



**2007-2008**  
**HILO BAY**  
**ROTARY:**  
**CLUB**  
**SERVICE**  
**ACTIVITIES**



1. **2007-08 Hilo Bay Rotary Installation Dinner (6/27/07)**, held at the `Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai`i. In all, 103 people attended, including 28 Hilo Bay Rotarians and 15 Rotarians from the other 3 East Hawai`i clubs. Guests viewed show “One Ocean, One Sky” about Polynesian starlore and were given a sky tour in the planetarium by Richard Crowe.
2. **Picnic at Kuhio Kalaniana`ole Park (7/4/07)**. This multi-club social, inaugurated by the Hilo-based clubs in 2007, will be an annual event at the park built by East Hawai`i Rotary as their Centennial Project. Rotarians stayed late to see the annual fireworks display from Coconut Island. This “Family of Rotary” event was attended by many East Hawai`i Rotarians, including 14 Hilo Bay members and 8 of their guests.
3. **Mauna Kea Dinner & Star Party (9/8/07)**. See photo top left. This excursion was attended by 22 East Hawai`i Rotarians (9 from the host Hilo Bay Club, 5 from the Rotary Club of Volcano, 4 each from the Rotary Clubs of Hilo and South Hilo), and 34 guests, including spouses, family members, and friends. The Rotary group first met at the `Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo, and carpoled 35 miles to Hale Pohaku. Hale Pohaku is the base facility for the astronomers and technical personnel who work at the telescopes atop Mauna Kea. The Rotary group assembled in the main cafeteria for a high-quality buffet-style dinner, which cost only \$13 a person. After dinner, the group went down to the Onizuka International Center for Astronomy and Visitor Information Station (referred to as the VIS). There, guests received an introduction to the culture of Mauna Kea by Kimo Pihana, a ranger working for the Office of Mauna Kea Management. Kimo maintains all Hawaiian shrines in the state, including two on Mauna Kea, one at the summit and one in the Silversword area behind the VIS. He showed the group how to make a ho`okupu (tribute to the land) from ti leaves, and later took some of the group to the ahu lele (altar) in the Silversword area to deposit the ho`okupu. The group was then treated to a 50-minute talk by Native Hawaiian and UH astronomer Dr. Paul Coleman on the subject of modern Hawaiian astronomy and its deep-rooted connections to the culture. Dr. Coleman shared his personal journey back to Hawai`i and Mauna Kea and how he rediscovered his Hawaiian heritage. Following the talk, the group met outside and participated in stargazing at the VIS. The sky was dark and clear (only 1 day from new moon). Small 14-inch and 16-inch telescopes were available to view celestial objects. Dr.

Richard Crowe used his 15-milliwatt green laser pointer to illustrate constellations and outline three of the four starlines of Polynesian navigation. After an hour of stargazing, most of the Rotarians had left the VIS and traveled back to Hilo to end the social event.

4. **Oktoberfest (10/3/07)**. This annual multi-club social event, held at Wailoa State Park, and hosted by the Hilo Bay Club, was attended by over 100 people, including 37 Hilo Bay members and 34 of their guests. The event featured a live and silent auction. \$4,000 was raised for Rotary Foundation, used as matching dollars for 26 club members toward APF.
5. **Hallowe'en Meeting (10/31/07)**. Club members came to the meeting in costume. Trick-or-treat bags were distributed to everyone attending.
6. **The Christmas Party (12/5/07)**, at the Hilo Yacht Club, had a Mexican theme. Entertainment was provided by UH Hilo Showcase Singers under Amy Yamasaki. Attendance was 25 Hilo Bay Rotarians and 28 guests.
7. **Club Social (1/19/08)**, at Encore, attended by 24 Rotarians and 18 guests.
8. **Boris and Friends Piano Social (3/27/08)**. See photo top right. Boris and Friends "Piano Social", at the home of President Richard Crowe and his wife Deby on March 27, 2008, was attended by 12 Hilo Bay Rotarians, 12 guests, and performer Dr. Boris Konovalov. 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. Konovalov, 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 piano. The guests were especially appreciative of the Chopin Etudes and the Liszt Caprice at the end of the program. All 3 new members, inducted into the club in 2007-08, attended the piano social with spouses and children. The occasion was limited to 25 people, though the invitation was extended to all members of the club on a first-come, first-served basis. The "piano social" was truly an enjoyable and memorable evening.
9. **End-of-Year Picnic (6/04/08)**. We will host a multi-club social and beach party at Carlsmith ("Four-Mile") Park, on the Keaukaha Coast in Hilo.
10. **Spring Fundraiser (6/8/08)** is now being planned. It will be a team event.
11. **Club Bulletin**. 36 editions of *Bay Watch* issued ([www.hilobayrotary.com](http://www.hilobayrotary.com))
12. **Club Program Chairs**. Each month, a different Hilo Bay Club member has served as a speaker recruiter/coordinator for the month's programs.
13. **Board Meetings**. 10 meetings so far with minutes; attendance averages 11.
14. **Recognitions**. Birthdays, club and wedding anniversaries are recognized at each meeting. Cards have been mailed out to members as the birthdays take place. Members are recognized each time their name or photograph appears in media. PHFs and Double Sustainers are recognized with pins.

For other photos, link to <http://hubble.uhh.hawaii.edu/hilobayrotary/Photos/>