wong then gave them our little "Thank You" gifts for speaking to us.

And, since **Amber** is a member of the Waiakea Interact Club and familiar with the **4-Way test**, she was called upon to lead us through it, which she did with gracious aplomb.



With that, the meeting was brought to a close with a reminder that **Randy Hart's** installation is still scheduled for June 28th (which means we only have about 55 more days of **Wallyworld**).

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Photographer: **Stew Hussey**