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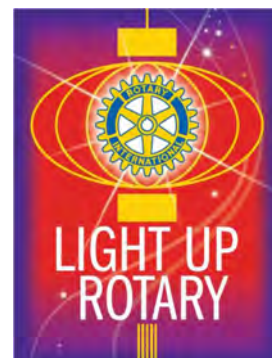
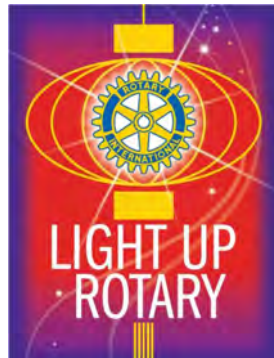


**SPECIAL EDITION  
INSTALLATION OF 2014-15  
OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*All great beginnings start in the dark...*

*...when the moon greets you to a new day at midnight.*

- Shannon L. Adler





**2013-2014**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY**  
**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT	CEDRIC MITSUI
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ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK	JAMES LEONARD
RECYCLING	ROY TAKEMOTO
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## **INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR LAURA STEELQUIST**

LAURA STEELQUIST HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF EAST HONOLULU SINCE 1997. SHE SERVED AS EAST HONOLULU'S CENTENNIAL PRESIDENT IN 2004-2005. SHE HAS SERVED DISTRICT 5000 AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR EAST OAHU, DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, DISTRICT SECRETARY AND WILL BE DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN 2014-2015.

LAURA WAS RAISED IN DENVER CITY, TEXAS, GOT HER B.A. IN ECONOMICS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AND M.S. IN ECONOMICS AT TEXAS A&M. SHE ALSO GOT HER HUSBAND JOHN THERE (CUTE GUY FROM HAWAII WITH A GREAT SPORTS CAR). DAUGHTER LEILANI WAS BORN IN WACO AND SON JOHN IN SACRAMENTO BEFORE THE WHOLE FAMILY RETURNED TO HAWAII IN 1981 AT THE END OF JOHN'S AIR

FORCE CAREER.

LAURA MANAGES HAWAIIAN ISLANDS MEDICAL, A DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY SHE OWNS WITH HUSBAND JOHN. THEIR COMPANY IS OPERATED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE FOUR WAY TEST.

TRAVELING AND READING AND HER THREE GRANDSONS ARE LAURA'S FAVORITE PASTIMES.

LAURA JOINED ROTARY BECAUSE SHE ACCOMPANIED JOHN, WHO WAS THEN PRESIDENT OF EAST HONOLULU, TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND. THE CONVENTION WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A PRESENTATION ON POLIO PLUS AND ROTARY'S EFFORTS TO ERADICATE POLIO WORLDWIDE. SHE CONTINUES HER DEDICATION TO POLIO PLUS AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS (NID) IN INDIA, ETHIOPIA, AND GHANA. LAURA AND JOHN ALSO MADE MANY NEW ROTARY FRIENDS WHEN THEY ATTENDED DISTRICT CONFERENCES IN JAPAN AND EGYPT IN 2010-2011 WHEN JOHN WAS DISTRICT GOVERNOR. THEY ARE THE FIRST DG COUPLE IN DISTRICT 5000.

SHE AND JOHN ARE MAJOR DONORS, PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY, WHITE HAT SOCIETY AND BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS – THEY BELIEVE IN THE GOOD WORKS DONE THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

- SEE MORE AT: [HTTP://PORTAL.CLUBRUNNER.CA/60108/SITEPAGE/DISTRICT-GOVERNOR-ELECT#STHASH.BM66TDHADPUF](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60108/SITEPAGE/DISTRICT-GOVERNOR-ELECT#STHASH.BM66TDHADPUF)



## **INCOMING ASSISTANT GOVERNOR CHARLENE MEYERS**

CHARLENE MEYERS JOINED THE ROTARY CLUB OF VOLCANO IN 2003. SINCE HER INSTALLATION, SHE HAS SERVED HER CLUB IN A VARIETY OF OFFICER POSITIONS, INCLUDING CLUB SERVICE CHAIR (2004-2008), CLUB PRESIDENT (2008-2009), AND CLUB FOUNDATION CHAIR (2009-PRESENT). CHARLENE HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN 2011. TO ADD TO HER GROWING LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS, SHE HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO DISTRICT 5000 AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF EAST HAWAII FROM 2011-2013 AND AGAIN THIS YEAR, 2014-2015.

CHARLENE IS A MAJOR DONOR AS WELL AS A PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY, BEQUEST SOCIETY, AND WHITE HAT MEMBER. IN ADDITION TO HER MANY ROTARY ACCOLADES, SHE IS ALSO A MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW.

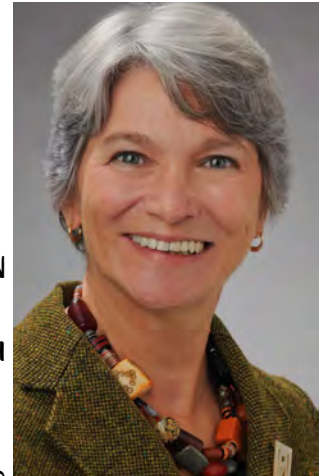
SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS LIAISON AND WORKING WITH THE ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF EAST HAWAII IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO ROTARY, CHARLENE!

## **ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY PRESIDENT'S GOALS FOR 2014-15**

WE HAVE MANY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOSTER; IN ADDITION, THOUGH, OUR FOCUS THIS YEAR WILL BE ON THREE TARGETS:

1. A SUCCESSFUL BUILD OUT OF OKTOBERFEST AS WE TAKE IT TO A LARGER VENUE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL FUN AND FUNDRAISER.
2. ENHANCE OUR COMMUNICATION BY:
  - ✓ STRENGTHENING OUR WEBSITE, USING THE SITE FOR CLUB COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION;
  - ✓ DIPPING FURTHER INTO SOCIAL MEDIA;
  - ✓ CREATING A SEPARATE OKTOBERFEST SITE, LINKED TO OUR CLUB SITE.
3. MAKE SOME IMPACT, HOWEVER SMALL, ON OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH A HOMELESS INITIATIVE.



## **OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CEDRIC MITSUI**

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, AS THE CLUB'S 26TH PRESIDENT. I REALLY HAD A LOT OF FUN, LEARNED A LOT ABOUT ROTARY, AND LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE AMAZING MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY!

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT RON BURTON ASKED ALL ROTARIANS TO ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES. WE DID!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR PHIL SAMMER ASKED HIS PRESIDENTS TO ENERGIZE THEIR CLUB! I TRIED MY BEST TO BE THE CLUB'S CHIEF ENERGIZING OFFICER AND WAS SHOCKED AT WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED!

MAHALO DISTRICT GOVERNOR PHIL, FOR BEING A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A DISTRICT 5000 ROTARIAN!

MAHALO AG DAVID HURD, FOR YOUR COUNTLESS HOURS OF HELP, KEEPING US INFORMED, ATTENDING A LOT OF OUR CLUB'S PROJECTS, AND TRAINING MYSELF AND KELLIE, ON HOW TO INPUT INFORMATION ON CLUB RUNNER.

MAHALO PDG PETE MULLER AND THE LITANY OF PAST PRESIDENTS, FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY, FOR PROVIDING ME WITH MUCH NEEDED CLUB HISTORY AND ADVICE!

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, MAHALO TO EACH CLUB MEMBER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS OF HILO BAY, FOR GIVING YOUR TALENTS AND TREASURES, THIS YEAR!

INCOMING PRESIDENT BARBARA HASTINGS, HAS WORKED HARD PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR! SHE HAS GREAT PLANS, LET'S HELP HER LIGHT UP ROTARY NEXT YEAR!

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK MY AMAZING WIFE PATTY AND TEAM AT BIG ISLAND VISION CENTER, FOR THEIR SUPPORT, THIS PAST YEAR. ILL BE BACK AS A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND WORK, ON JULY 1ST!

IN CLOSING, MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ALL THE MEMORIES FROM THIS PAST ROTARY YEAR, AS WE ENGAGED ROTARY AND CHANGED LIVES!



*2014-2015 Rotary Club of Hilo Bay  
Installation Ceremony*











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