



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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April 2018

President's Message

Laura Kniffin



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I had quite an eye opening this week end when Larry (Past President) and I sat down to fill out 13 pages, with narratives for our clubs annual Club Recognition Awards. Once we were done and reread our work, it was like holy cow, our club did all this. We are up for every award possible. One thing that was great is that the criteria for one of the awards was "did we have a fundraiser for Polio Plus?" And we did.

Sunrise likes to call themselves the little club that can, well I'm proud to be part of the medium club that does.

We have a great team with lots of committees, so new members find one that works for you and join in, all are welcome.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 23 (yes, that is a different date than originally announced at Tuesday's meeting).

Also don't forget the D5000 conference on May 18th and 19th. This is always a great event, sharing ideas and hooking up with the other Rotary clubs, creating new friendships and reconnecting with old ones.

Thank you all, *Laura*

Speakers

Door Prize

April 3
Vocational Talks

Amy and Marisa

Donation from AG Barbara! :)

April 10

Ken Love

Love, Coffee and Agriculture

Adam Reugh

April 17

Vocational Award Lunch

Felicity Johnson

Gary Rovelstad

April 24

Michael Fish

Rotary Changes People's Lives

Mary Kay Rovelstad

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?

NO ONE CAN HELP
everyone
BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP
someone

Welcome New Member!



Name:
Marisa Bankston

Classification:
Property Management

Sponsor:
John Smith

Mentor:
Mary Kay Rovelstad

Community Partnerships



Susan Rice, Executive Director of SKEA (Society for Kona's Education and Art) gifted the club with complimentary tickets to the Magic Spectacular. This was a show of appreciation for our ongoing support of their programs through scholarships to their Art Camps

Vocational Talks



We got to know two of our newest members, Marisa Bandston and Amy Decker, a bit better through their Vocational Talks

Rotary Flag Exchange



Past President Larry exchanging club flags with Michael Graves of Plainview, Texas



A Rotary Team effort!

Kona Mauka Rotarians Adam Reugh and Dave Hiranaka, along with former Mauka Rotarian Fred Cowell, competed as a relay team...

Go Team Tri-agra!



Swim: Fred Cowell
Bike: Dave Hiranaka
Run: Adam Reugh

A Loving Farewell to Don & Sharon A bittersweet send off

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We were all so sad to see Past Presidents Don & Sharon Taylor leave our islands this past month. They touched each of us in their own special way, perhaps much more than they realize. Alas, grandchildren and the call of home took them back to Canada. A hui hou, until we meet again!



Sharon had proudly displayed items from her homeland at the first meeting she lead as President



Recap of PETS

PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

By: Adam Reugh

My Fellow Rotarians;

It was my distinct honor to represent you all in March at Rotary International's FarWest President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in San Jose, California. This rewarding training experience provided gainful insights into building upon the wonderful club that we share, and was truly inspiring to me, personally.

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in such a wonderful event on your behalf.

PETS garnered the attendance of over 400 President-Elects originating from mostly Northern California and Hawaii, with a few joining from other locales. We enjoyed inspirational speakers, heard new ideas, and collaborated with one-another to address the common challenges we face.

This year's Rotary International theme is "Be the Inspiration".

It's my goal for the upcoming year to increase our impact at home and abroad through membership growth and our continued devotion to service above self. This begins with empowering each of you to express your own ideas, concerns, and desires for our club as we expand our footprint in promoting the greater good. Together, I'm confident that we can make this our best year yet.

I sincerely appreciate the time, hard work, and resources that each of you so generously contribute, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2018-2019 Club President.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Adam J. Reugh, President-Elect 2018-2019

Our 2018-2019 Leadership Team!



Have You Registered for the District Conference Yet??

Yes, it will be here before you know it!

Have fun! Get inspired! Enjoy seeing your Rotary friends from across the state! So much to do, so much to see!

- Inspiring speakers
- House of Friendship
- Golf tournament
- Tennis tournament
- Zipline activity
- Walk to End Polio
- "Primping for PolioPlus" pop-up spa

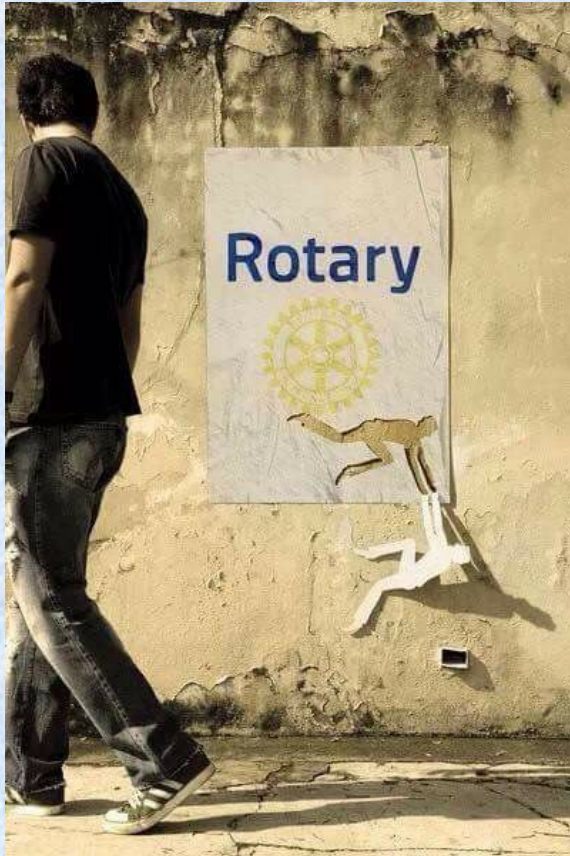


May 18th – 20th at the breathtaking 5-Star Four Seasons Hotel on Oahu.

Register now on the District website!

Come and represent your club and support *your* president. Let them know you appreciate the time, talent and resources they have given to lead your club this year.





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.

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Nalani Flinn

April

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

I want to start this month's message by introducing one of my speakers at the District Conference. His name is Mitty Chang. A Professional Motivational and Inspirational Speaker Specializing in How to Attract Millennials into Organizations. Mitty has delivered speeches to audiences in Canada, Thailand, Portugal, Brazil, Australia, and throughout the USA. He is one of the most sought after young speakers in the Rotary world. He is the Creative Director of Candeavor, a digital marketing & web design agency based in the Silicon Valley. According to Mitty, "I started my entrepreneurial roots when I built my first website in 1998. I was in the fourth grade at that time. By the time I was 13 years of age, I had already begun my freelance web design career. In my early high school years, I began my first part-time business--opening a web hosting business, which continues to run today. Over the past 16 years, I have designed powerful websites for a wide array of clientele." Mitty Chang will be speaking at our District Conference on Saturday morning May 19th and loves talking to Rotarians, especially young millennials. Sign up for the District Conference on www.rotaryd5000.org. You will be glad you did!



Rotary Club of Ewa Beach is on its way! I signed the charter request form and as they say, "it's in the mail" We will be inducting 20 new Rotarians and we won't stop there. Please welcome the newest club into our Ohana by having your club donate \$1.00/member. Donations may be forwarded to my Chief of Staff, Yolette Nishimoto (yolette@hawaii.rr.com). You will all be invited to the Charter party as soon as the date is set.

Celebrating Women in Rotary

Last month I had the privilege of spending time on the different islands attending "High Tea" with fellow Rotarians. Surrounded by laughter, men and women looking so British with their cute hats sipping tea and enjoying their scones with lemon curd. As one gentlemen said to me, "Hey, Nalani. I had to go so many times to make a whole sandwich." When I asked him why he didn't just grab 4 pieces, he said "the lady in front of me just grabbed one, so I only grabbed one. These gatherings are a very positive experience that certainly need to be repeated.

Saving Mothers and Children. 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. Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. 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. You have the power to make the difference for children and mother's worldwide and that is just what you are doing with your Foundation giving.. Thank you for that effort.

D5000 RIF Alumni Pau Hana. RIF Alumni Chair Steve Dyer of the RC of Pearl Harbor held our first Paul Hana Alumni gathering on March 14th at the Pagoda Restaurant on Oahu. Attendees included: a fellow Group Study Exchange (GSE) Leader and team members, former exchange student, Ambassadorial recipients and District leaders. This was a wonderful reunion of Foundation alumni and a great group of current and prospective Rotarians. I am looking forward to the next gathering and encourage you to join us if you are an alumnus and invite others you may know. Please contact Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com to update the list.

Ian HS Riseley

April

At the 1990 Rotary International Convention in Portland, Oregon, then President-elect Paulo Costa told the gathered Rotarians, "The hour has come for Rotary to raise its voice, to claim its leadership, and to rouse all Rotarians to an honorable crusade to protect our natural resources." He declared a Rotary initiative to "Preserve Planet Earth," asking Rotarians to make environmental issues part of their service agenda: to plant trees, to work to keep our air and water clean, and to protect the planet for future generations.



President Costa asked that one tree be planted for each of the 1.1 million members that Rotary had at the time. We Rotarians, as is our wont, did better, planting nearly 35 million trees by the end of the Rotary year. Many of those trees are likely still flourishing today, absorbing carbon from the environment, releasing oxygen, cooling the air, improving soil quality, providing habitat and food for birds, animals, and insects, and yielding a host of other benefits. Unfortunately, while those trees have kept on doing good for the environment, Rotary as a whole has not carried its environmental commitment forward.





That is why, at the start of this year, I followed Paulo Costa's example and asked Rotary to plant at least one tree for every Rotary member. My goal was to achieve a good beyond the considerable benefits that those 1.2 million (or more!) trees would themselves bring. It is my hope that by planting trees, Rotarians will renew their interest in, and attention to, an issue that we must put back on the Rotary agenda: the state of our planet.

Environmental issues are deeply entwined in every one of our areas of focus and cannot be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. Pollution is affecting health across the globe: More than 80 percent of people in urban areas breathe unsafe air, a number that rises to 98 percent in low- and middle-income countries. If current trends continue, by 2050 the oceans are expected to contain more plastics by weight than fish. And rising temperatures are well-documented: Global annual average temperatures increased by about 2 degrees F (1.1 degrees C) from 1880 through 2015. That this change was caused by humans is not a subject of scientific debate, nor is the likelihood of vast economic and human disruption if the trend continues unchecked. The need for action is greater than ever – and so is our ability to have a real impact.

As past UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon put it, "There can be no Plan B, because there is no Planet B." Our planet belongs to all of us, and to our children, and to their children. It is for all of us to protect, and for all of us in Rotary to make a difference.

April

Maternal & Child Health Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Lisa Folden birthday	2	3 Vocational Talks	4  Gabriella joined Rotary 2017	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ken Love Agriculture	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Vocational Award Lunch	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Michael Fish: Rotary Changes People's Lives	25  High Tea @ Hulihee Palace	26  Donna joined Rotary 2006	27	28
29	30					

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 25:
June 23:

High Tea @ Hulihee Palace: Celebrating 30 Years of Women in Rotary
PE Adam Reugh Installation Dinner @ Hiranaka's

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		Karen Wilson
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka/Bob Schaible	International Service:	Kent Nakamaru
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis	Past President:	Sharon Taylor
	Gary Rovelstad		