



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

January 2018



Speakers

Door Prize

January 2
DARK

Happy New Year!

Donna Hiranaka

January 9
Wil Okabe

Hawaii County Managing Director

Awa Huihui-Graffe

January 16
Mattson Davis

Manini Holdings

Sam Johnson

January 23
Marilyn Pottage

Educating Girls in Africa

Bill Jones

January 30
Harry Kim

Hawaii Mayor

Larry Kniffin

President's Message

Laura Kniffin

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I am one of the luckiest people to belong to the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. When the Board and all our committee members met and I explained my limited ability to participate in the club because of the new job, I was overwhelmed by the support I received. Right off the bat Eric jumped in and said "how can we help you." Special blessings go to Sharon who offered and is handling "grants." And another huge special thanks goes to Adam, who volunteered to attend all the President's meeting and will keep us informed.

So I can proudly finish the job.

More thanks go out to Adam, Eric, Sharon, Donna and Gabriella who are part of the nomination committee. Adam announced the following have stepped up to volunteer for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors.

Adam as you know is our current PE and will be our next President. Lisa has volunteered to serve as Secretary and PE. Carol has volunteered to join Eric as Co-Treasurer. So we are off to a great start.

Remember there is always room for more, if there is a committee you would like to join then come on down, all are welcome.

Now, the big one.....our annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Event. This is it....all hands on deck. Ticket sales, auction items (please contact Gabriella on this as she is in charge and knows what kind of items she is looking for). And overall volunteers for the actual event itself. Special thanks to Dave and Bob who started working on this immediately following last years successful event.

Hopefully everyone made it through the holidays, with the least amount of weight gain and enjoyed your friends and family.

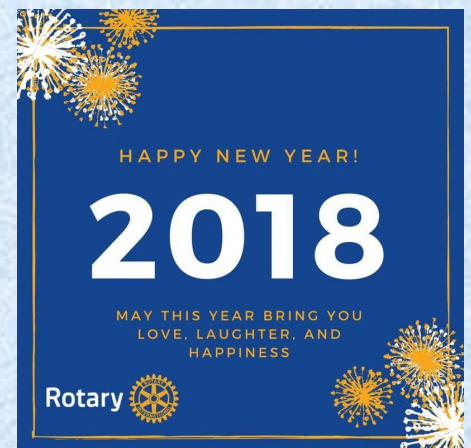
I look forward to continuing to serve you and here's to a fabulous 2018.

Thank you all, *Laura*



Rotary's 4 Way Test Of the Things We *Think, Say* and *Do*

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*



Celebrating Paul Harris Contributions



You will build houses in which you will never live
 You will feed hungry people of every race creed and political philosophy
 You will make crawlers into walkers.
 You will educate children you will never know
 You will vaccinate children you will never meet
 You will dig wells from which you will never drink
 You will plant trees under which you will never sit
 You will restore eyesight to those who will never see you.



Dave Hiranaka earned his Paul Harris +5 (\$6,000!)



Karen Wilson earned her Paul Harris +2 (\$3,000!)



Chris earned his 1st Paul Harris (\$1,000!)

Recent 'Rotarian of the Month' Recognitions:



Ken Obenski



Adam Reugh: November

Kona Mauka Rotary Presents \$500 Grant



Kealakehe High School 'Project Grad' representatives receiving our donation check.

L-R: Doug Malardi, Past Rotary Past President Sharon Taylor, Pam Wong, Rotary Community Service Chair Awa Huihui-Graffe

Queens' Lei Update

AS YOU KNOW: In 2016 Kona Mauka Rotary partnered with PATH (Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii) and adopted the first mile of the proposed 16.7 mile Queens' Lei multi-use walking/biking trail as our Centennial Project. (Rotary formed its first club in Hawaii in 1916).

The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka and Rotary Club of Kona donated \$6,000 and volunteer labor to plant the 100 trees (one for each year!) and provide benches. Representatives met for months with PATH to organize and plan this endeavor. Rotarians from the Sunrise club also helped to plant the trees. A great West Hawaii effort.

NEXT STEPS: We were then one of four non-profits who took on the task of watering the trees for the next 18 months. Were they now ready to thrive on their own? Yes, and no. Some were flourishing, and some needed additional TLC. Our club then adopted 2 of the struggling trees and continued to water them for the remainder of 2017.

UPDATE: Our benches are going in! On a recent rainy afternoon Tina Clothier (PATH Executive Director), Frank Sayre (PATH board member), and Donna Hiranaka (Rotary) marked the spot for the 4 benches and Aiesa from Best Choice in Construction volunteered to dig the holes, pour the footings, and place the benches.

Once they are installed we will be adding a plaque stating the 4 Way Test (one for each of the 4 benches). Woo Hoo!



Artist rendering of completed path



When completed, this 16.7 mile shared-use circulation trail will connect Kailua village to the new Palamanui Campus, virtually connecting all of North Kona.



The holes are now dug



Ringling In a New Year & Reflecting on Our First 6 Months



- Donated \$500 to KAPA Radio's School Supply Drive
- Participated in Konawaena High School's Scholarship Night: Informational Meeting for parents & students
- Habitat for Humanity building blitz: \$500 and volunteer labor
- West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery cleanup: \$400 and volunteer labor
- Spaghetti Dinner: A fundraiser for Kahakai Elementary School
- Co-sponsored a free Secure Your ID Day shredding event
- Raised money for polio eradication through 'Palettes for Polio' fundraiser
- \$500 grant to Kealahou High School 'Project Grad'
- Partnered with HOPE Services to provide a Thanksgiving meal to the homeless members in our community
- Continued to water the trees on a monthly basis that were planted for our Centennial Project
- Conducted vision screening to third graders in 5 of our elementary schools
- Provided dictionaries to each of the 3rd grade students in our mauka schools. Included a presentation on how to utilize the many functions of the dictionary. This is a project students look forward to each year.
- Volunteered at 'Monster Dash': a Halloween fundraiser for Kuleana Education
- Donated to the Veteran's Day ceremony and provided lunch
- Volunteered as Safety Marshals at the 4th of July and Christmas Parades
- Proudly wore our Rotary shirts, decorated a float and participated in the Kamehameha Day Parade in order to raise awareness in the community
- Donated to the Rotary Menehune Food Drive: \$250
- **Donated \$500.00 to the Elderly Recreation Program for the annual Ground Golf Tournament**
- Adopted 12 children for the holidays and bought them toys, clothes and needed supplies

Rotary Fun and Fellowship:

- Installation Dinner
- Multi-Club Social at Fish Hopper's Restaurant
- Island-wide Rotary social at Volcano Winery: 5 clubs and 40 Rotarians
- Halloween social at Elks
- Multi-club social at VFW: Supporting Kona Sunrise's efforts to raise monies for polio eradication
- Christmas Party: an excellent time had by all!
- Vocational Visit and Dinner Social at Tom Sorensen's "Ali'i Woodtailors"

Special Rotary Foundation Officers to Participate in Events on Every Island!

Regional Major Gifts Officer Beth Garrow and Senior Annual Giving Officer Steven Solomon from the Rotary foundation are coming to Hawaii January 21 – 28, 2018, to present their expertise and share their wealth of knowledge with all Hawaii Rotarians. They have a hectic schedule visiting Oahu, the Big Island, Maui and Kauai. All District 5000 Rotarians should take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about the different aspects of the Rotary Foundation and meet Beth and Steven

HERE IS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON EACH ISLAND

Monday, January 22: Beth and Steven will present a seminar from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Ilima Hotel. This is a **FREE** event. You can sign up on line at the District web site – look for the link on the left of the home page. Space is limited to 40 people.

Tuesday, January 23: East Hawaii Clubs will hold a reception/seminar event at the Naniloa Hotel, 5:00 PM.

Wednesday, January 24: West Hawaii clubs will hold a joint Foundation event, location to be determined, 5:00 PM.

Thursday, January 25: Maui clubs will hold a joint Foundation event at the Class Act at Maui Community College, 5:00 PM.

Friday, January 26: Kauai clubs will hold a joint Foundation event at the Lemon Grass grill, 5:00-8:00 PM.

Saturday, January 27: Foundation Dinner on Oahu at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant, 5:30 PM, cost is \$50 per person. Oahu clubs can reserve a table of 10 for their club members at no extra cost.

Sign up: Go to the District website and see the link on the left.

see ya there!

You Are Invited . . .

Kona Mauka Rotary's



Valentine Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 11, 2017

4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

@ the Beautiful Holualoa Inn Estates

**Featuring fine wines, delicious food,
live music, mouthwatering desserts,
magnificent views &
an exclusive silent auction**

To reserve tickets, contact Carol
@ 808.896.2397 or
rotaryvalentines@gmail.com

Proceeds to go toward
scholarships for local
students and other
community projects



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

January's Rotary Theme: Vocational Service Month

Paul Harris founded Rotary as a business networking club that emphasizes ethical standards and trustworthy business practices. Today Vocational Service is just one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation;
- Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and;
- Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.
- Rotarians, clubs, and districts should implement the following strategies in their support of Vocational Service:
 - Strengthen the emphasis on vocation and classification in new member recruitment and induction.
 - Identify means of emphasizing vocation in club activities.
 - Create a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity in Rotary at the club and district level.
 - Focus more attention on business networking with integrity as a means of attracting and mentoring the new generation.
 - Emphasize the connection between the Four Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct (formerly called: Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions) and their importance to the values of Rotary.
 - When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their classification – their particular business or profession.

Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are The Four-Way Test and The Rotary Code of Conduct.

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

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Nalani Flinn

January

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

I trust you had an awesome holiday celebration with family and friends and you are now ready to get back to work with the remaining months of "Navigating to Change Lives." I want to mention a few things that are noteworthy and the first is about our District Membership standing in the zone ending November 2017.



Per our Regional Membership Development Manager Nicole Jones, "District 5000 has experienced the highest net growth so far with a 3.33% net growth" which reflects an increase of 57 new members. However, we do know retention of members in December and June tend to drop as clubs are reviewing members that have stopped coming. May I suggest finding ways to re-engage those who are thinking of leaving through projects, friendship, personal contact and restructuring club dues for financial support. Reach out to them and ask if there is anything you can do. Maybe that is all they need, someone who cares.

I would like to give my heartfelt aloha and mahalo to those who participated in the "Ride So They Can Walk" Polio Plus fundraiser by riding their bikes to help raise awareness of this crippling disease AND those who chose to be creative in doing other fundraisers around the state. I thank you and ask that you continue the fight to meet our District goal of raising \$300K. I believe we can do it!

As you read our January Newsletter, you will find stories of fellow Rotarians sharing their vocational skills around our state. Use this month to promote Vocational Service to friends and family by inviting them to join our organization. The Kahauiki Village Transitional Housing project that Rotary partnered with the City & State is a good example of volunteers and businesses coming together for the one purpose of "service above self" and providing families who are working but can't afford the housing market, a "second chance". To the countless clubs, Rotarians, family and friends, I thank you for supplying the units with household items, for painting, cleaning and giving of your time each week. The families moved in last month and you are part of that success story. Mahalo.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ian HS Riseley

January

In Rotary, our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.



In the years since, the idea of diversity in Rotary has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better able to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in Rotary: not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future.

One of the most pressing aspects of diversity to address in our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any Rotary event, it becomes immediately obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high, and we are bringing in new members all the time – yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of Rotary service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable Rotary leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable members today.




We also cannot discuss diversity in Rotary without addressing the issue of gender. It is difficult to imagine that just three decades ago, women could not join Rotary. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. Far too many people continue to think of Rotary as an organization only for men, and that idea has had a detrimental effect on both our public image and our membership growth. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of Rotary's membership. While this is certainly a great improvement, we have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in Rotary as men.



Whatever brought each of us to Rotary, we stay because we find value in Rotary membership and believe that our service has value to the world. By building clubs that reflect that world in all its diversity, we will build even more enduring value in Rotary: Making a Difference.

January

Vocational Service Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 DARK	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Wil Okabe Managing Director	10	11	12	13  Ken Obenski birthday
14	15	16 Mattson Davis Manini Holdings	17  Greg Stille birthday	18	19	20 Bob Schaible joined Rotary 2015
21	22	23 Marilyn Pottage Educating Girls in Africa	24 Foundation Meeting	25  Bob Schaible birthday	26	27
28	29	30 Harry Kim Hawaii Mayor	31			

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 2:
January 24:
February 10:

DARK: Happy New Year
Foundation Meeting with Steve Solomon & Beth Garrow
Valentine Wine Tasting

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2017-2018

President:	Laura Kniffin	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Mary Kay Rovelstad		Steve Pine
Vocational:	Gabriella Cooper	Community Service:	Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka		Bob Schaible
Club Service:	Sam Johnson	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber/John Smith	International Service:	Karen Wilson
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka/Bob Schaible	KMR Foundation President:	Kent Nakamaru
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	Past President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis		Sharon Taylor
	Gary Rovelstad		