



Coffee Blossom

May 10, 2018



Upcoming Speakers

May 17 Rachel Solesaas
Chancellor of Hawaii Community College(s) on the Big Island.

May 24: Rollie Frost

May 31 Peter Young
Hawaiian History #4

THIS WEEK AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

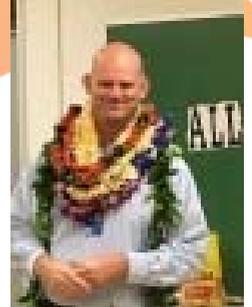
James O'Connor
Acting Police Chief for West Hawaii

On Friday, (February 16), Police Major James O'Connor was promoted to Assistant Police Chief and assigned to the Area II Operations Bureau.

Assistant Chief O'Connor began his career with the Hawai'i Police Department as a Police Recruit on (June 16, 1993).

He served as a Police Officer in the South Kohala, South Hilo, and Hamakua Patrol districts; as a Sergeant/Detective in the Kona and South Kohala Patrol districts, and Internal Affairs Unit; as a Lieutenant in the Records & Identification Section and Special Response Team; as a Captain in Ka'u Patrol and the Criminal Intelligence/Internal Affairs Unit; and as a Major in Area II Operations Bureau and Administrative Services Bureau/Technical Services Section.

When asked about his new position, Assistant Chief O'Connor responded, "I am excited about returning to Area II Operations and to have the opportunity to again work with a wonderful group of hardworking and dedicated professionals. I also look forward to connecting with the various community members from North Kohala to Ka'u to build a positive relationship that will allow us to work together to solve the problems that impact our communities."



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?

President's Message

Hermann Heimgartner, President 2017-2018

I want to thank everyone that came out for our Rotary At Work day. It was a great event that was a lot of fun. My Rotary At Work t-shirt keeps getting more and more paint on it. We finally used up the Rotary purplish paint on the benches. In addition to organizing and cleaning out two 20 foot containers filled to the brim, we painted the benches and planted a tree in the honor of Dick Denison.

Helping the Hospice At Kona with their preparation and organization was very meaningful.

I also want to express my appreciation for our Foundation in conducting the scholarship interviews. I cannot wait to hear from Brian and the rest of the Foundation about their experience.

I wish everyone a great week."



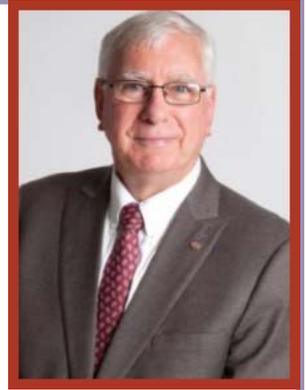
Rotary Prayer

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

May 2018



Rotary is a massive, and massively complex, organization. As this issue of *The Rotarian* goes to press, we have 1.2 million members in 35,633 clubs in nearly every country of the world. Hundreds of thousands of participants are involved in Rotary programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Community Corps, Rotary Peace Centers, and a host of local and Foundation-supported projects and programs at the national, district, and local levels. The name of Rotary is attached to countless projects every year, from blood banks to food banks, school sanitation to polio eradication. One hundred thirteen years after the first Rotary club was founded, Rotary service reaches literally around the globe.

What that service looks like on a daily and weekly basis can vary enormously by region, country, and club. Each club has its own history, priorities, and identity. It follows that the identity of Rotarians, and the purpose each Rotarian sees in his or her service, similarly has a great deal of variation. There's nothing wrong with that, as Rotary is by design a decentralized organization, intended to enable each Rotarian and each Rotary club to serve in the ways that suit them best.

Yet the diversity that makes us so strong can also pose challenges to our identity as an organization. It is no surprise that many people who have heard of Rotary still have little idea of what Rotary does, how we are organized, or why we exist at all. Even within Rotary, many members have an incomplete understanding of our larger organization, our goals, or the scope and breadth of our programs. These challenges have significant implications, not only for our ability to serve most effectively, but also for the public image that is so essential to our ability to build our membership, partnerships, and service.

Several years ago, Rotary launched a serious effort across the organization to address these issues, developing tools to strengthen our visual and brand identity. Today, we are using those tools to develop our People of Action public image campaign, which showcases the ability that Rotary grants each of us to make a difference in our communities and beyond. Last June, your Rotary International Board of Directors voted to adopt a new vision statement, reflecting our identity and the single purpose that unites the diversity of our work.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Wherever we live, whatever language we speak, whatever work our clubs are involved in, our vision is the same. We all see a world that could be better and that we can help to make better. We are here because Rotary gives us the opportunity to build the world we want to see – to unite and take action through Rotary: Making a Difference.



District Governor, Nalani Flinn, 2017-2018

Happy May Day to you and hope you are wearing that special lei that binds us as a community and that wreath of love. Speaking of love, I'd like to thank those who have donated to the Disaster Fund through our District website; and if you haven't made your donation, please kokua your neighbor on the island of Kauai. They are still struggling with the aftermath of mud and debris caused by the heavy rain. Show that aloha to those around you.

Speaking about Aloha, in 17 days we will be celebrating all the accomplishments our clubs have completed throughout the year at the beautiful five-star Four Seasons Resort at Ko?olina. And being that May is Youth Service Month, we are reaching out to Rotaractors and Interactors to attend Saturday's plenary session for the cost of lunch at \$65.00. It's surprising how many future leaders of tomorrow don't know who we are nor what we do. We want to close that gap in Hawai'i. We'd love to see you consider sponsoring a student or your family member. Your conference planning committee is working extremely hard to create an exciting conference for you!

In closing, I would like to quote from RI President Ian Riseley's remarks in *The Rotarian* magazine that's worth repeating. "Last June, your Rotary International Board of Directors voted to adopt a new vision statement, reflecting our identity and the single purpose that unites the diversity of our work.

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Keep your community safe through Crime Stoppers

Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous may call the islandwide Crime Stoppers number at 961-8300 and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00. Crime Stoppers is a volunteer program run by ordinary citizens who want to keep their community safe. Crime Stoppers does not record calls or subscribe to any Caller ID service. All Crime Stoppers information is kept confidential.



Report Crime Anonymously

Crime Stoppers

961-8300

News from Rotary District 5000 DG Nalani Flinn

Rotary Club of Ewa Beach is on its way! I signed the charter request form and as they say, "it's in the mail" We will be inducting 20 new Rotarians and we won't stop there. Please welcome the newest club into our Ohana by having your club donate \$1.00/member. Donations may be forwarded to my Chief of Staff, Yolette Nishimoto (yolette@hawaii.rr.com). You will all be invited to the Charter party as soon as the date is set.

Celebrating Women in Rotary

Last month I had the privilege of spending time on the different islands attending "High Tea" with fellow Rotarians. Surrounded by laughter, men and women looking so British with their cute hats sipping tea and enjoying their scones with lemon curd. As one gentleman said to me, "Hey, Nalani. I had to go so many times to make a whole sandwich." When I asked him why he didn't just grab 4 pieces, he said "the lady in front of me just grabbed one, so I only grabbed one. These gatherings are a very positive experience that certainly need to be repeated.

Saving Mothers and Children.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented. Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. You have the power to make the difference for children and mother's worldwide and that is just what you are doing with your Foundation giving.. Thank you for that effort.

D5000 RIF Alumni Pau Hana. RIF Alumni Chair Steve Dyer of the RC of Pearl Harbor held our first Paul Hana Alumni gathering on March 14th at the Pagoda Restaurant on Oahu. Attendees included: a fellow Group Study Exchange (GSE) Leader and team members, former exchange student, Ambassadorial recipients and District leaders. This was a wonderful reunion of Foundation alumni and a great group of current and prospective Rotarians. I am looking forward to the next gathering and encourage you to join us if you are an alumnus and invite others you may know. Please contact Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com to update the list.



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 or just hand them to Chrys at the regular Thursday meetings.
Mahalo, Chrys Yamasaki, Temporary Coffee Blossom Editor 2017-2018

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Pedestrian Safety

With increased visitors and kamaaina frequenting Historic Kailua Village, it's timely to remind everyone to be safe out there.

Here are a few helpful pedestrian safety tips. Cross only in marked crosswalks. Always look for turning cars before stepping off a curb to cross a street. Look left, right, left again and over your shoulder before you step into the street. Drivers don't always see you. Watch for vehicles and make eye contact to be sure drivers see you. Driving through the Village? Please slow down and watch for pedestrians.



Special Dates

Birthdays

Hau'oli La Hanau
 May 4 Tom Bierlein
 May 18 Dave Buehler
 May 21 Hannah Ako
 May 23 Sandra Morton

Rotary Anniversaries

May 15 Melissa Takaki (4 yrs)



Anniversaries

La Ho'omana'o
 May 5 Alan & WendyClark
 May 24 Jim & Janice Gustin

Greeters

May 3 Carol Ann von Hake
 May 10 Jenny Rasmussen
 May 17 Carol Ann von Hake
 May 24 Jenny Rasmussen
 May 31 Carol Ann von Hake
 June 7 Jenny Rasmussen

Door Prize

May 3 Holly DeGeal
 May 10 Tom Daniel
 May 17 Stacie Dahl
 May 24 Darlene Dabbling
 May 31 Preston Crowl
 June 7 Alan Clark

Rotary Leadership 2017-2018



Hermann Heimgartner
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