

February 6 meeting

Number 29: 2007-08

PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE

LED PLEDGE: GERRY HOLLINS

INSPIRATION: RICHARD CROWE -

“IF YOU WANT TO CATCH FISH, YOU CAN’T MIND GETTING WET”

MR. MIKE: PAUL NASH

GUESTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: DOLLY STRAZAR

ROTARY CLUB OF VOLCANO: ALBERT JEYTE

OTHERS: DR. PAUL BICKFORD (HOST: GARY YOUNG); IRENE NAGAO, KATHLEEN NIELSEN, AND MANY, MANY ZONTIANS, RED-HATS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF IRENE AND KATHLEEN.

HILO BAY ROTARY COMMUNITY STARS

This year, Hilo Bay Rotary has joined other clubs throughout the state in participating in a new recognition program that honors professionals in our community for their outstanding contributions to their profession and community. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional work and community service in the fields of health, education, public safety or human concerns, and they must be a resident of East Hawai‘i. Special consideration is given to unspoken heroes – or those who may not have been recognized for their contributions elsewhere. Nominees may work for either non-profit or for-profit organizations or businesses. Deadline for the competition (not open to Rotarians or their immediate families) was January 9. The selection committee included **Yu Yok Pearring** (chair), **Zelda Nash**, **Carol Van Camp**, **Frank Annin**, **Anita Cunningham**, **Gerry Hollins**, and **Richard Crowe**. At this special February 6 program (emceed by **Zelda Nash**), Community Star awards were given to **Irene Nagao** (nominated by **Sharon Scheele**) and **Kathleen Nielsen** (nominated by **Karolyn Lundkvist**). A third community star award will be presented at a future meeting. In the photo are **Karolyn Lundkvist**,

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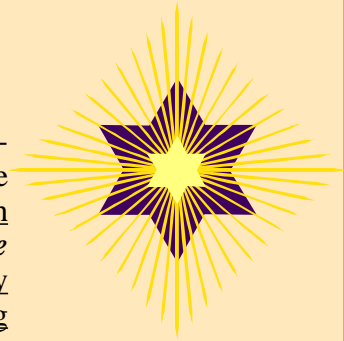
Kathleen Nielsen, Club President **Richard Crowe**, **Irene Nagao**, and **Sharon Scheele**.

Irene Nagao retired in 1996 after being employed for 23 years with J.C. Penney. She was Assistant Manager with the Hilo firm upon her retirement. She has been involved with the Business-Education Partnership since it was formed in 1989, and was its first chairperson from 1989-1993. She is active on the Boards of Junior Achievement of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce (for which she serves as the Chair of the ATHENA Award Committee, having won the award herself in 1990), Japanese

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Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai‘i, and the Zonta Club of Hilo (member for 27 years, currently second Vice-President). She has also been a long-time member of the Hawai‘i County Workforce Investment Board, Hawai‘i County Youth Council, and the Hawai‘i County Workforce Economic Development Ohana. **Irene** is on the Steering Committees for the Huiana Internship Program, Hawai‘i County Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Justice (Youth Builders), and Friends of Big Island Drug Court. Also, she serves with the Hilo/Laupahoehoe/Waiakea Complex Area Community Alliance, Hilo High School Career Technical Education Health Services Pathway Advisory Committee, Waiakea High School Business Academy Advisors Committee, Hawai‘i State Adult and Community Education Advisory Council, Big Island Task Force on Criminal Justice Committee, Big Island Workplace Connection, Ainako Community Association and the MADD Support Group. **Irene** is currently the Program Assistant for the Hawai‘i Community College Rural Development Project, and is on the committee to report to the Mayor’s Task Force for Employment Solutions. Finally, she belongs to the Ula La Chapter of the Red Hat Society, where the only object is to have fun, with no fundraisers!

Kathleen Nielsen as East Hawai‘i Branch Director of Goodwill Industries, has been responsible for the development and implementation of non-profit programs for people with barriers to employment. This includes programs that provide life skills training, job training skills, and job placement for people with developmental disabilities. **Kathleen** has been responsible for the development of youth-oriented programs, and oversees employment and training programs for low-income families and people transitioning out of incarceration. In 2007, she initiated and participated in an Earned Income Credit Tax Clinic, a service whereby persons in need could have their tax returns prepared free of charge. She was personally involved in the completion and filing of tax returns for many service participants. **Kathleen** is also a Toastmasters award-winning speaker, and has made many presentations to Rotary Clubs and other island agencies or civic clubs. She is a Career Development Facilitator Instructor (CDFI) certified trainer. She is a member of Family, Community, Education (FCE), Zonta Club of Hilo, Hawai‘i Island Palm Society, Rhododendron Society, and Orchid Society. She personally replanted the rose-garden at Hilo Medical Center, and spends many hours beautifying the landscape around her home.

In the photo are the Hilo Bay Rotary Community Star awardees with their nominators and selection committee members. Left to right: **Zelda Nash**, **Richard Crowe**, **Carol Van Camp**, **Anita Cunningham**, **Frank Annin**, **Sharon Scheele**, **Irene Nagao** and **Kathleen Nielsen**, **Karolyn Lundkvist**, and **Gerry Hollins**. Absent is **Yu Yok Pearing**.



Announcements:

1. **President Richard Crowe** attended a Presidents' Meeting in Maui this past weekend, and stayed at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort (a very nice hotel), where the 2008 Rotary District 5000 Conference will be held. Membership was emphasized by the District Governor, and the District is asking each of the clubs to induct 1 new member per month.
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 in order for the activity to be successful, everyone must participate.
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. Finally, hosts for five Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members are being sought for their visit here May 19-23. To date, we have two hosts.
4. The 2008 Rotary District 5000 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.
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. **Pete Muller** reminded us about the Heart Walk on Saturday, February 9, at Lili'uokalani Gardens. Our team includes **Pete Muller** (captain), **Frank Annin, Mary Begier, Richard Crowe, Barbara Hastings, Steve Jacunski, Kyle Kawano, Karolyn Lundkvist, Art Taniguchi, and Carol Van Camp**. Heart Association donations are being accepted!
7. **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 Waiakeawaena Elementary School at 8:15 a.m., and Waiakea Elementary School at 1:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is being distributed.
8. **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. We will be carpooling from 'Imiloa Astronomy Center at 7 a.m. 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! Bring rakes and hand-tools if you can. February 23 is the 103rd anniversary of Rotary, and has been designated as a Rotary Gives Thanks Work Day.
9. **Mike Gleason** 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 club is still seeking chaperones and Rotarian volunteers to help (contact **Mike** for details).
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 may become Rotarians too!

CALENDAR:

- FEB. 13 – **BOARD MEETING**, 4:15 p.m., The Arc of Hilo
FEB. 15 – **Dictionary Project**, 8:15 a.m., Waiakeawaena School
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FEB. 16 – **Pre-President-Elect Training Seminar**,
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel
FEB. 17 – **Leadership and District Assembly Training**,
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel
FEB. 20 – **REGULAR MEETING: Lee Hardy**, Assistant Pro, Hilo Municipal
Golf Course, “Getting Started....It’s Easier Than You Think”
FEB. 23 – **Weinberg Project**, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon (departure from ‘Imiloa
Astronomy Center at 7 a.m.), Kilohana Girl Scouts Camp on
Saddle Road
FEB. 27 – **REGULAR MEETING: Youline Kalima**, American Red Cross,
“Disaster 101”
MAR. 5 – **REGULAR MEETING: Kai’u Kimura**, ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center,
“Hokule’a Voyage to Japan”

HAPPY DOLLARS:



- RUTH LARKIN \$1**, FOR BEING IN THE “BIG CONCERT” AT CARNEGIE HALL.
KAROLYN LUNDKVIST \$11, FOR THE COMMUNITY STARS (PLUS ONE,
KATHLEEN NIELSEN’S HUSBAND SKIP).
RICHARD CROWE \$10, FOR STARS KATHLEEN NIELSEN AND IRENE NAGAO.
BARBARA HASTINGS \$10, FOR ZONTIANS PRESENT; SHE’S A ZONTIAN TOO.
GERRY HOLLINS \$10, FOR HIS APPEARANCE WITH LEONARD BISEL (HILO
CLUB) ON THE COVER OF THE NEXT ISSUE OF *BICYCLING* MAGAZINE.
NADIA RANNE \$2, FOR THIS EVENT, AND FOR THE NEWS THAT “IT’S A BOY!”
MIKE GLEASON \$10, FOR RECENT MOVE TO A NEW HOUSE IN HILO.
ALBERT JEYTE \$2, FOR HILO BAY CLUB MEMBERS WILLING TO BE GSE TEAM

HOSTS FROM **MAY 19-23** (RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, KAROLYN LUNDKVIST, PETE MULLER, AND RICHARD CROWE VOLUNTEERED).

JOEL LAPINTA \$10, FOR BEING AN AMBASSADOR IN THE *JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE* PROGRAM, AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH DR. STEPHANIE SLATER, WHO USED AN INFRARED CAMERA.

PAUL BICKFORD \$2, FOR BEING ON RECEIVING END OF AN ALLOWANCE.

KAREN ANNIN \$10, FOR COMMUNITY STAR IRENE NAGAO.

PETE MULLER \$20, FOR HIS FUNNY STORY ABOUT MRS. CARDOZA.

BOB LAMSON \$10, FOR ABSENT COMMUNITY STAR RYAN YOSHIOKA.



QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

“Rotarians are the beacons of a simple truth: that the key ingredient to making a peaceful world is the understanding that all people, no matter where they live, are equally precious”. - William Gates, Sr. (President **Crowe** awarded **Zelda Nash** \$5 for correctly identifying quote’s author).

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: RICHARD CUNNINGHAM (1/31), 18 YEARS (SPONSOR: BRAD BOISJOLIE).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: PETE AND ROBERTA MULLER (2/1), 44 YEARS.

MAHALO to **WALTER MOE** who donated two wrapped gifts and a bottle of wine, won by **PETE MULLER**.

4-WAY TEST: KAROLYN LUNDKVIST

PHOTOS: NADIA SCHOMER RANNE

PRE-MEETING MUSIC: WHITE OWL - KEIKO MATSUI



Main pool area at the Maui Wailea Beach Marriott Resort, site of the 2008 Rotary District 5000 Conference, May 23-26. Photo by **Richard Crowe**.