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April 23 meeting

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PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE
LED PLEDGE: PAULA UUSITALO
INSPIRATION: NADIA RANNE
MR. MIKE: TREVOR RODRIGUES
SCRIBE: JAMES LEONARD
GUESTS: ROTARY CLUB OF VOLCANO:
ALBERT JEYTE
ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH HILO:
GLEN UEKAWA
OTHERS: PAUL NASH, BILL WALTER
(GUEST SPEAKER)

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RECREATING THE OLD KEA'AU VILLAGE

This week, the guest speaker was **Bill Walter**, President of W.H. Shipman, Limited, founded in 1882 and incorporated in 1923, an old kama'aina company and a major land owner in Kea'au, Puna. William Herbert Shipman was born in 1854 to the Reverend William Cornelius Shipman and his wife Jane, who had just arrived in Lahaina, Maui, 135 days after sailing from Boston. The following year Reverend Shipman accepted a position in Ka'u, on Hawai'i Island. As a young man, W.H. Shipman attended Punahou School on O'ahu and Knox College in Illinois, then returned to the Big Island to manage Kapapala Ranch. In 1879 he married Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Kona, grandniece of John Davis whose uncle, Isaac Davis, was advisor to King Kamehameha I. Shortly thereafter, William and Mary moved to Kapoho and took over the family ranch. Kapoho was 23 miles from Hilo over the King's Highway along the Puna coast, which passed by Haena Beach. Mary often told Willie that she would like to have a home near the beautiful

beach and protect the area for future generations. Haena was part of the Ahupua'a of Kea'au, which in 1882 was sold by the King Lunalilo Estate to W.H. Shipman and his partners. Over the next two years, Willie bought his partners' interests out and became sole owner of the Lands of Kea'au. Willie built a home at Haena Beach in 1904 and with his son, Herbert Shipman, expanded the family ranching operations. William died in 1943 and Herbert, who was a conservationist, took over the Company. He pioneered orchid development in Hawai'i and was credited by the National Geographic Society with saving the nene (the State bird of Hawai'i) from extinction by raising them near Haena Beach. Herbert had no heirs, so in 1976 the business passed on to W.H.

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Shipman's grandson, Roy Shipman Blackshear. Roy continued to raise the rare nene and maintain the family land traditions. The closing of Puna Sugar in 1982 helped to spur greater agricultural diversity with papayas, bananas, and macadamia nuts. Roy Blackshear stayed on as President until 1994 and successfully brought the company into a new age of development. He took the family out of cattle ranching, started a business park and spearheaded the rebuilding of Kea'au Village. He also worked with the Nature Conservancy and the University of Hawai'i, allowing those organizations to use the land for research studies and conservation. Roy died at the age of 83 during the last week of 2006.

Currently, there are 70,000-75,000 people living in Puna. Projections for population growth in Kea'au and Puna are high. Kea'au is the obvious center for accommodating new needs for housing, business and public services. The Kea'au Community Advisory Group has been formed to come up with a preferred vision for the future. That vision includes using fallow lands around Kea'au Village for a combination of residential development and community amenities such as medical services and a regional library. The goal is to create a small walkable village that will serve the Puna district. W. H. Shipman, Limited, is in a unique position to stimulate a growth scenario that preserves the land and lifestyle.

Announcements:

1. **President Richard Crowe** announced that the Rotary Club of South Hilo is holding their annual Hilo Huli Fundraiser (A Taste of Heat), Saturday, May 4, between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Moku Ola (Coconut Island). Tickets are \$40 a person (\$45 at the door), and can be bought from any member of South Hilo Rotary.
2. **Yu Yok Pearring** reminded us that we will be having an afternoon Business Visitation to the Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden on May 7th, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. (no regular meeting that morning). Food and refreshments will be provided.
3. **Richard Cunningham** continued the spring campaign for the Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF). A framed mirror, valued at \$700, 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** by April 30. About \$3,670 has been collected during this calendar year. *Let's do our best to get the total donations up to \$5,000 before the drawing, which takes place at the April 30 meeting!*
4. **Mary Begier** announced that our annual fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 8, between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and let your imaginations go wild!
5. **Allen Novak** read a thank-you letter to the club from the Boys and Girls Club for a \$1,000 donation presented to Chief Officer **Kawika Mattos** at the April 9 meeting.
6. 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. The total meal package has been reduced to \$255. To register or to get info, click on:
<http://www.rotaryd5000.org/Newsletter.cfm>
7. The 2008 Rotary International Convention will be held June 15-18 in Los Angeles, California (*See the Stars!*). The registration cost per person is \$345. See:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

CALENDAR:

- APR. 26** – Rotarians at Work Day: Hilo Central Fire Station Refurbishment, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- APR. 30** – REGULAR MEETING: Claude Thompson, District New Generations Chair
- MAY 4** – Hilo Huli, Coconut Island, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- MAY 7** – Vocational Meeting, Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- MAY 14** – Membership Meeting and Social, Naniloa, 6:45 a.m.
- MAY 20** – Rotary on the Radio, KPUA, 9:30 a.m.
- MAY 21** – REGULAR MEETING: Group Study Exchange Team
- MAY 23-26** – District 5000 Conference, Wailea Beach Marriott Resort and Spa, Maui
- MAY 28** – REGULAR MEETING: Michael Flynn, Health Works Under the Banyan

HAPPY DOLLARS:

- PAULA UUSITALO \$5**, FOR UPCOMING "WORKS OF LOVE" ART AUCTION AT THE *HAWAI'I ISLAND ADULT CARE CENTER*, TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 2 (NOTE DATE), FROM 5:00-8:00 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$10 A PERSON.
- MARY BEGIER \$20**, FOR CLOSING ON SALE OF FORMER MEMBER SCOTT BOTHOF'S HOME, AND FOR MOVING TO HER NEW OFFICE AT *HILO LAGOON*.
- BARBARA HASTINGS \$5**, FOR GREAT CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT BY DR. PAUL BICKFORD.
- YU YOK PEARRING \$1**, FOR FIVE UH HILO STUDENTS FROM THE MARINE OPTION PROGRAM WINNING 1ST PRIZE IN A COMPETITION IN HONOLULU.
- CAROL VAN CAMP \$1**, FOR HUSBAND SKIP LANGELL'S BIRTHDAY ON 4/19. HE IS PLAYING GOLF IN SICAMOUS, BRITISH COLUMBIA, IN 24° F WEATHER!
- RICHARD CUNNINGHAM \$1**, FOR RECEIVING MORE DONATIONS AT THE MEETING TOWARD *HRYF*. MEMBER DONATIONS NOW TOTAL \$3,670. CAN WE GET THAT TOTAL UP TO \$5,000 BEFORE THE DRAWING ON APRIL 30?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

RON AND EDIE SCHURRA (4/17), 37 YEARS.

Birthdays: JOEL LAPINTA (4/19); PAUL HARRIS (4/19), (RIGHT).

MAHALO to NADIA RANNE, who donated a \$50 Gift Certificate for Macy's, won by DAVE DELUZ JR.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: "On Spaceship Earth, there are no passengers; everybody is a member of the crew. We have moved into an age in which everybody's activities affect everybody else." – Marshall McLuhan

4-WAY TEST: ALLEN NOVAK

PHOTOS: ANITA CUNNINGHAM & RICHARD CROWE (ROTARIANS AT WORK)

PRE-MEETING MUSIC: PAUL DESMOND – SUMMERTIME



Rotarians at Work Day:
Refurbishing the Hilo
Fire Station Dormitories,
Saturday, April 26, 2008

