



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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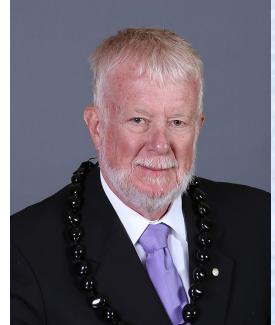


April 2016

President's Message

Gary Rovelstad

A Little Housekeeping



April, if you hadn't noticed, is a slow month for our club. It is, after all, tax season for many of us who are thankful that we have until Monday, April 18th, to file our taxes this year (Trivia Question: Why do we get Friday, the 15th, off?). Most of our Canadian friends have returned to the mainland not to be seen again until the fall. Even with the traditional spring slowdown, we still have several things happening this month that should get some of our attention.

To begin with, our by-laws committee has finished revising our current by-laws, and we are having them printed so that each of you will receive a copy of them. In this way, everyone will have an opportunity to suggest changes in them to our board of directors before we vote on their adoption at an upcoming meeting of all of our members. Our next directors meeting, to which I would add is always open to any member, will also consider several other topics that are important to our club. These include voting on those individuals whose names have been submitted to serve as officers and service committee heads for the coming year (2016 - 2017), consideration of our participation in June's King Kamehameha Day Parade, and, perhaps most importantly, discussing how our club might best honor the memory of Bill Cliff. In between, or just after the board meets, we will be helping the Queen's Lei Project with three days of tree planting (April 20, 21, and 22).

While all this is happening, our Golden Jubilee committee will be meeting with several people from our west side Hawai'i County offices to evaluate needs here on the west side that might create projects with which we might be of help. And, finally, at our last meeting of this month we will recognize Jerry Tracy, the Aloha Performing Arts Company's Artistic Director, as the recipient of this year's Vocational Service Award.

Now that I read what I have written, it's not going to be such a slow month after all.



Speakers

Door Prize

April 2

District Assembly

April 5

Tina Clothier
PATH Queen's Lei
Rhonda Kavanagh

April 12

Daryl Olivera
Civil Defense: Dengue & Mosquitos
Larry Kniffin

April 19

Judge Margaret Masunaga
Laura Kniffin

April 26

Vocational Award Luncheon
Jerry Tracy
Joe Krawczak

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?

(AND ... Is it Fun??)



Derek Chignell
Rotary Global Grant
Water Project in Kosovo



Maile David
County Council
Representative



Mehrangez, an exchange
student from Tajikistan
now attending Hawaii
Community College
Palamanui



Tina Clothier, Executive
Director of PATH
(Peoples Advocacy for
Trails Hawaii) talking
about our Rotary Cen-
tennial project partner-
ship with PATH, Iron-
man, the county, and
community members

Hawaii West Rotary District 5000



District Assembly for West Hawaii

What a wonderful District Assembly we had this past week! The Round Table Discussions provided information about key social issues in our community in the subject areas of Mental Health, Homelessness, Literacy, Education, and County Assistance. Our D5000 District Team did an incredible job of leading sessions that were informative and enjoyable - for brand new Rotarians and veterans alike.

The camaraderie fostered with fellow West Hawaii Rotarians: Priceless!



Mental Health



Education



Homelessness



County Assistance



Literacy

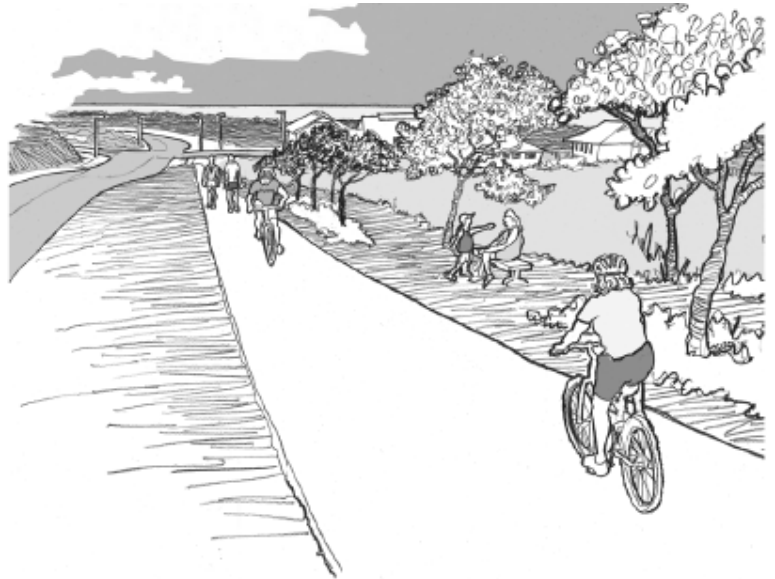
Round Table Discussions

Hawaii West Centennial Project

As you know, this year is the 100th anniversary for Rotary in Hawaii.

Hawaii West is taking part in an exciting **Centennial Project**. We are adopting the first mile in the 16.7 mile shared-use circulation trail for bicyclists and pedestrians that will connect Kailua village to the new Palamanui Campus, virtually connecting all of North Kona.

Work on the first mile of the 10' wide shared use path will begin this month. Our Hawaii West Rotarians have donated \$6,000 and volunteer labor to plant the trees and install benches as part of our Centennial Year Celebration. Come be a part of this exciting project that will be enjoyed by our community for generations to come!



Join Us!

April 20, 21, 22:

- 7:30-11:00 am
- Tree planting
- The county will dig the holes
- Bring shovel/rake

Saturday, April 23:

- Celebration
- Opening remarks: Mayor Kenoi
- Blessing with Danny Akaka
- Keiki Fun Run
- Dedication of a special tree with plaque in memory of Bill Cliff

Sign up:

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MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH ROTARY'S NEW THEME FOR APRIL

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Rotary's projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Friendship Exchange

Friendship Exchange coming in June

Rotarians from Mexico will be visiting the Big Island the first week in June. This group of 9 Rotarians and their spouses will be hosted in Hilo for 3 nights, fly to Maui for an additional 3 nights and then arrive on Oahu in time for the District Conference. We're hoping for an opportunity for some West Hawaii members to connect with them for a day trip to Kona-possibly a fishing charter.

This is really a fun way to meet Rotary members from other parts of the world and connect for possible life-long friendships. This group is from District 4195 - Southern Mexico, Quintana Roo and Yucatán, States of Campeche, Chiapas, Oaxaca, Tabasco, part of Veracruz.

What is Rotary Friendship Exchange?

Rotary Friendship Exchange is

- An international exchange program for Rotarians and Rotary couples.
- It provides participants with the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians, visiting their clubs and participating in the life style/activities of their communities.

Goals:

The goals of the exchange are

- To advance international understanding and peace through visits across borders.
- To promote interclub relationships, fellowships and service projects.

Rotary International President's Message

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

April

Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known – because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion –



Effective Rotary Clubs



District Governor's April Message

Del Green

Fellow Rotarians,

While the world's population is at 7.4 billion and growing at a rate of approximately 255 births per minute (approximately 134 million per year), an estimated 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. According to another estimate, more than 80 percent of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers.



April is Maternal and Child Health month, a time when Rotary focuses on ways to improve access to essential medical services for mothers and their children. Rotarians around the world participate in projects that provide education, immunizations, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

Rotary's projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs. What does your club do to support mother and children in your community? Have you checked Rotary Showcase or Rotary Ideas for projects that your club can participate in locally or internationally? Did you know that there is an Area of Focus Manager for each area of focus that is available for consultation on project design, new initiative and grants? Check the Rotary.org website and search "maternal and child health" to access all these resources.

We are quickly drawing to the close of the 2015-16 Rotary year. Thank you for all that you continue to do to be a Gift to the World.

Yours in Rotary,
Del and Diana

Our Leadership Team



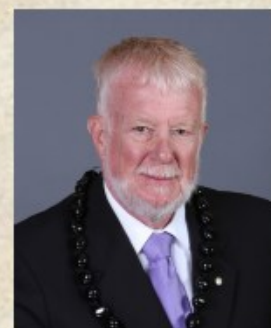
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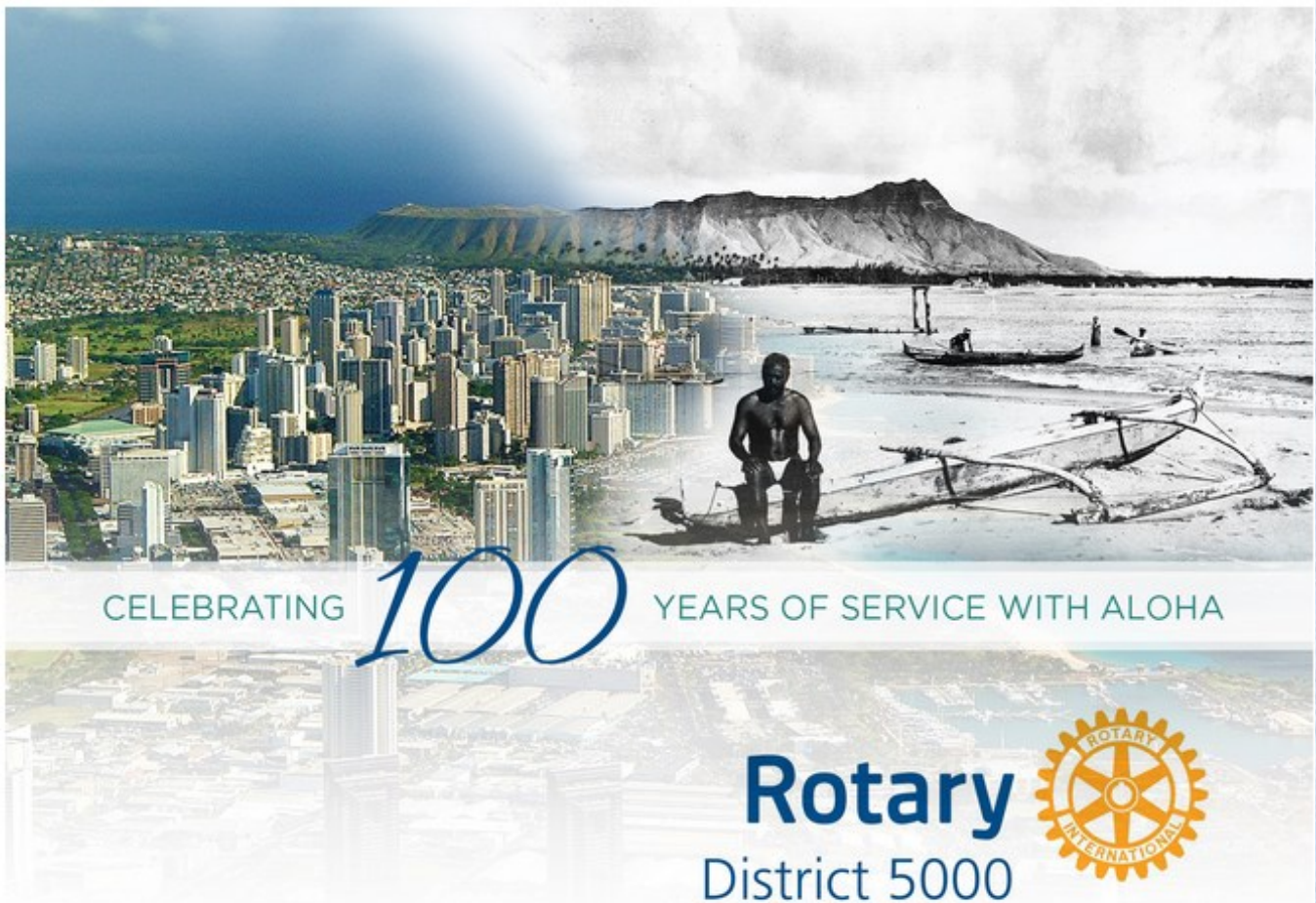


D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Gary Rovelstad

2016 District 5000 Conference at the beautiful Halekulani June 10-12, 2016



- The conference kicks off with a Friday evening reception.
- We'll have all day sessions on Saturday and a gala dinner to celebrate our 100th anniversary.
- The conference ends mid-day on Sunday.

Registration: \$350, including meal package.

Prices subject to increase 45 days before the conference starts.

Registration includes meal package for Friday reception, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch.

Go to rotary D5000.com to register.

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

April

Maternal & Child Health Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 District Assembly WHCC @ 8am
3	4 Jubilee Cmte Mtg	5 Tina Clothier PATH Queen's Lei	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Daryl Olivera Civil Defense Dengue Update	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Judge Margaret Masunaga	20	21 Dan joined Rotary 2015	22	23
Centennial Project: Tree Planting for PATH 'Queen's Lei' multi-use trail. Bring shovels and rakes						
24	25 Donna joined Rotary 2006	26 Vocational Award Luncheon: Jerry Tracy	27	28	29 Jerry's Birthday	30 Joe's Birthday

Mark Your Calendar: Friday, June 24 - Installation Dinner

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2015-2016

President:	Gary Rovelstad	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Sharon Taylor	Community Service:	Sharon Taylor
Vocational:	Donna Hiranaka		Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Club Service:	Laura Kniffin		Bob Shaible
	Leonora Prince	RI Foundation:	Bill Cliff
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Rhonda Kavanagh
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka	International Service:	Bill Cliff
Interact:	Tammy Shafer-Walker	Past President:	Larry Kniffin
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber	Jubilee Committee Chair:	Don Taylor
Public Relations:	Rhonda Kavanagh	President Elect:	Sharon Taylor
Scholarships:	Chris Leinenweber	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	Events Chair:	Dave Hiranaka / Don Taylor