



Rotary



SERVE WITH ALOHA  
TO CHANGE LIVES

February 2022



Aloha Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

As we transition to Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, February is the time to remember Rotary's mission: "We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders". As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and so is our club's mission. Sadly, over 70 million people today are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations worldwide. To

make things worse, half of them are children. Very often, we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary fosters mutual understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

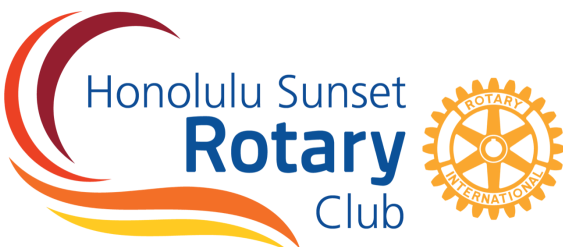
This year, we formed a peacebuilding committee, our club became a peacebuilding club, and we are working on developing a project at Ala Wai Elementary school related to Peace. We also sponsored a scholar for Rotary's Peace Fellowship. Many of our Global Grants work closely with communities and are likely to help foster peace. In February, we have our invited speakers talking about peace.

January was a great month coming from a successful and fun-filled fund-

raiser in December. We had several speakers and our members talking about their vocation. Similarly, we had a great social/membership/vocational event at the Row Bar. Rotary offers endless opportunities. Please visit our website [www.honolulusunsetrotary.org/](http://www.honolulusunsetrotary.org/) to find our activities and opportunities to participate. I hope you are finding our hybrid meetings, socials, and service events to be fun and a respite from the stress and anxiety many of us have/are experiencing in life during this pandemic. Therefore, please consider attending our meetings regularly and encourage others to join Rotary.

Arjun

## February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



# Peacebuilder Club

### PEACEBUILDER CLUBS



peaceful conflict resolution around the world. In 2018, the Rotarian Action Group For Peace Leadership Team decided to champion this program in Rotary Clubs worldwide as an essential call to action for Rotarian peacebuilders.

The Peacebuilder Club program is designed to enhance Rotary International's mission of, "advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace" through the promotion of programs and projects that align with our organization's Seven Areas of Focus – in

particular, the first: Peace, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution.

Rotarian Peacebuilder Clubs commit to engage in programs and projects that promote positive peace both in their communities and across the globe. The Club is the Hub - Every Rotarian is a Peacebuilder.

For more information on our peacebuilder club initiative talk to Maria Melrose... Peacebuilder Committee Chair.  
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### Rotary Peace Fellowships



Gretchen Alther is a Senior Leadership Development Specialist at the East-West Center; she is also a Rotary Peace Fellow with Chulalongkorn University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset.

our peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Applications for Rotary's Peace Fellowship are now open. Learn more about this fully-funded masters or certificate program for the 2023-24 academic year.  
<https://rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships?>

To learn more about how you can wage peace by supporting Rotary's Peace Centers log into:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/support-peace-centers>

You are also invited to make peace a reality by making a gift to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund for Rotary Peace Centers.  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>



Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of



## The Rotary Foundation

# Focus on our Foundation

### Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the main funding source for Foundation programs. Your gift empowers Rotarians to carry out sustainable service projects in your community and around the world. At the end of each year, contributions directed to Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund. The Rotary Foundation uses the World Fund to support Rotary's highest-priority grants and programs, which are available to all Rotary districts. Your district uses the District Designated Fund to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects the clubs in your district choose.

### TRF SHARE System

Participation in Foundation programs is an important part of the Foundation's success. To allow Rotarians a voice in how contributions are spent and the fullest possible participation, the Trustees developed the SHARE system for the allocation of funds. Through the system:

- 1) Rotarians SHARE their resources with their fellow Rotarians around the world.
- 2) The Trustees SHARE some of their decision-making responsibility with the districts.
- 3) Rotarians SHARE Rotary with the world through their Foundation.

All district Annual Programs Fund SHARE contributions are divided into two categories: District Designated Fund (DDF) and World Fund. The distribution between these two funds is 50 percent to DDF and 50 percent to the World Fund. District Designated Funds are split 50% for Global Grant matching funds and 50% for District Grants funding. Contributions made in a given year will be eligible to be spent three years later.

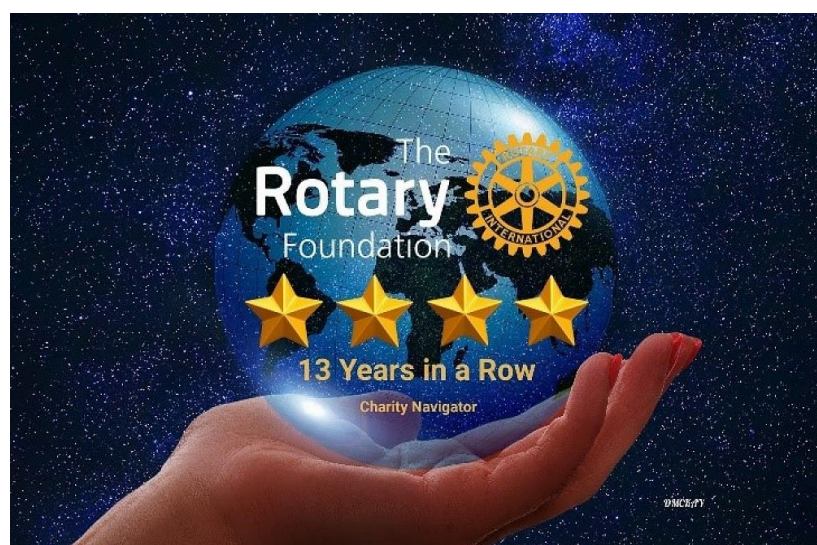
### EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Clubs that achieve \$100 per capita giving with every member giving at least \$25 to the Annual Fund earns the privilege of calling themselves an EREY Club. EREY clubs that have all members contribute at least \$100 are designated as TRF Sustaining Clubs, one of the highest Foundation recognitions for a club. So where do WE stand on EREY. 17 of 41 members have given \$25 or more to the Annual Fund. 16 of those 17 have given at least \$100. 9 of those 16 have given at least \$1000. We appreciate the support of every member.

### The Endowment Fund

The Rotary Foundation created the Endowment in 1982 to give future generations of Rotarians the additional resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year. While a gift to the Annual Fund helps people live better lives today, gifts to Rotary's Endowment support the same life-changing programs forever. The Endowment makes an annual distribution for programs and operating expenses equal to the amount of spendable earnings approved by the Trustees. For Rotary year 2019-20, spendable earnings totaled \$17.6 million. Your gifts to the Endowment Fund are critical to Rotary's success today and the future.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-endowment>





**Marco Schlessner**  
Doing Good In The World  
February 18  
23 Years



**Rich Zegar**  
Doing Good In The World  
February 01  
21 Years

**Jane Ferreira**  
Doing Good In The World  
February 04  
12 Years

**Ill Kim**  
Doing Good In The World  
February 21  
9 Years

## Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset Member Celebrations February 2022



**Akash Liyanage**  
New Member Inducted 03 February 2022

Akash is from Sri Lanka growing up in Colombo and attending Lyceum International School. But he considers himself more of a country guy as his hometown is in Galle, Sri Lanka. He is a huge nature fan with his favorite pastimes being cycling and reading. Akash was a member of the Rota-ract club at his university in Sri Lanka. He and his parents came to Hawaii 2 weeks ago as permanent residents. His passion for service in Sri Lanka revolved around collecting and donating money during various club festivals organized to help at risk youth in the community, donating food and clothing to orphanages and various beach clean-up projects. His dream is to do medicine here in the US and work as a Cardiologist. At the moment Akash working as a volunteer medical assistant at Hawaii Heart Associates in Kaneohe (The office of Dr Ryan smith) as cardiology is my passion.



### IMPORTANT EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITES

**February 19th and 26th. Rotary Days of Service at Pearl Haven. Info and registration via signupgenius**

**February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th Club Meetings in person at WYC or on zoom. Info and registration via signupgenius**

**February 7th Pre-President Elect's Training Seminar. February 25th-27th President Elect's Training Seminar**

## ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU SUNSET TEAM 2021-2022

**President**  
Arjun Aryal

**President Elect**  
Elizabeth Kane

**President Nominee**  
Jonathan Okabe

**Immediate Past President**  
Aryuna Radnaeva

**Club Secretary**  
Lisa Harding

**Club Treasurer**  
Jim Hoban

**Admin Secretary**  
Tina Yap

**Membership Chair**  
Marco Schlessner

**Rotary Foundation Chair**  
Paul Jurcsak

**Sergeant at Arms**  
James Ham

**Club Trainer**  
Beth Hoban

**Public Image**  
Win Schoneman

**Club Service**  
Jonathan Okabe

**Community Service**  
Glen Bailey

**International Service**  
Paul Moroz

**Vocational Service**  
Gabriel Ruelas

**Youth Service**  
Patricia Nevada

*"Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."*



## 2022-2023 Rotary Theme

Although there is plenty of time and plenty to do in the 2021-2022 Rotary Year our theme for next year is out and as I was privileged to have access to some thoughts on the theme I thought I would share. RI President Elect Jennifer Jones is a great friend of our district.



By Gundula Miethke, RI Communications Specialist

“Imagine Rotary” is the 2022-23 presidential theme that RI President-elect Jennifer Jones revealed on 20 January. She is asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: “We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.”

The logo for the theme was designed by Riki Salam, an Australian artist and graphic designer specializing in contemporary Indigenous art, design, and communications. He also created the 2023 Rotary International Convention logo which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, thus connecting the two by a shared visual language.

### Meaning of the design elements

There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture for instance, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary’s areas of focus.

The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.

### The colors

The colors green, purple, and white are not necessarily connected to aboriginal culture. President-elect Jennifer Jones asked the new crew of Governors to use one, two, or all three when dressing for official events instead of using a theme jacket. “As we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion, I wanted all of us to be able to express ourselves differently in what we wear, but still have connection”, Jones explained.

There are several ways to interpret the colors: Purple for example stands for polio eradication, green for the environment, the newest addition to our areas of focus, and white for peace, our core mission. Together, they are the colors of the women’s movement, the Suffragette – a subtle nod to this history as Jones pointed out, since she will be the first female RI president.

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY Win Schoneman

The Object of Rotary has four parts, or avenues:

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. **The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;**

Second. **High ethical standards in business and profession; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;**

Third. **The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;**

Fourth. **The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.**

To better understand the object of Rotary I encourage you to read the Rotary publication “The Seven Paths to Peace”. It is a historical document first published in the 1950’s... it is as relevant today as it was then. You may find hard copies on line but you may also read it at the **Rotary Global History Fellowship**.

<https://rghf.org/seven-paths-to-peace-10/>



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