



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

August 2017

President's Message

Laura Kniffin



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I recently returned from 6 days in Reno for the National Elks Convention (yes, not only am I a member but Larry, the husband, is also the Exalted Ruler for our lodge). A lot of hype and circumstance as there are a lot of "rituals" along with dress criteria, so glad we don't have that. But, I did come back with some of their ideas.

These I was able to share with your Board of Directors and Committee members at our first board meeting held in July. Your Board made some wonderful decisions, especially concerning membership categories, but I will let the Membership Committee share that with you all.

We are also adding a new event, I know have we gone crazy or what??? President Elect Adam Reugh has taken the bull by the horns and is organizing our first golf tournament, which he has named "Rotary Classic". Please see Adam's update in this issue.

On another note, we had our first Pau Hana at Fish Hoppers, thank you Sam....with wonderful attendance, I know Donna has some great pictures for you. This was a multi club function as we were joined by KC Mahoney President of the Sunrise Club and our own Assistant District Governor Barbara Kossow.

Next month Saturday, September 9th is another community event, we are having a Bingo Night at the Elks Lodge starting at 5, games to begin at 6 on the dot. Cost for this wonderful event is \$30.00pp, which includes heavy, heavy pupus and 4 playing cards. Cash bar. Joining us will be the VFW Auxiliary and profits will be split 3 ways.....this is not a fundraiser it is another "fun raiser" open to all friends and family alike, with green bananas to be won.

As if that isn't enough we are bringing back.....the Pennies for Polio jar. Look for it at the door each week - this is a great way to get rid of your change (and any stray dollar bills!). Let's see how much we can raise for polio this year.

Speakers

Door Prize

August 1

Lisa Jacob

Kona Literacy Coordinator

Kent Nakamaru

August 8

Susan Kim

Governor's Liaison

Ken Obenski

August 15

Justin Finestone

Film Commissioner

Steve Pine

August 22

TBA

Adam Reugh

August 29

Paul Ferreira

Hawaii County Police Chief

Gary 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?

(AND... Is it Fun??)



Pennies for Polio

A penny = .01 cent.

A nickel = .05 cents.

A dime = .10 cents.

A quarter = .25 cents.

A dollar = 100 cents.....

And so on, so empty out your change
and please give to end polio now.

Look for the jar with this label at the meetings

Please let me know your ideas for additional Pau Hana's or areas where we can be more involved with small community projects.

As always, *Laura*



Kona Mauka Rotary donated \$500 to KAPA Radio's school supplies drive

Community Services chair Awapuhi HuiHui-Graffe, Kumu Ka'ea Lyons of KAPA Radio and President Laura

Christine Shepard



We enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Christine Shepard, photographer, videographer, and entrepreneur. She is the owner of Coral Cove Imagery, a media production company in Kailua Kona. She is also a co-founder of the Digital Life project and a member of its leadership team. Digital Life is a non-profit initiative to produce accurate, high-quality three-dimensional (3D) models of live animals to benefit science, conservation and education.

Christine has been named a finalist in two categories of BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year and a Highly Honored Winner in Nature's Best International Photography Competition.

Congratulations Cody!

Cody Ranfranz, along with his parents, recently attended our meeting to thank us for the \$1,000 scholarship. He will be attending college in Montana and is looking forward to keeping us updated on his college experiences.



Youth Services Chair Chris Leinenweber, Cody and his parents, President Laura Kniffin

Jose S. Dizon, PE, General Manager Paniolo Power Company LLC | Parker Ranch, Inc



During 2013, Parker Ranch embarked on a comprehensive integrated resource planning effort to explore the possibility of reducing the cost of electricity for the Waimea community. Parker Ranch lands are endowed with significant potential energy resources. These resources include wind, solar, biomass and, possibly, geothermal.

What a fun Pau Hana at Fish Hoppers!

This multi-club social was enjoyed by all with delicious food, wonderful hospitality by manager (and Kona Mauka Rotarian!) Sam Johnson and his crew, and AWESOME fellowship ... PRICELESS!



Our wonderful hosts Sam Johnson and President Laura Kniffin



Can You Hear Me Now?

Kona Mauka Rotary donated a PA system to the Magic Sands Beach. "Ninety percent of the people in the water couldn't hear our announcement," said Hawaii Fire Department's Ocean Safety Division Capt. Chris Stelfox. That changed when the Ocean Safety Division was able to install a public address (PA) system thanks to a donation from the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. Working with the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation we were able to fast track the purchase.



Kona Mauka Rotary members, along with the Fire Chief, Ocean Safety Division, Kona Mauka Rotary Foundation, and Frank & Laura Mallery-Sayre of the Daniel R Sayre Memorial Foundation

Let's Each of Us Plant a Tree. Yes, a tree.

Each RI President has goals and areas of focus for their year in the leadership role. What is one the goals for Ian Riseley?



Hawaii's District Governor, Nalani Flinn, planting a Kukui Nut tree by the West Hawaii Civic Center

Our environment. Ian challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself." He makes the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

So, let's do it. Send me a picture of you planting a tree and hopefully all the newsletters from now until Earth Day will be filled with photos of Kona Mauka Rotarians doing our part! (rotarykonamauka@gmail.com)



President Laura Kniffin, Kona club President Hermann Heimgartner and Hawaii West Assistant Governor Barbara Kossow are seen here watering the Kukui Nut trees they planted by the WH Civic Center

Kona Rotary Clubs Partnering with Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build!



It's time to begin signing up to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity's BLITZ BUILD, which will be taking place September 13—23, 2017

All four Rotary Clubs in West Hawaii are coming together to help with the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build - yes, we will be building 10 homes in 10 days with volunteers from our community and all over the U.S. This project is located at La'i 'Opua (right across from Kealakehe High School).

Hawaii West
Rotary
District 5000



Two important things to remember:

1. Volunteers are needed all 10 days. They have many needs including construction, medical, registration, meals. Please consider volunteering as many days as possible (you choose the times).
2. **Thursday, September 21 will be 'Rotary Day'.** Please make every effort to include this in your schedule.

We will host a BBQ style lunch for approximately 500 volunteers.



- To sign up for our Rotary team, go to:
- <https://www.giveeffect.com/teams/6023-west-hawaii-rotary-clubs>
- Select: "Volunteer by joining this team" and follow the prompts

This is such a rewarding and worthwhile project, we all walk away knowing we have made a huge impact in our community AND working side by side with fellow Rotarians really helps to strengthen our clubs and Rotary as a whole.

Kona Mauka's "Rotary Classic" Golf Tournament!



This year we'll be hosting the first annual "**Rotary Classic**" **Golf Tournament** on **Sunday, November 12th** at the Kona Country Club.

We're thrilled to have *Amici Ristorante* providing a catered lunch to follow, where we'll gather with friends and family for food, fellowship, raffle prizes, and fundraising to support the *Rotary Club of Kona Mauka Foundation*.

A limited number of luncheon-only tickets will be available, along with a variety of sponsorship opportunities – More information to come!

We'll need all the help we can get, so if you're interested in joining the committee, please let me know. I look forward to a creating a fun, successful, and sustainable event for years to come.

Adam Reugh, President Elect, 2018-2019

Welcome New Member!



Name:
John Smith
Vocation:
Property
Management
Sponsor:
Laura Kniffin

One of our newest members, **Susan Mangubat**, exchanging flags with a Rotarian in Amsterdam during her recent travels.

One of the many joys of Rotary, the opportunity to visit clubs and make new friends around the world!



OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Judi Nakamaru
received her Paul Harris
Fellow from Kent

Judi Nakamaru was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow by her husband Kent Nakamaru. District Governor Nalani Flinn was proud to do the honors at the presentation. Kent has been a Kona Mauka Rotarian for almost 50 years and Judi has been at his side supporting Rotary every step of the way. This is one of the most prestigious awards in Rotary and thereby named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. This gift of \$1,000 enables The Rotary Foundation to fund projects and programs which improve and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding.

CELEBRITY CHEF SAM CHOY HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR KONA MAUKA ROTARY



Celebrity Chef Sam Choy donated a private dinner for 10 cooked in the comfort of the buyer's home. This delicious 4 course meal was enjoyed in the home of Buki & Brian Hudson this year.

Mahalo **Gabriella Cooper** and **Roberta Murray** for representing Rotary as volunteer servers at the event.

Through Sam & Carol Choy's generosity this annual gift has helped raise \$15,500 for Kona Mauka Rotary thus far.





CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP MONTH

August is Membership Month, which means it's time to celebrate Rotary Club of Kona Mauka, our members, and the good we do in our community and around the world. Our membership committee is continuously looking to strengthen our club through a strong membership program. They are currently exploring an additional membership category. Please check it out on the recent survey and offer your feedback!



There are many ways to celebrate Rotary, here are a few easy ideas:

- **SAY IT LOUD, SAY IT PROUD!** Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the I'm a Proud Member. Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August. Remember to **"Share"** our club's FB posts to help let people know who we are and what we are all about.
- **EXCHANGE IDEAS.** Do you have successful membership strategies that have worked well in your community? Share them on the Membership Best Practices Discussion Group.
- **WE ARE ROTARY.** Using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, post photos to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Vine of your club members at work in your community or abroad to show how Rotary makes a positive impact in the world.
- **MAKING A DIFFERENCE.** Rotary clubs are known for the high-impact service projects they undertake locally and globally. Share stories about your service projects and how they improve lives on Rotary Showcase. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see what Rotary members around the world are doing to celebrate Membership Month.
- **WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO YOU?** Rotary members have pushed polio to the brink of eradication, delivered clean water to those in need, improved their local communities, provided scholarships to the next generation of peacemakers, and continued to do good in the world.

Nalani Flinn

Through Rotary, making a difference has always been the desire and goal of men and women around the world. Rotary clubs in Hawai'i have been engaged in doing just that, Making a Difference in our Communities locally and globally through our multitude of service projects.

We can feel proud of how we are making a difference by conducting Keiki Vision in schools across the State, providing life saving flotation devices on public beaches, stationing mobile medical services, protecting and nurturing our aina – our land and valuable natural resources - by cleaning and preserving ancient Hawaiian fishponds like the Waikalua Loko I'a, developing and maintaining urban gardens, preparing and serving meals to the homeless, filling backpacks with school supplies for our keiki, delivering clothing to needy families, donating gift cards so families who are otherwise unable, can enjoy Christmas.

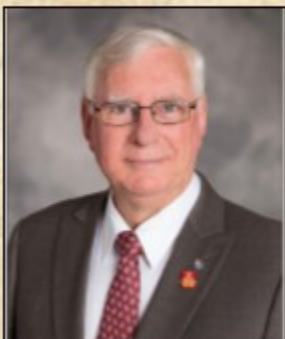


Globally, we have shared a passion for traveling abroad building water wells and schools, providing medical equipment and surgery to help people regain their eyesight or repair conditions resulting from birth defects like cleft lip and palate, supporting orphanages, and of course Rotary International's Signature Initiative, End Polio Now. I just returned from the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia and witnessed many countries step up to pledge millions of dollars and this was topped off with a crowning touch from the man himself, Bill Gates, who committed \$450 million to the cause. It was such a "chicken-skin" moment! We are so close to eradicating this crippling disease from the face of the earth.

This is what we do. Why? Because we are in the business of changing lives.... Go make a difference my fellow Rotarians, the world awaits you. Imua!

As we celebrate the homecoming of Hokule'a and her voyage spreading Peace & Aloha around the world, let us continue this journey as we begin our voyage this year Navigating Together to Change Lives...

Our Leadership Team



Rotary International
President
Ian HS Riseley



District 5000
District Governor
Nalani Flinn



D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Barbara Kossow



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Laura Kniffin

Ian HS Riseley

There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are *Making a Difference* in the world; and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.



What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: to support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarian service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a *permanent* benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done.




For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from genera-



Who is
the
YOU?

August

Membership & Extension Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Ken joined Rotary Aug 1, 2007	1 Lisa Jacob Kona Literacy	2	3	4 New Member Orientation: Fireside Chat	5
6 	7	8 Susan Kim Governor's Liaison	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Justin Finestone Film Commissioner	16 Lisa joined Rotary 2016	17	18	19 Tammy joined Rotary 2014
20	21	22 TBA	23	24	25	26 
27 	28	29 Paul Ferreira Police Chief	30	31		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 27: Volcano Wine Tasting: Multi-Club Event
September 9: Bingo Night at the Elks
September 12: Off-site Meeting: Ke Kai Ola Hawaiian Monk Seals (NELHA)
September 13-23: Blitz Build: Habitat for Humanity
October 21: Free Shredding Documents Event: partner project with BBB
October 21: Pig n Swig: Kona Sunrise Rotary fundraiser
October 27: Oktoberfest: North Hawaii Rotary fundraiser

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		Karen Wilson
	Tammy Shafer-Walker	International Service:	Kent Nakamaru
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis	Past President:	Sharon Taylor
	Gary Rovelstad		