



Honolulu Sunset  
**Rotary**  
Club

*Friends Meet at Sunset!*

# SUNSETTER NEWS

It is the mission of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset to cultivate friendships, exchange ideas and develop programs to create positive change in our world.



Rotary



SERVE WITH ALOHA  
TO CHANGE LIVES

January 2022

# Happy New Year!

## ... it was a December to remember!



Aloha Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

I hope you all had an exceptional time with your family and loved ones during the Christmas holiday. As we wrap up the year 2021 and begin a new year, thoughts and minds often focus on creating new resolutions but, I want to thank you for your support to our club and Rotary in general. Dealing with the pandemic was not a favorable time in Rotary but the last six months brought exciting change and new growth to our club. It was a thrill to experience. Here are some highlights (from the last six months alone!):

- \* We improved the quality of our hybrid meeting that was a challenge when we began in July.
- \* Our club contributed more than \$4400 to the Polio Plus.
- \* We are making good progress reaching out to our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund goal of \$30k.
- \* We welcomed two amazing new members, Chris and Gidget and there are several potential new members.
- \* We updated our strategic planning including vision and mission statements with new club branding.
- \* We are working on three of our club-sponsored global grants and 12 district grants. Most of our district grants have significant community service components. Completed three global grants we started earlier.
- \* Our members volunteered more than 330 hours in our community service projects; including Pearl Haven, HUGS, and we volunteered over 130 hours in the Ala Wai Elementary School Picnic table project.
- \* Had a very fun-filled successful fundraiser. We raised more than our goal.
- \* Our club has been highlighted in Rotary International and District 5000 media.
- \* We have had amazing Speakers speaking on different interesting and relevant topics. For example, we had a highly inspiring story by Polio survivor Prof. Robin Fusikawa and a very informative presentation by HART CEO Lori Kahikina. Similarly, we had award-winning CNN Hero Maggie Doyne speaking at our club. Many of our meetings were attended by national and international Rotarians and non-Rotarians. A couple of times, we had more than 50 participants in our meeting.

We were able to achieve all these thanks to all of our members who contributed one way or the other. I would like to congratulate all of our members for this successful half-year and look forward to the rest of the Rotary year.

Let us not forget that we have six months to go; with plenty to do. Giving whatever you can to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund is a top priority. Re-attaining the status of *Every Rotarian Every Year*, meaning every member gives something (the goal is \$100 per member) would be great. We still have projects to plant trees, at Pearl Haven, at our adopted schools and a Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship. Let us strive to accomplish all our goals and then celebrating at the District Conference in May at Ko`olina.

The Rotary International monthly theme for January is Vocational Service which focuses on adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations, recognizing the value of all useful occupations, and contributing one's vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community. Rotary's commitment to Service above Self is channeled through Five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth.

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 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 come join us and encourage others to join Rotary. Please consider attending our meetings regularly.

Once again, I wish you a very Happy New Year 2022.

Arjun



# January is Vocational Service Month



## About Vocational Service

One's profession or vocation has, since Rotary's beginnings, been a focal point for members using our unique "Classification System". Indeed the original members met with the intention of helping each other build and grow their businesses. Originally clubs were limited to having only a single member from a profession in each club as the thinking was multiple members of the same vocation would just sit together and "talk shop" or become so competitive with each other that it might destroy the club. And so, by 1912 "trade boosting" was no longer required and Rotarians were no longer required to do business with other Rotarians.

Around this same time The National Association of Rotary Clubs held their first convention with a newly organized "civic committee"; realizing that Rotary, as an institution, would not grow with a sole focus on business networking. Rotarians often cited the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" as a guide for ethical business practices; so, with the newly added emphasis on civic service Rotary adopted the motto "he profits most who serves his fellows best". This motto soon became "he profits most who serves best". During this period of rapid growth in Rotary, at the 1912 Rotary Convention Rotary Club President Ben Collins addressed the con-

vention stating that his club used the phrase "Service, Not Self", a slogan that was widely applauded by those in attendance. "Service, Not Self" and "He profits most who serves best" were adopted as Rotary mottos at the 1950 Rotary International Convention and the 1989 Rotary Council on Legislation codified "Service Above Self" at the principle motto of Rotary... As we can see, during the first 40-50 years, Rotarians were very focused on encouraging business in an ethical manner moving from a standard of "buyer beware" to the Object of Rotary and to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions.

## Vocational Training Teams (VTT)

**Aryuna Radnaeva**

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own. Teams can be funded by district grants and global grants. VTTs build on the Foundation's long-standing commitment to vocational training. And although education "happens" during most In-

ternational Service Projects, VTT's do "purposeful, planned education" instead of primarily responsive education.

We do have, and have had, a VTT in progress and sponsored by RCHS. Dr. Dan Murariu continues to head up the VTT in Iasi, Romania. For more than three years now doctors from the US have been sponsored by Hawaii Rotarians to provide pediatric craniofacial reconstructive team education. Doctors from the University of Virginia Medical School and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons have participated in a process to change surgical process from what might be described as "siloe" to a team approach when working on cleft lip, cleft palate, burns and other head and face malformations in children. Integrating surgeons, nurses, aftercare and rehabilitative therapies with goal to develop a "clinic" to provide services is the longer term goal.

Rich Zegar who had been the long

term lead on the project turned over coordination to PP Aryuna. This past September, Honolulu Sunset Rotarian Daniel Murariu, MD, joined Edward Chang, MD, from Houston, Texas on a trip to Iasi and Bucharest, Romania. In Iasi they spent time with Romanian plastic surgeons operating together, as well as holding lectures. In Bucharest, they held lectures in cooperation with the Romanian Association of Plastic Surgeons. This trip was a scaled down version of a larger trip that was postponed due to Covid related restrictions.

Hopefully 2022 will allow for bigger trips and collaborations. Tentatively planned for April/May is the Craniofacial Surgical Approaches course taught by the American Society for Maxillofacial Surgery, as well as a trip by the University of Virginia team. A team from Romania to the US is also in the works.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!



SEE PAST PRESIDENT ARY  
TO VOLUNTEER  
ON THIS PROJECT

## TREE PLANTING SERVICE DAY

Let's make our community and our world a greener place.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2022**  
**9 - 11 AM**  
**HAWAII LEGACY FOREST AT GUNSTOCK RANCH**  
**56-250 KAMEHAMEHA HWY. KAHUKU**

For more info or to RSVP,  
email to Ary Rodnaeva at [rodnaeva.aryuna@gmail.com](mailto:rodnaeva.aryuna@gmail.com)  
or text at 541-579-6197.



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**



## Rotary Links

RCHS Website— <https://honolulusunsetrotary.org/>  
 District 5000 Website— <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/>  
 Zone 26/27 Website— <https://zone2627.org/>  
 Rotary International Website — <https://www.rotary.org/en>  
 How to create a MyRotary Account— [file:///C:/Users/wscho/AppData/Local/Temp/how\\_to\\_create\\_my\\_rotary\\_account\\_en.pdf](file:///C:/Users/wscho/AppData/Local/Temp/how_to_create_my_rotary_account_en.pdf)  
 RCHS Facebook— <https://www.facebook.com/honolulusunsetrotary>  
 Rotary Fellowships - <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>  
 The Rotary Foundation— <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>



# SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!



## Pearl Haven

update:  
By Win Schone-  
man

Although you might suspect that we would focus on the gazebo build, what I would like

to share with you is the life changing and restorative work that is really happening. There are currently seven residents who spent their holidays in a safe environment for the first time in a long time. I would like to share with you part of an email from Ho'ola Na Pua founder Jessica Munoz.

*"December has been a very full month for us at Ho'ola Na Pua and specifically for the Pearl Haven Program. More youth have been admitted into the program! This is very exciting for our team, but also this can be a very challenging time for the youth we serve given their prior traumas. The holidays can illicit mixed emotions for many of us, Our youth can struggle through the holiday season due to memories filled with conflict and pain. Creating positive memories and experiences is essential when bringing healing to deep seeded trauma. The Pearl Haven Staff worked tirelessly to ensure our "first Christmas and holiday season" at Pearl Haven was magical, memorable, and comforting for the youth. We also had some of our amazing supporters and volunteers rally behind the efforts at Pearl Haven and provide special gifts and stockings for the youth, cards of encouragement from supportive individuals from across the country for the girls of Pearl Haven, Christmas decorations and a beautiful tree that stands proud in the milieu, specialty baking and cooking classes, and some fun outings to name a few! Just before Christmas, I was able to spend Saturday at Pearl Haven, and prepared a delicious and festive pancake breakfast alongside our girls. I also had the very special opportuni-*

*ty to teach a ballet lesson for one of our girls in the movement/dance studio. This room embodies deep meaning as I reflect on my own childhood and how dance had been a huge part of shaping my life growing up. I felt so honored to be standing in this special space, in this divine moment, and being able to share one of my passions with one of our girls who also is finding her passion and talent for dance. Dance is incredibly therapeutic. Movement and music are healing to the soul in ways that does not require words.*

*As I looked around at all of the Christmas decorations and the lights that filled Pearl Haven (those of you who know me, know my love for light), I paused for a moment to acknowledge how far over the past 12+ years of doing this work the "light" has spread and how bright it now shines because so many have come and continue to come alongside of us in this journey to bring transformational change in our community around the issue of exploitation of children. When there is light, darkness has no place, and must flee. This evil must end, and children must be free to embrace their bright futures.*

*Pearl Haven, a place that was once so dark and dismal, is now a place that provides light, safety, security, and a new beginning to reimagine their futures. Most importantly our girls now have a place to experience love, joy, and play.*

*The time and energy given so generously over this season spoke volumes for our youth and because of this, our youth continue to thrive each day as they work towards their treatment goals, educational goals, and individualized life plans and dreams.*

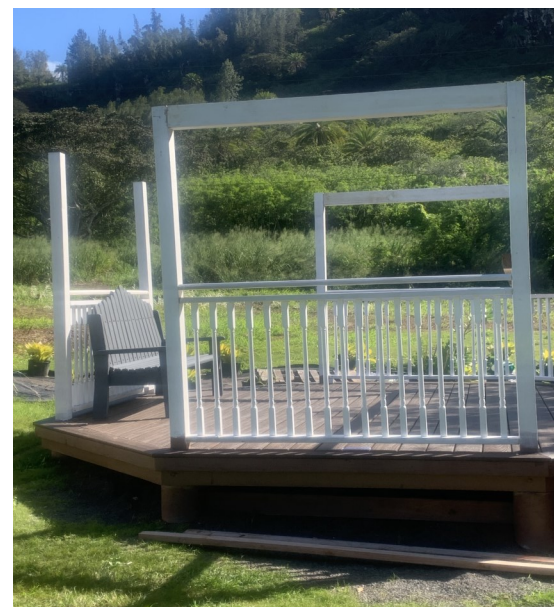
*This safe space was made possible because of YOU. Because YOU believed and took a step of faith, seeded into the dream, vision, and the legacy of lives changed, impacted,*

*and transformed forever at Pearl Haven.... this has begun.*

*We are looking forward to 2022 with anticipation to the continued growth and further development of the Pearl Haven Program.*

*Thank you for believing in our mission and this vital work! We are so grateful for your generosity. This is LIFE saving work. "*

Jessica



Gazebo framing, deck and railings with bench built by Jonathan Okabe.



Christmas Tree donated by Rotary...

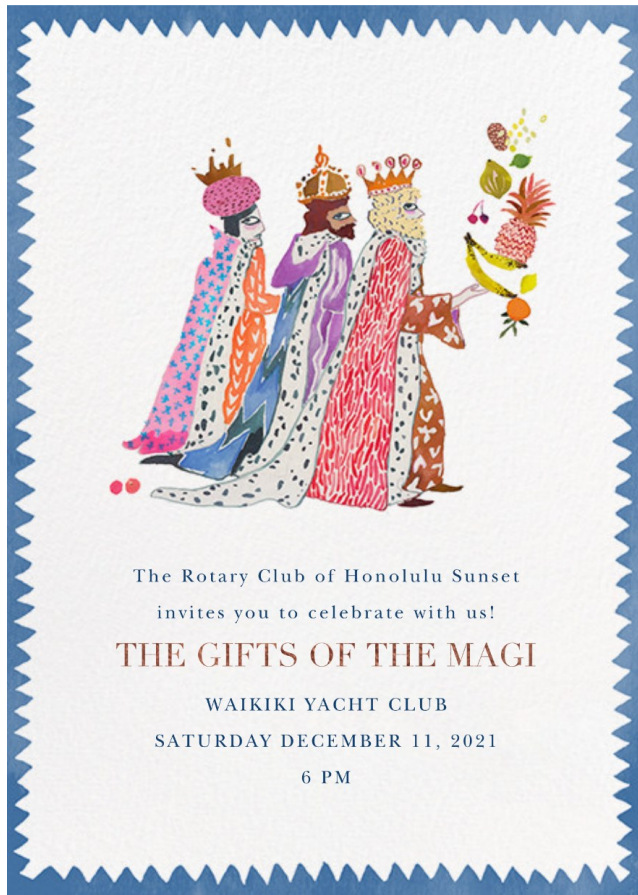


**Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset Member Celebrations  
January 2022**

Patricia Nevada  
Birthday  
January 27th



# A December to Remember



## ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU SUNSET TEAM 2021-2022

**President**  
Arjun Aryal

**President Elect**  
Elizabeth Kane

**President Nominee**

**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

*"Risk something or forever sit with your dreams." — Herb Brooks.*





*Wikipi  
Aloha  
Thank you!  
Sangeeta*

*mahele nui loa!!  
Happy Holidays  
Jill  
Leah*

*Big Mahalo for  
our gift cards.  
Happy Holidays  
to you and your  
family's this season.  
♥, Kapuna*

*Thank you for  
your generosity  
and thoughtfulness  
Rh Zai*

*Thank you  
so much  
Abby*

*Classic  
Yonessi  
Mahalo!!!*

*Thank you for thinking  
of us  
Dawni Wynn*

*Much Aloha for  
Karee Thompson  
W. McKinn*

Aloha,  
My department, Staffing & Bed Control would like to thank you for blessing each of us with a Foodland gift card and a warm felt 'aloha' handwritten thank you card. We were overwhelmed with gratitude to receive this blessing. My department, like the hospital is open 24/7. We are responsible for ensuring that we have adequate competent staff to care for our patients in the hospital or seen in ER, OR, **very much** PACU/SIC, and Cath Lab Recovery Room along with assigning beds to those needing to be admitted. Please know, it is our honor to be able to serve the community, our extended family (Ohana) with the care they so deserve.

Mahalo to all of YOU for your service to the community.

Happy Holidays to you all and your Ohana  
Be Safe!!

Much love and Aloha,  
Tara Moses  
Staffing/Bed Control Manager

## Thank you from Straub December 2021

Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset

*Thank you Glen (and team!)  
for a very special morning  
for our lucky families.  
They were overwhelmed  
and appreciative of your  
club's generosity and  
kind assistance at our  
shopping spree event. We  
hope you are all enjoying  
a beautiful holiday  
season - Sheri*

*Happy Holidays*

Warmest holiday greetings  
to you and yours!

*Chris  
felicia*

*Shay*

*Jan*

*Alan*

From your friends at

**HUGS**  
Help, Understanding  
& Group Support

## Thank You from HUGS Dec 2021