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January 23 meeting

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PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE

LED PLEDGE: SHARON SCHEELE

INSPIRATION: JOEL LAPINTA (REFLECTIONS ON THE 4-WAY TEST)

MR. MIKE: TED HONG

SCRIBE: JAMES LEONARD

CORRECTION: LAST WEEK'S ISSUE (NUMBER 26) WAS JANUARY 16.

GUESTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: MARCIA SAKAI, DR. CRAIG SHIKUMA

ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA (CALIFORNIA): RON HARRIS

OTHERS: DR. PAUL BICKFORD (HOST: GARY YOUNG),

TROY SHUMAKER (HOST: RICHARD CROWE), JENNA LAPINTA,
JAY KIMURA (GUEST SPEAKER).

HAPPENINGS AT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

This week, our guest speaker was County Prosecutor **Jay Kimura** (below, with **Dave DeLuz Jr.**, who introduced **Jay**). The County Prosecutor's Office (CPO) is now located at 655 Kilauea Avenue. Currently the courts are spread out and security should improve with the completion of the new Hilo Judiciary Building. There are plans for a new courthouse for Kailua-Kona in the next 10 years, possibly near the future Civic Center. The number of cases continues to grow with the growing population. Mental health is an area that the Prosecutor's Office may get involved with. Currently, the CPO is working on implementing a horizontal integration system that quickly transfers data across various agencies, as well as a video system to address security issues. Video conferencing capability will also allow more effective communication with the CPO from other parts of the island. A "weed/seed" program has been initiated in Pahoia, and is the only program of its type on the neighbor islands ("weeding" of criminal elements, and "seeding" of positive programs). The CPO is supporting the Big Island Drug Court, which is proving to be

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very effective, and is vigorously investigating domestic violence fatalities. The Prosecutor's Office is also looking to get more regular registration of sex offenders. **Jay** thanked Rotary for starting the Visitor Aloha Program, led by **Alberta Dobbe**, that help visitors who are victims of crime. In the question period, **Jay** was asked what is being done to lower teenage pregnancy in the Puna area. He said that the Department of Health did a study which showed that lack of adult guidance is a very significant factor. The CPO is initiating a parent program to address this issue. He also said that the Peter Boy case is still pending.



Announcements:

1. We held a moment of silence for the passing on Jan. 12 of veterinarian **Lynn (“Doc”) McKinney**, Charter President of the Rotary Club of Waianae (with perfect attendance for 40 years), member of the Rotary Club of Volcano, and the founder of the Volcano Winery. “Doc” moved to East Hawai‘i and was a member of our club for 5 years before transferring to Volcano. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m., Namakanipai‘o Campground in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. **Pete Muller** offered a ride to anyone wanting to attend the service.
2. **President Richard Crowe** announced to club members that if you have not already done so, please fill out index cards distributed at the meeting. If you are a Hilo Bay Rotarian, write your name on one side of the card, and on the other side write down an interesting or unique fact about yourself that few people know about (that you don’t mind sharing). Then please return the card to **Richard** as soon as possible. This will be part of a member activity at a meeting in the near future (but everyone must participate in order for the activity to be successful).
3. **President Richard Crowe** announced that he is looking for club members to present how the Rotary 4-way test has been influential in their everyday lives or workplace ethics, similar to the Rotary Moment initiated and presented by **Ted Hong**. **Richard** also announced that we are seeking candidates for Rotary Ambassador and Peace Scholarships. Applications must be submitted to Hawai‘i District 5000 by April 15.
4. The 2008 Rotary District Conference will be held this May 23-26 at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort (special rate of \$229 per night) on Maui. Registration is \$35 per couple. There is a free night available for the first club with 100% attendance. So far, **Mary Begier**, **Pete Muller**, **Karolyn Lundkvist**, **Richard Crowe** (plus 3 spouses) have registered. **Richard** will be attending a District 5000 Presidents’ Meeting during February 2-3 at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort, and will report on it.
5. The 2008 Rotary International Convention will be held next June 15-18 in Los Angeles, California (*See the Stars!*). If you register by March 31, the cost is \$305; thereafter, the registration cost will increase to \$345.
6. **Allen Novak** announced that our 2008 Weinberg Friends Work Project will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Kilohana Girl Scouts Camp on the Saddle Road, from about 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Remember that we need 25 Rotarians present in order for the Girl Scouts Camp to receive \$1,000 from the Weinberg Foundation, so please sign up for it! As it happens, February 23 is also the 103rd anniversary of Rotary, and has been officially designated as a Rotary Gives Thanks Work Day. **Allen** also reminded us of the Heart Walk on February 9, starting 8 a.m., at Liliu‘okolani Gardens. **Pete Muller** is leading a team of 10 walkers. Please give your donations to the members of his Rotary team.
7. **President Crowe** also reminded us that February 29-March 2 is the weekend of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp at KMC in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. The deadline for high school student applications is January 31, and the club is seeking chaperones and Rotarian volunteers to help (contact **Mike Gleason**).
8. **Mary Begier** will have details about the Hawai‘i Rotary Dictionary Project in the near future. We are scheduled to deliver about 300 of them to Waiakea Elementary and Waiakeawaena Elementary Schools.
9. **James Leonard** announced that another Rotarian or two is needed for the 2007-08 Hawai‘i Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship committee.

CALENDAR:

JAN. 30 – REGULAR MEETING: John Kaizuka, Dept. of Health

FEB. 5 – Journey Through the Universe, Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce Thank-You, 5:00 p.m., Hilo Yacht Club

FEB. 6 – REGULAR MEETING: Hilo Bay Community Stars

FEB. 9 – Hawai‘i Heart Walk, 8:00 a.m., Liliu‘okolani Gardens

FEB. 13 – REGULAR MEETING: Barbara Hastings, Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce Update

MAHALO to JOEL LAPINTA, who donated a bottle of wine and two coffee-table books, won by PRESTON BARNES.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

“If you want the world to change, you have to be the change you want to see.” – Neale Donald Walsch

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

RICH WLOSINSKI (1/7), 10 YEARS (SPONSOR: STEVE JACUNSKI); JAY CURLEE (1/17), 7 YEARS (SPONSOR: FRANK ANNIN).

BIRTHDAYS: TOMO SAITO (1/20).

4-WAY TEST: DAVE DELUZ JR.

PHOTOS: NADIA SCHOMER RANNE

PRE-MEETING MUSIC: SPEECHLESS – BRUCE COCKBURN

RECOGNITIONS: BARRY TANIGUCHI (RIGHT) FOR ARTICLE IN HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD ON 12/18 TITLED “KTA FAMILY CREATES FACULTY ENDOWMENTS AT UH HILO” (MARCIA SAKAI WAS ALSO IN THE PHOTO), AND FOR A SUBSEQUENT ARTICLE IN THE HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD TITLED “KTA DONATES AGAIN TO BAY CLINIC”.



STEVE BADER (LEFT) FOR ARTICLE IN HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD ON 1/16 TITLED “GREEN CARD RULE CHANGE PROPOSED” (STEVE’S WIFE ROSE BAUTISTA IS THE HAWAII COUNTY CONTACT FOR THIS PROPOSAL). PRESIDENT CROWE IS ONE OF THE RESIDENT ALIENS WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

TED HONG \$5, FOR AN ENJOYABLE CUB SCOUT EXCURSION TO HALE POHAKU FOR DINNER AND STARGAZING ON DEC. 29, GUIDED BY RICHARD CROWE, AND \$5 FOR ATTENDING A RECENT UHH VULCANS BASKETBALL GAME (WITH TICKETS FROM BOB LAMSON) AND SEEING A GREAT FINISH.

BOB LAMSON \$5, FOR THE GLORY OF THE FULL MOON, AND \$5 FOR THE FACT THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THE WON-LOSS RECORD OF THE U. OF H. WARRIORS (12-0), BUT FEW KNOW THE BEARDED PH.D.S ON CAMPUS!

JOEL LAPINTA \$2, FOR THE FACT THAT COQUI FROGS BECOME QUIET WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS BELOW 65°F.