

## May 21 meeting

Number 45: 2007-08

**PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE**

**LED PLEDGE: GAY PORTER**

**INSPIRATION: DALE TOKUUE**

**Ms. MIKE: YU YOK PEARRING**

**GUESTS: ROTARY CLUB OF VOLCANO: ALBERT JEYTE; ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH HILO: JIM EDNIE, LARRY BLACK; ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: GAY PORTER, HELEN HEMMES, RAND MUNDO, CINDY BOOTS, IAN BIRNIE, SAEKO HAYASHI, CRAIG SHIKUMA; ROTARY CLUB OF SORGENFRI, DENMARK: HENRIK MIKKELSEN; GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM: MIKKEL LOFT, SABRINA JAKOBSEN, LOUISE ENEVOLDSEN, STEPHAN SKARE NIELSEN; OTHERS: RONALD QUADE (HOST: WALTER MOE), YOKO HAYANO (HOST: SAEKO HAYASHI), BETTYE WILLIAMS (HOST: NADIA RANNE), PAUL STRAUSS (HOST: MIKE GLEASON).**

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## HERE COME THE DANES

Our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was a quad-club affair with the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Denmark (District 1470), shown below in their red-shirted uniforms. From left to right, they are team leader **Henrik Mikkelsen**, and team members **Mikkel Loft**, **Louise Enevoldsen**, **Sabrina Jakobsen**, and **Stephan Skare Nielsen**, flanked by President **Richard Crowe** and GSE Hawai'i (District 5000) Team Leader **Karolyn Lundkvist**.

**Henrik Mikkelsen.** Rotary Club: *Sorgenfri*. From childhood, **Henrik** has had a special interest in drawing. In high school, he bought his own ceramic kiln to develop his artistic skills further, and graduated as an Industrial Designer from The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in 1975. Since then he has worked as an independent industrial designer, creating savings-boxes for banks, safety products for industries, apparatus for hospitals, children products for **IKEA**, personal accessories and various other products. In 1972 he married **Yetty**, who is a sculptor and painter from Java in Indonesia – and since then, many of **Henrik's** travels have been to the exotic tropical islands Java, Bali, Lombok or Sumatra, for visits to the Indonesian family, or more often to attend his nieces' and nephews' traditional weddings. He and **Yetty** live in a modern self-designed and self-built low-energy wooden house north of Copenhagen, in a forest-like garden surrounded by tall pine trees. The house functions both as studio, workshop, atelier, gallery and living place. **Henrik** loves to watch the various birds that live and visit his garden – 35 kinds of birds throughout the year. Red squirrels jump up and down the trees, and also foxes and deer come and visit to enjoy the roses. Indoor sounds arise from New Age music, which is used to stimulate creativity, and **Yetty** playing classical piano. Twice a week, **Henrik** starts the

day with an early run in the nearby wood. He spoke to us about Danish seasons.

**Mikkel Loft.** Sponsor Club: *Copenhagen Morning*. Born in Elsinore, located just north of the Danish capital of Copenhagen. Elsinore is the city made famous by Shakespeare's play "Hamlet". **Mikkel** grew up in Haderslev in the southern part of Denmark close to the German border. His parents still live there but his two young brothers have also moved to Copenhagen. From childhood, he has been fascinated by numbers, and when he was 18 he moved to Copenhagen to study economics at the University of Copenhagen. After finishing his bachelors' degree he went to Vienna, Austria, to begin

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his masters' studies in economics, which he did there from 2001-2002. He graduated with a masters' degree in Economics from the University of Copenhagen in 2004. During his studies he became intrigued by the real estate market and he got his first job at a mortgage bank. After 2 years there he decided to move to an investment company where he currently works on real estate investments in Denmark, Sweden and Germany. His favorite hobby is to travel and visit new places. He is a member of the Danish Travellers Guild and has so far visited 36 different countries, with plans to visit many more. **Mikkel** spoke to us about Danish history.

**Louise Enevoldsen**. Sponsor Club: **Rotary København-Langelinie**. In 2004 **Louise** decided, after completing her bachelors' degree in nutrition and health, to become a clinical dietician focusing on diseases that needed dietary advice. She practised for one year as a dietician and consultant, giving nutritional advice to companies that wanted to improve the health status of their employees. Later, **Louise** entered the world of biotechnology as she wanted to develop skills in clinical trial management. This meant using the scientific part of her education with a focus on biochemistry and physiology, with less emphasis on the nutritional aspects. At first she assisted in managing clinical trials from initiation to completion in the treatment of specific types of cancer. Recently she joined project management to experience the clinical trials from a more strategic point of view. In her spare time she works as a volunteer with an on-line panel of experts who provide nutritional advice. This allows her to utilize the nutritional areas of her education. **Louise** has a huge passion for cooking, worldwide cuisines, fine dining and experimenting with different ingredients and new products. Other interests are art, swimming, and music, ranging from Leonard Cohen to the Hawaiian singer Jack Johnson. Due to family, studies, work, and a constant desire to travel, **Louise** has obtained an international profile in which working with different cultures or nationalities are of great interest. **Louise** spoke to us about (of course!) Danish food and drink. She says the Danes are the happiest people in the world because they have low expectations!

**Sabrina Jakobsen**. Sponsor Club: **Rotary København-Langelinie**. After graduation from Business School, **Sabrina** applied for an apprenticeship, where she would get to know all functions in a large pension- and lifesavings company. In August 1994 she started in the membership department after only 3 months of her apprenticeship, where for the first time she became acquainted with the pension sector. She quickly knew that this was the area in which she wanted to continue working. It gave her a desire to help people in understanding how they can take advantage of a pension savings or life insurance. After four years with Pen-Sam, she was employed by Skandia, one of the largest insurance companies in Scandinavia, where her primary assignments were to advise clients about investment possibilities with regards to their pension savings. After 2.5 years with Skandia, she was offered a job with the international pension agent Willis, where she currently works. Her job has developed into a combination of pension adviser and communications specialist. In this way, her two primary areas of interest have been combined in the most optimal way. Concurrent with her daily work, **Sabrina** has also managed to get re-educated at the Insurance Academy. As a supplement to her daily work, she has chosen to study Neuro Lingvistisk programming/coaching. **Sabrina** spends her leisure time visiting family and friends, working out in a local gym, and enjoying life. **Sabrina** spoke to us about the sights and sounds of Copenhagen.

**Stephan Skare Nielsen**. Sponsor Club: **Frederiksberg-Falconér**. After finishing public school and deciding not to join the family business in the construction industry, **Stephan** moved to Copenhagen to study at the Copenhagen Business School. Today **Stephan** holds a Bachelor in International Business and a Master of Science in Innovation and Business Development from the Copenhagen Business School. During his education **Stephan** also studied at the University of Southern California (USC) at the undergraduate level and at Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver at the MBA level. Vocationally, **Stephan's** interests are related to his current job as a futurist at Future Navigator, which is an inspiring consulting company that offers Futurebased Ideas Development - a unique mix of future studies, innovation and product/service development. Clients range from small regional companies to international corporations and the company works across all industries (retail, banking, airline, energy, government, biotech, health care and others). The client base is especially strong in Scandinavia but is rapidly becoming more international (Asia and North America) because of the niche created by the strong and diverse mix of competencies. **Stephan** has primarily handled research and project management, but will soon be given new responsibilities within business development. In his spare time **Stephan** enjoys reading a good book, spending time with his friends and family (4 nephews) and doing a bit of sports. He used to play rugby for the Frederiksberg Rugby Club which won 3 Danish championships. Now he plays soccer for the Frederiksberg Soccer Club, runs a few times a week, and grabs any chance he can to go diving. He also enjoys to travel, with the U.S., Canada, Cuba, Oman, Kenya and Vietnam being his favorites. **Stephan** spoke to us about Danish sports and Danish business.

## CALENDAR:

**MAY 23-26 – District 5000 Conference, Wailea Beach Marriott Resort and Spa, Maui**

**MAY 28 – REGULAR MEETING: Michael Flynn, Health Works Under the Banyan**

**MAY 29 – Rotary on the Radio, KPUA, 9:30 a.m.**

## HAPPY DOLLARS:

**RON SCHURRA \$8**, FOR HIS UPCOMING RETIREMENT.

**KAROLYN LUNDKVIST \$50**, FOR THE VISIT OF THE **DANISH GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM**. KAROLYN HOSTED TEAM MEMBER **SABRINA JAKOBSEN**.

**RICHARD CROWE \$10**, FOR THE VISIT TO **MAUNA KEA SUMMIT WITH THE GSE TEAM**. THANKS TO **SAEKO HAYASHI AND FUMIKO HASEGAWA** FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. RICHARD HOSTED TEAM MEMBER **MIKKEL LOFT**.

**RICHARD CUNNINGHAM \$1**, FOR THE VISIT OF THE **DANISH GSE TEAM**. RICHARD HOSTED TEAM LEADER AND ROTARIAN **HENRIK MIKKELSEN**.

**ANITA CUNNINGHAM \$5**, FOR A VISIT WITH HER DAUGHTER **BECCA**.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

**CEDRIC AND PATTY MITSUI (5/19); SANDY AND MEL SAKAGUCHI (5/19).**

**MAHALO** to **DALE TOKUJKE**, who donated a \$75 Goodie Bag from *Goodies Galore*, won by **HELEN HEMMES**.

**QUOTE FOR THE DAY:** “Only morality in our actions can give beauty and dignity to our lives.” – Albert Einstein

“It’s good to have new blood...because the old blood clots.” – Allen Novak

**4-WAY TEST: ALBERT JEYTE**

**PHOTOS: NADIA RANNE**

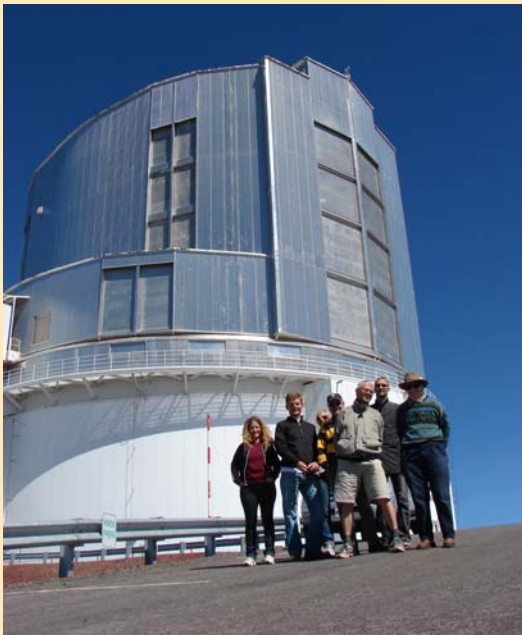
**PRE-MEETING MUSIC: CARMINA BURANA – CARL ORFF**

*Welcome to newest member **Paul Strauss** (middle), CEO of Bay Clinic, between President **Richard Crowe** (left) and sponsor **Mike Gleason** (right). Paul was our guest speaker on November 14, 2007.*



## Announcements:

1. **President Richard Crowe** announced that after the May 21 meeting, the Danish Group Study Exchange Team will visit ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i at 11:00, and then will visit the Lundkvist Palm Garden at 3:00 p.m. There will be a joint quad-club social for the team at the home of **Audrey** and **Jim Wilson** in Volcano, on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person.
2. **Ruth Larkin** announced that there will be an Intensive English Meeting and Chat at Hawai‘i Community College on Friday, June 13. More details will follow later.
3. 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. **Mary Begier, Pete Muller, Karolyn Lundkvist, Richard Crowe, Ruth Larkin**, and three spouses have registered. The total meal package costs \$255. To register or to get info, click on:  
<http://www.rotaryd5000.org/Newsletter.cfm>
4. 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>



The five members of the Danish Group Study Exchange Team (accompanied by Prez **Richard Crowe** and ADG **Albert Jeyte**) visited the summit of Mauna Kea on May 20. At left, **Saeko Hayashi** discusses the array of instruments used with the Subaru Telescope. Outside the Subaru dome, the GSE team basks in the intense Maunakea sunshine, below left. Top right: on May 21, the Danes visited the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i. Later on that same day, **Bo-Göran** and **Karolyn Lundkvist** showed the GSE team their nursery at the Lundkvist Palm Garden in Leilani Estates near Pahoa. Photos by **Richard Crowe** and **Fumiko Hasegawa**.





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Wailea Marriott Resort

