

November 21 meeting

Number 20: 2007-08

Happy Thanksgiving

PRESIDING: RICHARD CROWE

LED PLEDGE: BARRY TANIGUCHI

INSPIRATION: MIKE GLEASON

MR. MIKE: GLEN CALVERT

GUESTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF HILO: JIM KENNEDY, CRAIG SHIKUMA.

ROTARY CLUB OF VOLCANO: ALBERT JEYTE.

ROTARY CLUB OF RUIDOSO (NM): FRED GERTH.

ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA (CA): RON HARRIS.

OTHERS: FIRE CHIEF DARRYL OLIVEIRA, LAURIEKANETA, JUDY GERTH.

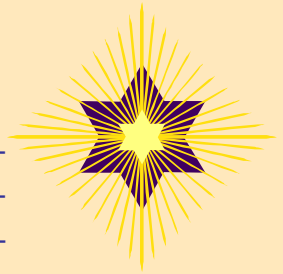


FIRE CHIEF ASKS ROTARY TO HELP WITH RENOVATION OF CENTRAL FIRE STATION

This week, our guest speaker was *Fire Chief Darryl Oliveira* (left, pictured with President **Richard Crowe**), who became Hawai'i County's first Fire Chief to be appointed by the Fire Commission in March, 2002. *Chief Oliveira* is a 27-year veteran of the Hawai'i County Fire Department. He has been a firefighter, a paramedic, a Fire Reserve specialist, and a Fire Captain. He commands a department of 400 employees and 220 volunteer firefighters. The Chief gave us a photographic summary of the state of the historic Central Fire Station, which needs paint, a new roof, and basically much renovation (inside and out). Union regulations prevent County firefighters from doing the work themselves. As a result, he needs help from volunteers. Thus, he is approaching the Rotary Clubs of East Hawai'i (through Assistant District Governor *Albert Jeyte*, who was on hand to introduce *Chief Oliveira*) to create a corps of volunteers to help paint, clean, and upgrade the Fire Station. He asked Rotary volunteers to help with the inside renovation, since outside work can be contracted out. All four Hawai'i clubs would be participating in this future project.

Service
Above
Self





Nominate a “Hilo Bay Rotary Community Star”:

Hilo Bay Rotary will be joining 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 will be 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. However, the competition is not open to Rotarians or their immediate families. Nomination forms will be made available at future club meetings, and the nomination deadline is Jan. 9, 2008. The winner(s) will be recognized at our club’s February 6, 2008, program. The nominations chair is **Zelda Nash**, and she can be reached by phone at 965-7350, fax at 965-9531, or e-mail at zp_nash@yahoo.com. All members are encouraged to submit nominations.

BIRTHDAYS:

SUZANNE ROBOTHAM (11/16); SHARON SCHEELE (11/19). Sharon and Suzanne are pictured at right.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: MARY BEGIER (11/20), 11 YEARS; CAROL VAN CAMP (11/21), 17 YEARS.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: SCOTT CARROTHERS (11/19), 19 YEARS TO JAN HOUSER.

MAHALO to **MIKE GLEASON**, who donated two tickets to the *Arc of Hilo* fundraiser on Dec. 1, won by **DALE TOKUKE**.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

“May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump; may your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump; may your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize; may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs!” – Unknown

4-WAY TEST: DALE TOKUKE

PHOTOS: SCOTT CARROTHERS AND ZELDA NASH

PRE-MEETING MUSIC:

SUITES FROM “THE RED PONY” AND “BILLY THE KID”
– **AARON COPLAND**



Announcements:

1. **Robyn Taniguchi** was on hand selling a variety of Junior Achievement products, including coffee, salt, and mugs (for \$10-15 per package).
2. The 2008 Rotary District Conference will be held next May 23-26 at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort on Maui. Registration is \$35. There will be a free night available for the first club with 100% attendance.
3. The 2008 Rotary International Convention will be held next June 15-18 in Los Angeles, California (*See the Stars!*). If you register by December 15, the cost is \$265; thereafter, the registration cost will go up to \$305.
4. **Allen Novak** announced that we will be helping with the annual Hospice of Hilo Light Up a Life program at Macy's (Women's Store) in the Prince Kuhio Plaza on Saturday, November 24, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. **Ruth Larkin** is circulating a sign-up sheet for five 2-hour periods.
5. **Suzanne Robotham** announced that we will be holding our Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilo Yacht Club. There will be a performance by the UH Hilo Showcase Singers.
6. **Trevor Rodrigues** announced that the Kea'au girls' soccer team sponsorship campaign has now reached its goal of \$600 (wow!), and he thanked those members who have contributed for coming through. The presentation will be made November 28 during the season's first game.
7. Rotary Information: What is the single most important thing that you can do for your club and your community, according to Rotary International President **Wilf Wilkinson**? (Answer: Recruit new members! Only 18% of Rotarians per club ever bring in new members.)



RECOGNITIONS:

RON SCHURRA (LEFT) FOR AN ARTICLE IN *HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD* ON 11/13 ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE *YUKIO OKUTSU VETERAN'S HOME* ON NOV. 12.

GLEN CALVERT (RIGHT) AND **MIKE GLEASON** FOR ARTICLE IN *HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD* ON 11/21 ABOUT PLANNED EXPANSION OF *ARC OF HILO*.



CALENDAR:

**DEC. 5 – Hilo Bay Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m. at Hilo Yacht Club
(No 6:45 morning meeting at the Naniloa Resort!)**

DEC. 12 – REGULAR MEETING: Linda Coble, District Trainer

**DEC. 19 – Business Visitation at Yukio Okutsu Veteran's Home,
7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.**

DEC. 26 – Dark Day (MAKEUP NOT REQUIRED)

JAN. 2 – Dark Day (MAKEUP NOT REQUIRED)



HAPPY DOLLARS:

**ART TANIGUCHI \$5,
DAVE DE LUZ JR. \$1,
YU YOK PEARRING \$2,
RON SCHURRA \$20,
SHARON SCHEELE \$1,
CAROL VAN CAMP \$1,
KAPUA JACUNSKI \$1,
NADIA RANNE \$1,
JIM KENNEDY \$1, MARY BEGIER \$5.**



THANKSGIVING QUOTES:

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving. ~ H. U. Westermayer

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence. ~ Erma Bombeck

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day. ~ Irv Kupcinet

The funny thing about Thanksgiving, or any huge meal, is that you spend 12 hours shopping for it and then chopping and cooking and braising and blanching. Then it takes 20 minutes to eat it and everybody sort of sits around in a food coma, and then it takes four hours to clean it up. ~ Ted Allen

I have strong doubts that the first Thanksgiving even remotely resembled the "history" I was told in second grade. But considering that (when it comes to holidays) mainstream America's traditions tend to be over-eating, shopping, or getting drunk, I suppose it's a miracle that the concept of giving thanks even surfaces at all. ~ Ellen Orleans

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all. ~ William Faulkner

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

