



Rotary



SERVE WITH ALOHA
TO CHANGE LIVES

October 2021



Aloha fellow Rotarians and friends,

As we are transitioning to Economic and Community Development month, this is the time to leverage your vocational skills to help empower others. Recent UN reports show the COVID pandemic significantly contributes to global unemployment of more than 200 million people, with women and youth workers the worst-

hit. Therefore, October is an important month for Rotarians to take actions in this important area to improve economies in our communities.

October 24th marks World Polio Day which happens to be Jonas Salk's birthday - the man who discovered the vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes the crippling disease of polio. In 1985, Rotary started its efforts to eradicate polio from the world.

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Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

Economic and community development is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

- Almost 220 million people were unemployed in 2020. 75 million of whom were young people, ages 15-25
- Agriculture is the main source of income and employment for the 70% of the world's poor who live in rural areas.
- The gender gap in employment persists, with a 25 percentage point difference between men and women in the employment-to-population ratio in 2020. The inequalities between women and men in the world of work that have been exacerbated during the covid 19 pandemic with a global loss of 54 million working women.
- Studies find strong evidence that access to microcredit leads to reduced vulnerability, in the sense of a lower threat of fluctuations in income or consumption.
- COVID-19 drove an additional 97 million people into extreme poverty in 2020.



Rotarian of the Month Dr. Clare Schnurr and husband Paul

October Schedule

October 7, 2021 Meeting:
Ray L'Heureux

October 14, 2021 Meeting:

October 21, 2021
RCHS Board Meeting

October 21, 2021 Meeting:
Robin and Linda—Polio Survivors

October 28, 2021 Meeting:
Deepak Neupane



SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!



Our November Community Service Project – “Shopping With HUGS Families” is scheduled for Sunday November 14, 2021 at the Keeaumoku Walmart at 8 45 AM. This is an annual Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset project where we take families enrolled in the HUGS program shopping for needed personal items. The families all have a child that has severe medical conditions that require 24 hour home care. These families have huge medical bills associated with this and are hurting financially . Our shopping trip makes a difference in their lives during the busy holiday season.

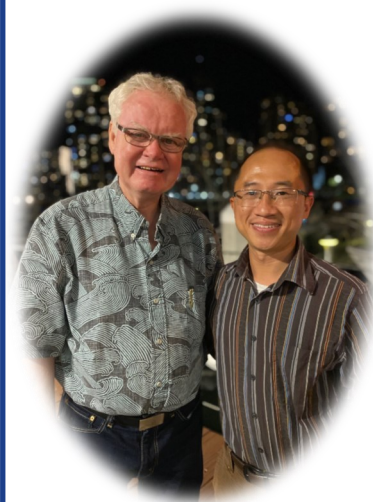
HUGS MISSION IS. “ To support **Hawaii** families with a child up to age 21 who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or disease. Our nonprofit organization provides comprehensive, long-term support to each member of the family, to ensure they don't have to face their challenges alone.”

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

- * We would like at least 8 of our Club Rotarians to volunteer for this event
- * Location and report Time: Sunday November 14, 2021 at Keeaumoku Walmart at 8 45 AM. I will give everyone a briefing before you begin shopping
- * What to bring : A calculator, pad of paper, pen, clip board, mask, and gloves if you have them
- * Your Duties: Volunteers will be matched with one of the four families – you will assist them in the shopping, keep a running tab of all of the items prices as they are put into their carts, advise them when they have reached their limit and then call me to meet at the check-out counter.

To volunteer for this Community Service Project “Shopping With HUGS Families” contact Glen Bailey at email baileyg001@hawaii.rr.com or call cell phone 808 392 7170.

Profiles in Service



Jim Hoban and Ben Chu

Born in Vietnam, Major Ben Chu started his long journey to America at a very young age. Ben, with his mother and siblings, were evacuated from Vietnam to a tent city in Bataan, Philippines. After a couple of years, they traveled to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Imagine a little boy with limited English skills being transported to the heart of Cajun Land.

As a young child, family, volunteer work and community were instilled in him as important values to live by. He enjoyed spending time with children and the elderly. In high

school, he volunteered at Lane Memorial Hospital, a nursing home, where he worked with the elderly. At Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, he tutored science and math to children

in the Home.

Ben studied at Louisiana State University as a pre-med student, then moved on to a doctorate program in pharmacy at the University of Louisiana, Monroe. After graduation in pharmacy school and earning his license, Dr. Ben Chu worked at Rite Aide and LSU Medical Center as a pharmacist. When it was time for a change, he enlisted in the military and travel has been his life since he joined the Army 10 years ago.

Ben loves Hawaii and is the Manager of the Pharmacy Department at Tripler Medical Center. While in Hawaii, he was searching for a volunteer opportunity and Rotary became part of his life. Ben has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset since he was inducted on March, 2021. Shortly after his induction, he volunteered with fellow Sunset Rotarians for the Veteran's homeless housing project. Unfortunately, Ben's travels will continue as his military assignment will take him for training on the East Coast. We will surely miss him and we wish him well.

Ahui hou.....until we meet again.

Interview by Jim Hoban

RCHS Peacebuilder Club by Maria Melrose

This month Honolulu Sunset officially became a Rotary Peacebuilder Club. In recent years Rotary has focused on the concept of positive peace and the impact of peacebuilding on the success of Rotary projects. We have a committee that will meet monthly to learn about positive peace and what this means to us as Rotarians. Our responsibility will be to educate and empower our club about peacebuilding, and how community-building and peace building impacts each project. We will also look to engage our club in peacebuilding activities and inform you about upcoming activities in our district as well as globally, and with Rotary partner organizations. In our inaugural year we will be learning about positive peace and what peacebuilding is, how we wage peace, and we will make plans to educate and engage our club, propose peacebuilding activities and prepare content for the newsletter about Rotary partners who are engaged in peacebuilding.

You have to hold yourself accountable for your actions, and that's how we're going to protect the Earth.



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WORLD POLIO DAY IS OCTOBER 24

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The Best Chance to Eradicate Polio is Now

by Aidan O'Leary

edited and condensed from the Rotary International website

"There's something about the whole idea of eradicating polio that grabs the imagination," says Aidan O'Leary. "Most people talk about making steps toward achievements, and it's almost always into the never-never. Eradication is a zero-sum game; anything short of zero is failure. You keep getting closer and closer, but ultimately the only number that actually matters is zero."

Although O'Leary, the polio eradication director for the World Health Organization, is speaking from his home in Galway, against the verdant backdrop of western Ireland, his focus is on war-torn Afghanistan and the parched and dusty plains of Pakistan — the last two places on the planet where wild polio still thrives.



"Particularly in the days of COVID-19, there is something that really resonates about snuffing out a highly communicable infectious disease," he says. "As COVID has taken off, it has also led a lot of people to better understand why now is the time to finish this job with polio."

O'Leary, who began his tenure as WHO's polio chief in January, came into the job knowing the terrain well. He formerly led UNICEF's polio eradication efforts in Paki-

stan and was the head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen, organizing the UN's emergency response during crises.

O'Leary says he understands the difference Rotary can make — both in a community and in the global fight against polio. The particularly encouraging part right now is that the program has a very elaborate network of environmental testing sites for sewage — almost 100 sites in Afghanistan and Pakistan that cover all of the major population centers. In 2020, almost 60 percent of the monthly test samples came back positive for poliovirus. This year to date, that percentage is probably around 15 per-cent. We have been unable to detect any wild poliovirus in Afghanistan since 23 February, and we've seen just five isolates in Pakistan since 12 April.

While conditions in 2020 were certainly adverse both for surveillance and for the campaign operations, there are two areas that are helping us this year. One is reduced mobility — both within Afghanistan and Pakistan, and across the borders. When you look particularly at the experience in India, with the explosion of COVID cases in the first and second quarters of 2021 — and what were some very shocking images of funeral pyres — I believe that the drop in mobility has had an impact. There has also been a change in social norms, very simple things like social distancing and hand washing. Maybe that has made some impact, as well. But those are short-term changes.

Our new strategy has a goal of interruption of circulation of all wild and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus by no later than 2023, and certification of the world as wild polio-free by 2026

You may read the full article at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/best-chance-eradicate-polio-now>

"When the world eradicates polio, we'll have given a gift to every child, worldwide, for years to come..."

Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset Member Celebrations

Cristiana
Ercoli

Happy
Birthday!
October 14th

Jonathan
Okabe

20th
Rotary
Anniversary
October 5th

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19th
Rotary
Anniversary
October 24th

Cristiana
Ercoli

1st
Rotary
Anniversary
October 29th

World
Polio Day

October 24th

Prolific Pictures!



GROWING ROTARY



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

"There is no path to happiness; happiness is the path." Buddah

Rotary Governance

Rotary Clubs, like Rotary International are governed by both a Constitution and Bylaws. The Rotary Code of Policies contains all permanent and general policies. Changes to these documents by Rotary International incorporates the recommendations of both the RI Board and the governed clubs in the form of resolutions and enactments.

The Council on Resolutions meets online every year to vote on proposed resolutions and urgent enactments. Resolutions are requests to the RI Board or the Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside the purview of the constitutional documents. Ideally, a resolution should affect the Rotary world, rather than address local or administrative issues. An urgent enactment is a change to the constitutional documents, proposed by the RI Board,

that the Board has determined cannot wait until the next Council on Legislation, which is held every three years.

Representatives from all Rotary districts vote on items proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RI-BI. Adopted resolutions are then considered by the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Urgent enactments that have been adopted will amend the constitutional documents, and will take effect one month after the Council on Resolutions report has been sent.

The Council on Resolutions will take place 15 October through 15 November. You can view resolutions beginning 1 October. Voting will close 15 November at 23:59 Chicago time (UTC-6). The results will be published by 20 November. Any Rotarian can view the resolutions and the

results, but only representatives can vote.

Council on Legislation

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary. They consider enactments, which change Rotary's governing documents, and position statements by the RI Board. Following COL meetings RI staff will develop a new Governance Documents including a new Standard Club Constitution and Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws. Club Bylaws may be modified to reflect club operations but must align with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and RI Policy Manual as amended from time to time. The last time the COL met was in 2019 and will meet again in April 2022. There will be 92 proposed enactments before the council.

"The legacy we leave is part of the ongoing foundations of life, those who came before leave us the world we live in. Those who will come after will have only what we leave them. We are stewards of this world, and we have a calling in our lives to leave it better than how we found it, even if it seems like such a small part." Jim Rohn

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Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Prof. Robin Fujikawa is a survivor of polio and he has accepted our invitation to be our speaker on October 21. At age 4, Robin contracted polio during its worldwide pandemic when the USA saw huge yearly increases (545% in Alaska), Robin will describe firsthand effects of total paralysis on a child's life caused by Polio, and his wife Prof. Linda Fujikawa will also

join us to share her stories.

September has been another successful month. We continue our hybrid meeting format and show our ability to adapt to this COVID environment. We have had great speakers; over 50 people attended one of our regular meetings on September 16. Our 12 District Grants have already been approved and we have planned several service projects.

Rotary offers endless opportunities. Please visit our website to find our activities and opportuni-

ties 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 and well!
Arjun Aryal"

President



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>

The Rotary Foundation— <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>