



March 26 meeting

Number 37: 2007-08

PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE

LED PLEDGE: MARY BEGIER

INSPIRATION: SANDY SAKAGUCHI

MS. MIKE: BARBARA HASTINGS

GUESTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: RICK NEWKOLD,
JERRY WATANABE.

OTHERS: DR. RONALD QUADE,
DAVID TURNER (HOST: WALTER MOE),
CASEY & MATTHEW PEARRING
(HOST: YU YOK PEARRING).

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM VISIT TO DENMARK

This week, the guest speaker was **Karolyn Lundkvist**, of Lundkvist Aviation Research/Lundkvist Palm Garden, our 2004-05 Centennial President, 2007-08 Membership Chair, and 2007-08 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Leader for Rotary District 5000 Hawai'i/U.S.A. This year, District 5000, which consists of 43 clubs, sent a GSE Team to Rotary District 1470 in Copenhagen/Denmark, which consists of 70 clubs. The purpose of the 5-week trip is cultural and vocational exchange, creating worldwide fellowship and opportunities for international service. The team consists of one Rotarian and four non-Rotarians. The 2007-08 Team Members are: **Daniel Talbot Stuart** of Maui, Physical Therapist and Director of an Outpatient Clinic, sponsored by Rotary Club of Maui; **Joselito Manuel Olegario** of Honolulu, Systems Engineer, sponsored by Rotary Club of Ala Moana; **Kristina Akiko Krug** of Honolulu, Office Administrator, sponsored by Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset; and **Lance Toshio Tashima** of Honolulu, Event Manager, sponsored by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu.

The team left for Copenhagen via Honolulu Airport on Sunday morning, 21st October 2007 at 07:30. We went from Honolulu to San Fran-

cisco, Frankfurt, and finally to Copenhagen. We arrived in Copenhagen at 18:05 on Monday 22nd October 2007. Travel time, door to door, was 27 hours. Upon arrival, we were greeted by our host and left the airport for what was to be home for one week. My host took me on a tour of the city. I was so exhausted, but I did smile and was on my best behavior. I finally expressed how fatigued I was. Upon arrival at home, supper was awaiting us. I had a delightful evening and was in awe of my surroundings. The place was huge and lovely. During our entire 5-week stay in Denmark, we changed host families every Sunday morning. Each and every one of our host families treated us most graciously.

The next morning at 09:30, we had a briefing for our team by Finn **Oscar Møller**, the GSE District Chairman,



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and **Ole Hansen**, the District Coordinator. We gave them Rotary shirts. Thank you so much, **Pete Muller**. We, as a group, went sightseeing around Copenhagen and that evening, we gave our first presentation at København-Langelinie Rotary Club. We were all impressed and still quite fatigued. I did notice that no one wore Rotary attire and did not wear their Paul Harris pins. I had mine on with pride. There, Paul Harris pins are awarded when the President and/or Board honors a member for exemplary service. Each of us wore a different color Rotary shirt we purchased from **Pete Muller**. It was indeed admired, yet it is not fashionable for Danes to wear Rotary clothing. At all the Rotary meetings we attended, we gave out kukui nut leis, Hawaiian calendars, small salad bowls, salad forks and spoons, Hawaiian towels, Hawaiian salt, key chains and many more gifts from Hawai'i to the President. These were also the gifts we gave to our host families. The recipients were so very appreciative.

We did our presentation at a total of nine Rotary clubs and of course at the District Conference on 27th October. The Conference was one day only and was very formal. After the Conference we all attended a magnificent gala dinner at Hotel D'Angleterre, the premier hotel in Denmark. There were many more attendees at the gala dinner than at the District Conference. Most of the Rotary Clubs in Denmark are dinner clubs. Social time always comes first. Breakfast, lunch or dinner is next and the meeting does not start until all the tables have been cleared off. Next is a song (a fun song) and then the meeting starts. The meetings are very formal and so are the Danes. The Four-Way Test is never recited at a meeting. The Rotary medallion is on a ribbon and worn by the President around his neck. The name of each president is attached to the ribbon, which is then passed onto the next president. I think this is a great idea!

Vocational visits took place on ten different days. Each of us was assigned to an appropriate business of interest that matched his/her vocation (see above). Mine was education. All education in Scandinavia up to and including university is free. Mandatory school goes up to ninth grade. After ninth grade one goes on to trade school or Gymnasium, which prepares one for business school or college. Everyone speaks English as well as one or two additional languages. Foreign language education starts in fifth grade. Students must take two foreign languages before graduating. Most students have visited one or more foreign countries at an early age.

The population of Denmark is 5.3 million. Taxes are high at 59%, but some said they paid even more. They have socialized medicine, the religion is Lutheran, and Denmark is a monarchy.

Please visit <http://www.rotaryd5000.org> for more pictures and information about this wonderful exchange. In doing so, follow the directions below.

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HAPPY DOLLARS:

ALAN OKINAKA \$5.

CAROL VAN CAMP \$1.

YU YOK PEARRING \$1.

PAUL BICKFORD \$20.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM \$3.

ANITA CUNNINGHAM \$1.



Announcements:

1. **President Richard Crowe** reminded us that there will be a Rotary Foundation Gala on April 12, 5:30-9:00 p.m., at the Hawai'i Convention Center, close to the Ala Moana Hotel, in Honolulu. This will be a sold-out event, and will feature past RI President **Jonathan Majiyagbe** and some beneficiaries of our RF donations. The event is \$75 a person. A fair displaying club projects will start at 3:30 p.m. that day. **Richard** also reminded us that the deadline for the Four-Way Test Contest, open to high-school students, is March 31. Students (3) with winning essays of 450 words about Rotary's credo will each get a round-trip to the District Conference May 25th.
2. **Richard** read a thank-you letter to the club from **Carol Van Camp**, President of the Friends of Big Island Drug Court, for supporting the program by purchasing personal hygiene kits and gift certificates with District 5000 Simplified Grant funds.
3. **President-Elect Mary Begier** reminded us that this year, the District 5000 Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 5, at Waimea Middle School, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All members are welcome, but board members from next year are strongly encouraged to attend (you will be hearing from Mary if you don't sign up)!
4. **Gary Young** reminded us that we will be having a special club social event on Thursday, March 27, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the home of **Richard Crowe**. Those who attend will be treated to a 1-hour concert of piano music (at 7:00 p.m.) by classical Russian pianist **Boris Konovalov**. Tickets are \$20 a head. Only 20 tickets (for Rotarians and guests) were available, and they are all taken, so the event is sold out.
5. **Rick Newkold** reminded us that Saturday, April 26 has been declared by RI as Rotarians at Work Day. The East Hawai'i clubs are pooling labor and money to renovate the interior of the Hilo Central Fire Station, beginning Saturday, April 12 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and continuing at the same time on Saturday, April 19, and on April 26. **Rick** asked for volunteer participation and for about \$1,700 in monetary donations from individual members (\$100 was collected during the meeting). A sign-up sheet was circulated by Hilo Bay Community Service Chair **Allen Novak**.
6. **Richard Cunningham** continued the spring campaign for the Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF). A framed mirror will be the drawing prize. Members who contribute \$50 or more to HRYF can participate in the drawing for the mirror, to be fabricated by **Richard** before mid-April. More donations were received today.
7. **Karolyn Lundkvist** informed us about our Membership Team project. She has divided our 52 members into 8 teams. Each of these teams is responsible for bringing in at least one new member, designating a team sponsor for that member, and identifying a team mentor for said member. The team will continue to support that new member. The team that brings in the most new members will be rewarded. On May 14, we will hold a special meeting entirely devoted to membership that will feature a special competitive activity. If you have not filled out that card, do it soon!
8. **Yu Yok Pearing** informed us that we will be having an evening Business Visitation to the Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden on May 7th. More details later.
9. 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. So far, **Mary Begier, Pete Muller, Karolyn Lundkvist, Richard Crowe** (plus 3 spouses) have registered.
10. 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.



BIRTHDAYS: **BARRY TANIGUCHI (3/21);**
JANE GIBSON (3/24). (LEFT)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:
GLEN CALVERT (3/24), 4 YEARS
(SPONSOR: MIKE GLEASON).



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:
MARY BEGIER AND LYLE PHILLIPS (3/20),
19 YEARS;
PAUL AND MARLYN BICKFORD (3/20),
13 YEARS;
ART AND BARBARA TANIGUCHI (3/21),
18 YEARS;
JANE GIBSON AND ALAN LAKRITZ (3/21),
9 YEARS.



RECOGNITIONS: **JULIE HUGO,** FOR HER HUSBAND
JEFF MELROSE BEING PICTURED ON **PAGE 1** OF
THE **3/7 HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD (HT-H),** AS
NEW PLANS FOR THE **HILO FARMER'S MARKET**
WERE FINALLY APPROVED.

CAROL VAN CAMP WAS PICTURED IN A **3/12 HT-**
H ARTICLE ABOUT THE **HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**
CORPORATION BOARD, ON WHICH SHE SERVES.

CALENDAR:

- MAR. 27– Club Social, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (at Crowe home on 26 Olena Street, Hilo), with pianist Boris Konovalov**
- APR. 2 – REGULAR MEETING: Mike Kaleikini, Puna Geothermal**
- APR. 5 – District 5000 Assembly for Hawai'i Island, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Waimea Middle School**
- APR. 9 – REGULAR MEETING: Kawika Mattos, Boys & Girls Club of Hilo**
- APR. 12 – Hilo Central Fire Station Renovation, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- APR. 12 – Rotary Foundation Gala, 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu (\$75 a person)**
- APR. 16 – REGULAR MEETING: Nahoahoa Interact Club (at Ke Ana La'ahana School, Kalaniana'ole, near Yacht Club)**
- APR. 19 – Hilo Central Fire Station Renovation, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- APR. 23 – REGULAR MEETING: Bill Walter, W.H. Shipman**
- APR. 26 – Hilo Central Fire Station Renovation, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- APR. 30 – REGULAR MEETING: Claude Thompson, District New Generations Chair, and East Hawai'i Rotaract Club**

MAHALO to **SANDY SAKAGUCHI**, who donated a \$30 gift certificate to Macy's and a box of Big Island candies, won by **SUZANNE ROBOTHAM**.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: "It is easier to interest men in war than in peace: it therefore requires more moral courage to talk peace than war." – Paul Harris

4-WAY TEST: **SUZANNE ROBOTHAM**

PHOTOS: **JULIE HUGO AND ART TANIGUCHI**

PRE-MEETING MUSIC: **SYMPHONY #5** BY **RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS** – **BERNARD HAITINK AND THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC**

Boris and Friends "Piano Social", at the home of **Richard** and **Deby Crowe** on March 27, was attended by 12 Hilo Bay Rotarians, 12 guests, and performer **Dr. Boris Kononov**. After a social hour in which pupus and refreshments were served (covered by club funds), concert pianist **Boris**, who is a Russian residing in Canada, performed a 90-minute program (with a 15-minute intermission) of classical pieces by Tchaikovsky, Scriabin, Scarlatti, Chopin, and Liszt. His playing was impressive and technically dazzling. **Dr. Kononov**, who has released 6 solo CDs, has an extensive repertoire in his brain and fingers. He actually modified the program during the performance according to the strengths and weaknesses of the 40-year-old instrument. All three new Hilo Bay Rotarians were present with their families. Big mahalos to **Gary Young** and **Suzanne Robotham** for ordering and bringing pupus and refreshments, and thanks to **Karolyn Lundkvist** for providing 20 chairs and her "devilled" eggs! Photos by **Anita Cunningham**

