



## January 30 meeting

Number 28: 2007-08

**PRESIDING:** RICHARD CROWE

**LED PLEDGE:** STEVE JACUNSKI

**INSPIRATION:** PETE MULLER

**MR. MIKE:** WALTER MOE

**SCRIBE:** PATTY SUE SALVADOR

**CORRECTION:** ISSUE No. 27 (JAN. 23), PAGE 2, ANNOUNCEMENT

**#6: THE WEINBERG FOUNDATION DONATION IS \$10,000, NOT \$1,000 AS WRITTEN.**

**GUESTS:**

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: MARCIA SAKAI, MIKE LUTCHER

ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA (CALIFORNIA): RON HARRIS

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

JOHN KAIZUKA (GUEST SPEAKER).

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

This week, our guest speaker was *John Kaizuka* (below, introduced by *Dave DeLuz Jr.*), who has been with the Department of Health for 27 years. His subject was pandemic influenza. Flu is like a hurricane. It eventually will hit; we just don't know when, so we must prepare. At this time, we are at Level 3, an alert stage (no human-to-human transmission). Pandemic influenza is different from the seasonal flu that causes about 36,000 deaths each year. The most famous epidemic in recent times was the Level 5 Spanish Flu of 1918-1920, which killed 50-100 million people worldwide and about 600,000 in the U.S. The current Avian Flu (H5N1) is found in domestic poultry, primarily in Indonesia, Vietnam, and China. While H5N1 is not in Hawai'i at present, migratory birds go around the world, so it is just a matter of time. As of January 2008, 353 people worldwide have been confirmed with H5N1, with 221 deaths (a 63% fatality rate). H5N1 is a strong strain, but not an easy one to contract. In order to do that, one has to be in continuous, close contact with birds, or eat infected poultry. We cannot develop a vaccine for

pandemic influenza until it hits, and then we need a minimum of 6 months to do so. Currently, all such vaccines are made outside the U.S. As pandemic influenza normally hits young people in their late teens or early twenties, we need to target that group with information on infection control. Flu spreads by coughing, sneezing, and touching objects such as door knobs. Controlling rates of contraction involves not shaking hands, hugging or kissing, avoiding crowds, washing hands frequently, covering your cough, not touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Get a flu shot! There are anti-virals available now in Hawai'i for about 25% of the population. When pandemic influenza hits, it will spread quickly, so we need to stay alert and aware!



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## Announcements:

1. There is a Hilo Bay Rotary Community Stars committee meeting after our regular meeting in order to plan the Feb. 6 event. Also, there will be a Hilo Bay Rotary Club Foundation Board meeting at the same time. Members of these committees, please stay afterwards for a few minutes.
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 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 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 \$10,000 from the Weinberg Foundation, so please sign up for it! As it happens, February 23 is also the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Rotary, and has been officially designated as a Rotary Gives Thanks Work Day.
7. **Pete Muller** reminded us of the Heart Walk on Saturday, February 9, starting 8 a.m., at Liliu'okalani Gardens. **Pete** is leading a team of 10 walkers. Please give your donations to the members of his Rotary team.
8. **Mike Gleason** 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** for details).
9. **Mary Begier** announced we will be distributing dictionaries on Friday, February 15, as part of the Hawai'i Rotary Dictionary Project. We will do this at Waiakea Elementary and Waiakeawaena Elementary Schools.
10. **Karolyn Lundkvist** announced that the club is looking for volunteers to mentor new and/or current Rotarians who want more information. The more information we Rotarians have, the better equipped we are to provide information to newcomers. Please let her know if you are interested in becoming a mentor. Just keep asking your colleagues and friends to join us for breakfast, so that they might become Rotarians.

## CALENDAR:

**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‘okalani Gardens**

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



## HAPPY DOLLARS:

**RICHARD CROWE \$10**, FOR THE *JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE* PROGRAM GETTING MUCH MORE ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL MEDIA THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR.

**KAROLYN LUNDKVIST \$25**, FOR HUSBAND **BO-GÖRAN'S** SPEEDWALKING TIME IN THE **BIG ISLAND ROAD RUNNERS CLUB HILO-VOLCANO ULTRA-MARATHON (31 MILES)**. **BO** FINISHED **19<sup>TH</sup>** OF **32** RUNNERS (SPEEDWALKING ALL THE WAY), WITH A TIME OF **5:49:07**. THESE DIGITS ADD UP TO **25**, SO **KAROLYN** GAVE **\$25** FOR THE OCCASION, WHICH WAS



THE FIRST RACE IN **33** YEARS IN WHICH SHE WAS UNABLE TO HELP HER HUSBAND, DUE TO A **ROTARY MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT MEETING** SHE ATTENDED ON **JANUARY 26** IN **HONOLULU**.

**KAROLYN** WAS ALSO HAPPY FOR **RUTH LARKIN**, WHO WILL RETURN FROM **NEW YORK** ON **FEBRUARY 4**, AFTER PERFORMING THE **KARL JENKINS "REQUIEM"** AT **CARNEGIE HALL** WITH THE **HILO COMMUNITY CHORUS**. WHILE IN **NEW YORK**, **RUTH** WENT TO **7 BROADWAY** SHOWS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SHE SAID "**THE COLOR PURPLE**" WAS THE BEST OF THOSE.

**ZELDA NASH \$2**, FOR ATTENDING CONCERT SPONSORED BY **HUI OKINAWA**.

**DAVE DeLUZ JR. \$5**, FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (JA)** PROGRAM IN **2007**, WHICH SOLD **\$42,000** WORTH OF PRODUCTS!

**CAROL VAN CAMP \$5**, FOR **ROBYN TANIGUCHI'S** CONTRIBUTION TO **JA**. SHE SOLD OVER **\$4,000** OF PRODUCTS HERSELF, WHICH IS A **JA** RECORD.

**FRANK ANNIN \$5**, FOR THE **HEART WALK** ON **FEBRUARY 9**. HE'S TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS! **FRANK** DONATED ANOTHER **\$1** FOR **ROBYN'S** SUCCESS, AND ASKED **GLEN** HOW HAPPY HE IS AT BEING A **1<sup>ST</sup>-TIME GRANDFATHER!**

**GLEN CALVERT \$2**, ON BEING A **1<sup>ST</sup>-TIME GRANDFATHER!**

**MAHALO** to **PETE MULLER** who donated two quilt-design umbrellas, won by **GARY YOUNG**.

### QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

"Never say anything in a national campaign that anyone might remember." – Eugene McCarthy's First Law of Politics

**4-WAY TEST: ZELDA NASH**

**PHOTOS: SCOTT CARROTHERS**

**PRE-MEETING MUSIC: ALONG THE COYOTE HIGHWAY – CORDILLERA**



**RECOGNITIONS:**

**ANITA CUNNINGHAM (LEFT)** FOR HER NEW BADGE (WHICH COST \$10), SINCE SHE HAS A NEW SURNAME!

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

**KAROLYN LUNDKVIST (1/26), 8 YEARS (SPONSOR: WALTER MOE).**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

**GLEN AND FRAN CALVERT (1/28), 40 YEARS.**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**TIARA INOUE (1/30), ANITA CUNNINGHAM (1/31) AT RIGHT.**



Shown here are the community ambassadors for the 2008 *Journey Through the Universe* program. Can you find the Hilo Bay Rotarians in this group? (Hint: four are shown; missing is **Ruth Larkin**). Photo taken by *Inge Heyer*.