November 2021

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.

Profiles in Service

Gidget Ruscetta is the newest member of our Sunset Ohana having been inducted October 21, 2021 by PDG Win Schoneman. Gidget’s model for success, her mentor, was her father whose voice is always in her ear and reminds her “Never think ‘NO.’ You can do anything. Find the path to ‘YES.’ Treasure people and always prioritize your family.” Gidget is the Chief Operations Officer at Hawaii Pacific Health/Kapiolani Women’s and Children’s Medical Center; having served in leadership at Pali Momi Hospital. She is a Registered Nurse and fellow at the American College of Healthcare Executives. Gidget has previous service at the Rotary Club of Pearlridge and in Florida. She sits on the board of the Arthritis Foundation and Kahi Mohala. Welcome Rotarian Gidget!

NOVEMBER IS
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

DONATIONS
ANNUAL FUND
POLIO PLUS FUND
ENDOWMENT FUND
DISASTER RELIEF FUND

FUNDING
GLOBAL GRANTS
DISTRICT GRANTS
POLIO ERADICATION
PEACE FELLOWSHIPS
SCHOLARSHIPS

“DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD”

Aloha Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

November is Rotary’s Foundation month. The mission of the Rotary Foundation (TRF) is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both in your local communities and around the world. Through our Foundation, we have the power to live the words of our Foundation’s motto: Doing Good in the World.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. This year, our Club received a total District Designated Fund (DDF) of about $19k, and the world fund will match another about $8k towards our Global Grants. This year, we have 12 District Grants, and we are about to submit three new Global Grants, one in PNG, one in Nepal, and one in Palau. This is all thanks to your generous donations to our Foundation.

Your donation makes a difference to those who need our help the most through District Grants and service projects in our home and Global Grants all over the world in seven areas of focuses. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating Polio. We truly are so close to eradicating Polio; Rotary is at the forefront (cont on pg 6)

November Schedule

November 4, 2021 Meeting: Paul Jurcsak
November 11, 2021 Meeting: Dark - Veterans Day
November 18, 2021 Meeting: PDG Win Schoneman
Off Site at Sacred Hearts Academy
Board Meeting (TBD)
All are welcome—New Members Encouraged to attend
November 25, 2021 Meeting: Dark—Happy Thanksgiving!
October was a great month to be a Sunset Rotarian. “Service Above Self” was the order of the day with opportunities around every corner.

WOMEN IN NEED
Women In Need provides care and logistical support for women (and oft times their children) in transition. Rotarians filled thirty Aloha hygiene kits with love and the necessities of living.

PEARL HAVEN
A long drive lead to a fulfilling workday at Ho’ola Na Pua’s Pearl Haven on October 16, 2021. Maria Melrose, Clare Schnurr and Chris Polanzi turned clay into a papaya patch with twenty vibrant seedlings.

The weather cooperated for Team 2 who painted and painted and painted. Multiple picnic tables and planter. Shown are Sunsetter Lisa Harding, Natasha Clarin of RC Kapolei and Uthpala Wapola RC of West Pearl Harbor. Not show are Laurence Akiyama and Nathan Nagai.

TEAM 3—Gazebo Builders
And so begins the building of the gazebo... a place of respite for our Pearl Haven resident survivors of human trafficking.

Our Builders: President Arjun, James Ham, Kelly McDonald, Jonathan Okabe and Curt Dalken. Not shown are Sean Kelly and project lead Win Schoneman.

Special thanks to RTN Natasha Clarin who cooked lunch!

With so much service being done...
more pictures on last page...
(many of the pictures taken by Chris Polanzi)

“Our greatest asset is the customer! Treat each customer as if they are the only one!” – Laurice Leitao
The Rotary Foundation is the economic engine for Rotary International. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

In 1917, Rotary International President Arch Klumph announced his idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world.” With this short statement, Klumph inspired the establishment of The Rotary Foundation.

Today, The Rotary Foundation helps clubs and districts work together to perform meaningful, sustainable service. While Rotary International and Rotary Clubs are codified as a “social welfare” organization (501(c)4) and do not qualify for tax exempt status; The Rotary Foundation was established as the charitable arm of Rotary and is a qualified 501(c)3 tax exempt entity. As a not-for-profit corporation, TRF is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need. As one of the top rated foundations in the world, TRF has provided billions of $$$ for life-changing, sustainable projects that help people in need around the world get clean water, medical care, literacy classes, disaster aid and other essentials.

Our mission
The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Every Rotarian, Every Year
Every minute of every day someone’s life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation. Doctors in Romania are learning advanced skills that change the lives of the children they treat, Polio survivors are provided with wheel chairs so they do not have to crawl, poor women in India are given training and micro-loans to alleviate extreme poverty while water/sanitation and hygiene is being brought to remote areas of Nepal to reduce disease and improve health. In a world where the divide between the haves and have-nots is growing, we as Rotarians must do our part and “do good in the world.”

District Grants
District Grants allow Rotary clubs to identify, plan, and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. This year our District Grant is funding Women in Need, Pearl Haven gazebo project, Ala Wai Elementary School improvements, Lunalilo Elementary School improvements, Shopping with Hugs, US VETS transitional housing, Farrington High School JROTC, Jefferson Elementary School improvements and more… The majority of funding comes as a result of contributions to TRF Annual Fund; so, the more we give, the more opportunities and funding we will have for future projects.

Global Grants
Global Grants are funded by combining Club funds, District Designated Funds (DDF), The Rotary Foundation (TRF) World “Matching” Funds and in some cases, funds from Cooperating Organizations. Global Grants support large international activities with sustainable high-impact outcomes that have a long-term impact. The Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset is a major district player when it comes to Global Grants with projects planned, in-progress or completed in Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Malawi, Romania, Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa, Egypt. We truly have global reach and impact. Our past generosity has made this meaningful work a reality… continued contributions to the Annual Fund and the Endowment Fund make the future possible.

Leave a legacy as a Bequest Society member
This is best expressed through a quote from the founder of The Rotary Foundation and Past RI President, Arch C. Klumph

“...There are tens of thousands of Rotarians who will look upon this opportunity (building the Rotary Foundation as a real privilege)... Then there are others who are seeking ways and means of leaving some part of their wealth where it may do the greatest good for humanity. What better equipped organization or institution than Rotary International can be found to be entrusted with such funds?”

Join with fellow Rotarians past and present who have left their legacy by remembering The Rotary Foundation in their estate plans.
What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?

– George Eliot

**Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset Member Celebrations**

November 2021

- Happy Birthday! November 18th
- Happy Birthday! November 27th
- 1st Rotary Anniversary November 12th

**Rotary Fellowships**

Rotary International recently announced that three new Rotary International Fellowships have been chartered. RI now recognizes nearly 100 active Rotary Fellowships, which are groups of people from around the world who unite around a common hobby, profession, or background to network and build friendships. These fellowships are open to anyone who’s interested. Learn more about the new fellowships for Friends of Alsace, pickleball players, and urban gardeners...

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships

**Rotary Discussion Groups**

There are many ways to expand your connections and exchange ideas in Rotary. Connect with other Rotary members by joining a discussion group or starting a new one. Find others who share your interests and activities, connect with project partners, and tap into the diversity of global perspectives that is Rotary. Explore your options here...

https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/groups

**ESRAG Big West Chapter**

**Rotary Ecology Day Conference**

The Challenges of our Planet Earth, Solutions and Taking Action

9:00 am – 12:30 pm PDT General Session
- 9:15am Biodiversity and Pollination Panel
- 10:45am Climate Crisis and Solutions

1:00 pm PDT Interact Session
3:00 pm PDT Rotaract Session

Register now at this link:
https://esrag.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UGhfdOpwRYCb9UC4p-JgbQ

**ECOLOGY DAY CONFERENCE**

Saturday, November 6, 2021

The Challenges of Our Planet, Solutions and Actions

**ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU SUNSET TEAM 2021-2022**

President
Arjun Aryal

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Elizabeth Kane

President Nominee
Club Secretary
Lisa Harding

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Jim Hoban

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Tina Yap

Sergeant at Arms
James Ham

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Beth Hoban

Public Image
Win Schoneman

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Gabriel Ruelas

Community Service
Glen Bailey

Youth Service
Patricia Nevada

International Service
Paul Moroz

**“What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?” – George Eliot**
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of this historic achievement. This year, our club goal is to achieve “Every Rotarian Every Year”. With your help, we can make lives better in our communities and around the world. Thank you again for your generous donation.

October has been one of the most fun-filled months for our Club and me. We had great speakers including Polio survivor Robin Fujikawa who shared a very inspiring story and we had several Service projects. In total, we volunteered more than 200 hours of volunteer work at our service projects. It was a rewarding and fun-filled event to build a Gazebo at Pearl Heaven and sanding/painting and installing picnic tables at the Ala Wai Elementary school.

Rotary offers endless opportunities. Please visit our website 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 right now. Therefore, please come join us and encourage others to join Rotary.

Stay healthy!
Arjun Aryal

Friends of the library
Several Rotarians under the leadership of Jonathan Okabe helped move library books to new storage...

Ala Wai Elementary School
Two weekends in a row RCHS members, Rotarctors from UH Manoa and even family members worked long hours sanding, painting and assembling tables for students to eat at while social distancing. On the side, a team of Rotarians put up conforming vinyl motivational words and sayings on exterior walls. All in all the improvements look great and Principal Michelle is very appreciative of our efforts.

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
RCHS Facebook— https://www.facebook.com/honolulusunsetrotary
Rotary Fellowships - https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships