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Happy Valentine's Day!

PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE

LED PLEDGE: GLEN CALVERT

INSPIRATION: ZELDA NASH

Ms. MIKE: MARY BEGIER

SCRIBE: PATTY SUE SALVADOR

GUESTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: CHRIS TAMM, RON

DOLAN, JIM "HAWKEYE" CHENEY,

STEVE SHROPSHIRE

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH HILO: WALLY CHONG

OTHERS: DR. PAUL BICKFORD

(HOST: GARY YOUNG)

HAWAI'I ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS UPDATE

This week, the guest speaker was our own **Barbara Hastings** (right, introduced by **Carol Van Camp** on left). **Barbara** is the incoming President of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce (HICC) and Chair of the HICC Government Affairs Committee. HICC provides leadership and advocacy for business to promote the economic well-being of our community. HICC is 110 years old, the 5th largest business organization in the State of Hawai'i, and incorporates 330 businesses with 700 members. Rotarians in our club who are Committee Chairs are **Mary Begier** (Economic Development), **Jon Miyata** (Finance), **Carol Van Camp** (Membership/Benefits), and **Art Taniguchi** (Political Action). Major projects include (1) Hawai'i Island Small Business Association winners; (2) Athena Award; (3) Annual Economic Forecast; (4) Office Professionals Day; (5) Annual Golf Tournament; (6) Business After Hours; (7) Forums and Events (such as Journey Through the Universe). The Government Affairs Committee is the watchdog at the County Council and the Legislature, and also endorses candidates for public office. Recently, the committee gave testimony to defeat a parking ordinance that required businesses to double the current number of parking stalls for vehicles, even if not being used. In the area of flood

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control, HICC takes the position that more regulation is not needed, and that current laws should be enforced. Land use is another important concern of HICC: 90% of the Big Island is zoned for agriculture or conservation, yet a large percentage of the population is living on agricultural land, but not farming it. Legislative priorities include medical issues, higher education, workforce development, and affordable housing. HICC works in coordination with the Filipino, Japanese, and Portuguese Chambers of Commerce. Unlike in higher populated areas, HICC officers are not full-time, but remain active business people who must spend part of their time taking political action, leaving themselves vulnerable to backlash. For more information about why we should support or join HICC, see <http://www.hicc.biz/>



Announcements:

1. Thanks to those who participated in the Heart Walk on Saturday, February 9, at Lili'uokolani Gardens. The team included **Pete Muller** (captain), **Frank Annin**, **Mary Begier**, **Richard Crowe**, **Barbara Hastings**, **Steve and Kapua Jacunski**, **Kyle Kawano**, **Karolyn Lundkvist**, **Art and Barbara Taniguchi**, and **Carol Van Camp**. Others spotted were (elec) **Ted Hong**, **Julie Hugo** and **Jeff Melrose**, **Ruth Larkin**, and **Jon Miyata**.



Some of the walkers are shown here. Thanks to **Pete** and **Roberta Muller** for providing the team a fabulous lunch afterward at their home.

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.
4. **President Richard Crowe** also announced that there will be a Rotary Foundation Gala on April 12, 5:30 p.m., at the Hawai'i Convention Center. This will be a sold-out event and will feature several speakers who were the beneficiaries of our donations. The event is \$75 a person.
5. 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.
6. 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.
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 might become Rotarians.
11. **Jay Curlee** announced that he will be attending a District Meeting about the 2009-2010 District Conference, as well as a brainstorming session on fundraising for Rotary Foundation, on February 23.
12. Thanks to Club Service Chairs **Suzanne Robotham** and **Gary Young** for providing sweetheart candies at the meeting.

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:

DAVE DeLUZ JR. \$10, FOR SUCCESS OF THE *JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE* PROGRAM, IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED AS AN **AMBASSADOR**.

RICHARD CROWE \$5, FOR **TIM YOUNG** BEING PRESENT AT THE MEETING!

JAY CURLEE \$2, FOR RECEIVING TWO MORE CHECKS TO **ROTARY FOUNDATION** AT THE MEETING, BRINGING CLUB TO **100%** PARTICIPATION IN **FOUNDATION GIVING** FOR THE FIRST TIME. **OUR CLUB IS ALSO #3** IN THE **DISTRICT** IN **TOTAL GIVING** WITH **\$16,320**, **#1** ON THE **BIG ISLAND** AND **7TH** IN THE **DISTRICT** IN **PER CAPITA GIVING**, AT **\$326**. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

RECOGNITIONS: RON SCHURRA (RIGHT) FOR A SEQUENCE OF TWO FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES IN THE *HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD*, CONCERNING THE **HILO MEDICAL CENTER EXTENDED ADULT CARE FACILITY**. RON IS SERVING ON THE **WAIT-LIST TASK FORCE**.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: JON MIYATA (2/11), 4 YEARS (SPONSOR: **BARRY TANIGUCHI**); **RUTH LARKIN** (2/12), 5 YEARS (SPONSOR: **NATE CHANG**).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: TOMO AND NIKI SAITO (2/9).

BIRTHDAYS: RICHARD CROWE (2/12).



MAHALO to **ZELDA NASH** who donated a **Valentine's Day Gift Basket**, won by **JON MIYATA**.

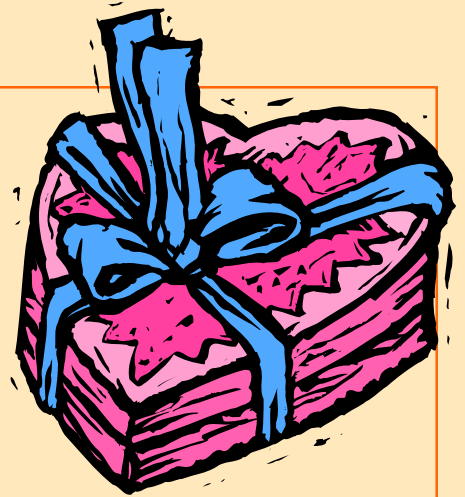
QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

“Love one another, but make not a bond of love. Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.” – Kahlil Gibran

4-WAY TEST: **PAULA UUSITALO**

PHOTOS: **ANITA CUNNINGHAM**

PRE-MEETING MUSIC: **HEART OF THE CELTS**



The International Student Association (ISA) of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo is hosting International Nights 2008 on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16. At this grand event, many cultures from all over the world come together, with an array of performances on stage. The Rotary Club of Hilo Bay donated \$250 toward refreshments for performers. Shown here are Hilo Bay Rotarians with members of the UHH ISA. Kneeling (left to right) are ISA Secretary **Kanako Takao** (Japan), ISA Publicity Co-Chair **Yoko Isoda** (Japan), and ISA Membership Coordinator **Yuko Miyazato** (Okinawa). Standing (left to right) are ISA Faculty Advisor **Ruth Robison**, Hilo Bay Club President **Richard Crowe**, ISA President **Kohei Miyagi** (Okinawa), and Hilo Bay Club International Service Chair **Ruth Larkin**.