



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

April 2017

President's Message

Sharon Taylor

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH



April is Maternal and Child Health Month. Rotary makes high quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so that they can live longer and grow stronger.

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The Rotary Foundation provides education, immunization, birth kits and mobile health clinics to communities in need so that they can take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

We should all be proud of belonging to such a caring organization. Please continue to support these efforts by donating to the Rotary Foundation.

The time is fast approaching to our 50th Anniversary Celebration. As you know the date is May 6 and the venue is the Sheraton at Keauhou. The Jubilee Committee has been working hard to make this a time of reflection and celebration. Members, past members and friends will be gathering to have fun and fellowship. Please let the committee know of your intentions to attend or not. Happy spring to all!

Speakers *Door Prize*

April 4
John Peard
Department of Health
Carol Gigliotti

April 11
En Young
Hawaii Food Basket
Lisa Folden

April 18
Paul Strauss/Carolyn Dillon
Little Fire Ant HUI
Richard Harrison

April 25
Wil Okabe
Hawaii County Managing
Director
Awa HuiHui-Grafte

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??)



Welcome New Members!



Name:
Vicky Koehler

Classification:
Senior Business Analyst
United Healthcare/Optum

Sponsor:
Sharon Taylor

Mentor:
Mary Curtis Metteer



Speaking of new members, **Sam Johnson**, General Manager of Fish Hopper Restaurant, represented our club by donating desserts to the 'Death by Dessert' fundraiser with our friends at Kona Sunrise Rotary!



Name:
Gabriella Cooper

Classification:
Translator/Interpreter
Retired: Travel Industry & Sales Management

Sponsor:
Donna Hiranaka

Mentor:
Donna Hiranaka



Shawn Suzuki,
Konawaena
High School
Principal



Kalani Mills,
Hawaii County
Liquor
Control



John
Pearse
Depart-
ment of
Health

Bill Jones
earned his 3rd
Paul Harris!



Sharon Taylor
receiving a
Certificate of
Appreciation
for our grant
participation
overseas



Adventures on a Duck!



Kona Mauka Rotary had a great adventure on the **Big Island Duck Tours**. What fun to load on to this amphibious bus and head down Ali'i Drive to see the sights while learning about some of our history. We then traveled to Honokohau Harbor and 'SPLASH!' we were in the water. We then cruised the coastline and learned about the historical significance of some of the areas. The boat captain and host (who are the owners) really did a great job of providing a fun, educational excursion. Wait! The fun didn't end there! We then journeyed over to the **Fish Hopper** restaurant when **General Manager (and Mauka Rotarian) Sam Johnson** and his team took fantastic care of us - delicious lunch followed by awesome desserts baked fresh by their in-house pastry chef.



Queens' Lei Project: April Watering Crew



Our Keiki are Thriving! The 100 trees we planted in partnership with PATH for our Centennial Project are now 1 year old! They are flourishing thanks to the weekly watering and TLC of Kona Mauka Rotary, PATH, Kona Rotary, and Kona Board of Realtors. This multi-use trail along the first one mile stretch of Queens' Lei on Ane Kaohokalole Hwy is enjoyed by many. As the trees mature, the community will be able to enjoy the fruits, shade, beauty, and flower for lei.

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Browsing History ▾

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A BETTER WORLD THROUGH ROTARY



Looking Back as We Move Forward

In February of 1985, the club donated an Apple IIe computer system to Hookena School, our hanai school at that time. We received a nice letter of thanks from Reverend Darrow L.K. Aiona, Chairman of the Board of Education. This was Hookena School's first computer, and probably the first one in the elementary schools in the Kona District.

Also in February, the Saint Benedict's Church Restoration Committee, headed by Rotarian Jerry Shimoda, completed the three year restoration of the church.



Bill & Rowena Jones



Hisashi Kimura, point person who helped forge our sister club relationship with Mizusawa (pictured here with Richard Harrison)



Kent Nakamaru's Installation Dinner 1974



Who do you know in this picture?

Yesterday's
Memories
are tomorrow's
Treasures



Long time Mauka Rotarians AD Ackerman and Reggie Morimoto pictured with their wives, Noel & Brenda in 1990

Bill Gates to Keynote Rotary International Convention



Bill Gates will be Keynote Speaker at Rotary International Convention

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Georgia. Rotary's 108th annual international convention June 10-14 is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries.

"Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort," said Rotary International President John Germ. "With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we will soon see the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio."

Rotary



Golden Jubilee Celebration Dinner



Golden Jubilee

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Sheraton Keauhou Resort & Spa

Doing Good Locally and Globally since 1967





APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

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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.

Both RI President John Germ and Hawaii District Governor Clint Schroeder have wonderful articles this month touching

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



- Core values: service, fellowship, integrity, leadership, diversity
- Emphasis on ethics and vocational service
- Funds projects that produce lasting change

OUR HISTORY



- 1905 – Paul Harris founds Rotary
- 1910 – First Rotary Convention
- 1925 – Rotary reaches 6 continents
- 2016 – 1.2 million members

John Germ

April

Globally, in developed as well as in developing countries, child mortality is on the decline and life expectancy on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71.



Then as now, the factors most likely to determine a child's fate are set at birth: where he or she is born, the educational and economic condition of the family, the availability of medical care. Yet one of the most important advances in public health has reached every country and must now reach every child: immunization.

The use of vaccines has, in many parts of the world, nearly eliminated diseases that once were widespread, such as diphtheria, tetanus, and rubella. Thanks to vaccines, 20 million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Smallpox has been eradicated – and polio is next.

Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year worldwide. As this issue of The Rotarian went to press, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016 – the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

Overall, the World Health Organization estimates that immunization prevents an estimated 2 million to 3 million deaths every year. It also averts a tremendous burden of disability and economic loss. Yet we could be doing so much better: An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided by improving vaccine coverage worldwide.

This month, from 24 to 30 April, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" – and they do. Increased use of vaccines has broader repercussions for public health: controlling viral hepatitis, reducing both the need for antibiotics and the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes, and reaching more children and adolescents with essential health interventions. In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, Rotary is truly Serving Humanity – now and for generations to come.

Clint Schroeder

April

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.



HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breastfeed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

- The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.
- Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:
- Mobile prenatal clinics: Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.
- Cancer screening: Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness training around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.
- Preventing injuries and deaths: Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they have also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Our Leadership Team



Rotary International
President
John Germ



District 5000
District Governor
Clint Schroeder



D5000 Hawai'i West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Sharon Taylor

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

April

Maternal & Child Health Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 John Peard Dept of Health	5 Jubilee Cmte Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11 En Young Food Basket	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Paul Strauss Fire Ants	19 Board Meeting	20	21	22
23	24 Donna joined Rotary 2006	25 Wil Okabe Deputy Managing Director	26	27	28	29 WH Veterans Cemetery Work Day
30 Joe's Birthday						May 6: 50th Anniversary Dinner!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 5: Jubilee Meeting tomorrow 5:30 @ Eric's office
April 19: Next Board Meeting
April 29: Rotarians at Work Day: Veterans Cemetery weeding and planting
May 2: Vocational Luncheon
May 6: 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner @ Sheraton Keauhou

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2016-2017

President:	Sharon Taylor	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Carol Gigliotti		Steve Pine
Vocational:	Donna Hiranaka	Community Service:	Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Club Service:	Laura Kniffin		Bob Schaible
Programs:	Ken Obenski	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber		Joe Krawczak
	Greg Stille		Karen Wilson
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	International Service:	Kent Nakamaru
RI Foundation:	Gary Rovelstad & Eric Curtis	Jubilee Committee Chair:	Don Taylor
President Elect:	Laura Kniffin	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
Past President:	Gary Rovelstad		