



# Coffee Blossom

April 19, 2018



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## Upcoming Speakers

**April 26: TBA**

**May 3 Jay Kreuzer** – Regional Chief Executive Officer of Kona Community Hospital, and Judy Donovan. Community Update; West Hawaii Region.

**May 10: James O'Connor**  
Acting Police Chief for West Hawaii.

**May 17 Rachel Solesaa**  
Chancellor of Hawaii Community College(s) on the Big Island. "Hawai'i vision and plans in fulfilling the promise of student success in Hawaii and our contribution to a vibrant Hawaii."

**May 24: Rollie Frost**

**May 31 Peter Young**  
Hawaiian History #4



## THE 4 WAY TEST

*Of the things we think, say or do*

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## THIS WEEK AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

Eric Curtis, Rotarian (Kona Mauka Club). This week Eric will share his adventures on his trip to Pakistan.



## Rotary at Work Day

Saturday, April 28th  
8 am - 1 pm

No special skills required - just willing to work  
Continental breakfast will be available & lunch provided.  
Where: Hospice of Kona, 75-5925 Walua Road (across from upper entrance to Alii Cove)

In conjunction with the Hospice of Kona, we will be helping them clean, organize and help them get ready for their annual Camp Erin. Camp Erin is a weekend camping trip for keiki who have had the loss of a loved one. This camp helps the children deal better with the grieving process.

Sign up at this week's meeting or  
email Maverick at [MaverickMalech@HawaiiLife.com](mailto:MaverickMalech@HawaiiLife.com)

## President's Message

*Hermann Heimgartner, President 2017-2018*

As you may have read in the Rotary magazine, 2017-18 Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley has challenged every Rotary club (in the world) to plant a tree for each one of its members. That's approximately 60 trees we have to plant.

The tree planting does not have to be part of a specific event/program/service. If you plant a tree in your backyard, then we can get credit for it. If you plant two, even better.

This is your challenge (if you choose to accept it):  
Plant a tree, take a photo of it, and email or text it to me!

Also, if you have a big property and can plant a couple of extra trees, then that would be great! If you need help planting a tree(s), then maybe a fellow Rotarian will help you.



## Rotary Prayer

*Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary, keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean our spirits humble and our thinking straight. Amen*

## Ian H. S. Risley, President 2017-2018 Rotary International

April 2018

At the 1990 Rotary International Convention in Portland, Oregon, then President-elect Paulo Costa told the gathered Rotarians, "The hour has come for Rotary to raise its voice, to claim its leadership, and to rouse all Rotarians to an honorable crusade to protect our natural resources." He declared a Rotary initiative to "Preserve Planet Earth," asking Rotarians to make environmental issues part of their service agenda: to plant trees, to work to keep our air and water clean, and to protect the planet for future generations.

President Costa asked that one tree be planted for each of the 1.1 million members that Rotary had at the time. We Rotarians, as is our wont, did better, planting nearly 35 million trees by the end of the Rotary year. Many of those trees are likely still flourishing today, absorbing carbon from the environment, releasing oxygen, cooling the air, improving soil quality, providing habitat and food for birds, animals, and insects, and yielding a host of other benefits.

Unfortunately, while those trees have kept on doing good for the environment, Rotary as a whole has not carried its environmental commitment forward. That is why, at the start of this year, I followed Paulo Costa's example and asked Rotary to plant at least one tree for every Rotary member. My goal was to achieve a good beyond the considerable benefits that those 1.2 million (or more!) trees would themselves bring. It is my hope that by planting trees, Rotarians will renew their interest in, and attention to, an issue that we must put back on the Rotary agenda: the state of our planet.

Environmental issues are deeply entwined in every one of our areas of focus and cannot be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. Pollution is affecting health across the globe: More than 80 percent of people in urban areas breathe unsafe air, a number that rises to 98 percent in low- and middle-income countries. If current trends continue, by 2050 the oceans are expected to contain more plastics by weight than fish. And rising temperatures are well-documented: Global annual average temperatures increased by about 2 degrees F (1.1 degrees C) from 1880 through 2015. That this change was caused by humans is not a subject of scientific debate, nor is the likelihood of vast economic and human disruption if the trend continues unchecked. The need for action is greater than ever – and so is our ability to have a real impact.

As past UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon put it, "There can be no Plan B, because there is no Planet B." Our planet belongs to all of us, and to our children, and to their children. It is for all of us to protect, and for all of us in Rotary to make a difference.



## District Governor, Nalani Flinn, 2017-2018

Spring is in the air and the flowers are starting to bloom here in San Jose, California which is where I am and where the President Elects Training will start on Friday. It is March and we have four more fabulous months in this Rotary year to do good in the world. There's still time to meet your goals for Membership, Polio Plus, and Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation. Meeting your goals will offer others the opportunity to join 1.2 million fellow Rotarians around the world save lives and fund future global/district grants. More hands, less work. Speaking of work, we need your help with the Rotary International Convention that will be held in Honolulu in 2020. Last week RI President Nominee Mark Maloney and his entourage were here reviewing the venue and activities Hawaii would be hosting for his International Convention. Our Host Organization Committee (HOC) has been busy putting plans together and we need your assistance through financial sponsorships, volunteers, club hosting, entertainers and your expertise. Please give your support as we will need everyone on board.

Our District conference is happening May 18th – 20th at the breathtaking 5-Star Four Seasons Hotel on Oahu. Register now on the District website! Come and represent your club and support your president. Let them know you appreciate the time, talent and resources they have given to lead your club this year. Additionally, Steve Dyer, District Alumni Chair from the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, is reaching out to all Rotary Alumni to meet on March 14th at the Pagoda Restaurant in Honolulu for dinner at 6pm. We need your assistance getting up-to-date email information and to get the word out. If you know an alumni, please contact [Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com](mailto:Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com) In case you are wondering, an alum is someone who has participated in any of the following programs: Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, New Generations Service Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Scholarships (funded by global grants or district grants), vocational training teams (members and leaders), Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Group Study Exchange (members and leaders), and Rotary Volunteers. What a great way to keep these young people engaged with Rotary



*Celebrating  
30 Years of  
with a*



# Royal Tea at Hulihe'e Palace



**Date:** Wednesday April 25, 2018

**Time:** 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$30 per person (seating limited to 50)

Join us for Tasty Delights, Tour of the Palace, Entertainment  
Along with a few surprises.

Finger sandwiches, petite pastries, cakes, and scones.

**You are welcomed to invite and sponsor a  
prospective member to join us for tea.**

Dress appropriately, smart casual floral attire.  
Big floppy hats and gloves welcome!

**Please RSVP and pay in advance to your designated Club leader  
by Thursday, April 19th.**

For more information call or text Barbara Kossow,  
West Hawaii Assistant District Governor at 808-938-0806.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

Please submit articles for publication **by the Sunday prior to each issue**. These can be Rotary events (all clubs in Hawaii) and community events. Publication is subject to space constraints. Submittals by email should be sent to [chrys@wtahawaii.com](mailto:chrys@wtahawaii.com) or just hand them to Chrys at the regular Thursday meetings.  
Mahalo, Chrys Yamasaki, Temporary Coffee Blossom Editor 2017-2018

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**Hawaiian Sunset Saturdays**

On the last Saturday of the month (Saturday, April 28) the community is invited to gather at the Coconut Grove Marketplace on Alii Drive from 5:30 to 6:30 pm to celebrate Kona's spectacular sunset with live Hawaiian music and beautiful hula performed by Halau Ka'eaikahelani, under the direction of kumu hula Yuki Ka'ea Lyons and Lily Kahelani Lyons Dudoit.

Bring a lawn chair or beach mat and enjoy the outdoor lawn setting as the sun begins its journey over the horizon. As Hawaiian Sunset Saturday comes to a close, attendees can extend the evening at one of many nearby restaurants. Lots of parking is available; coolers are not permitted.

*Special Dates*

**Birthdays**

*Hau'oli La Hanau*  
 APR 02 Stephen Hicks  
 APR 02 Melissa Takaki  
 APR 12 Linda Jane Kelley

**Rotary Anniversaries**

APR 01 Ken Kjer 45 Years  
 APR 01 Renee Kraft 14 Years  
 APR 07 Jenaya Rockman 2 Years

**Anniversaries**

*La Ho'omana'o*  
 APR 11 Lisa & Hans Graf 37 Years

**Greeters**

APR 05 Jim & Janice Gustin  
 APR 12 Katherine Augustine  
 APR 19 Becca Hamar  
 APR 26 Ron Hansen

**Door Prize**

APR 05 Marcia Goldman  
 APR 12 Tom Fine  
 APR 19 Kimber DeVerse  
 APR 26 Andrew DeVaney



**Rotary Leadership 2017-2018**



**Hermann Heimgartner**  
 Rotary Club of Kona President  
**Barbara Kossov**  
 Asst District Governor West Hawaii  
**Nalani Finn**  
 District Governor, District 5000  
**Ian H. S. Risley**  
 President, Rotary International

