



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

August 2018

President's Message

Adam Reugh



Aloha Rotarians,

It's hard to believe that August is already here!

With summer in full-stride, it's time for us to turn up the heat on our service projects. We have many exciting events on the horizon, and new Rotarians coming aboard to help further our mission.

The August 14th Member-only Pau Hana at the FishHopper will be an excellent opportunity for us to share ideas and get better acquainted with newer members.

I'm requesting that each Committee Chair presents a 3 – 5-minute summary of:

- Committee Members, Responsibilities
- Current and Anticipated Projects for 2018-2019
- How Members Can Help

I encourage you all to join at least one Committee, and there are plenty to choose from. Beyond that, we'll have an enjoyable evening of camaraderie together – you won't want to miss this one!

Finally, I want to extend further acknowledgement and a debt of gratitude to Gabriela and all of those whom helped with the Zwel Kid's Club Project donation. With their efforts, we were able to donate \$6,200 to Zwelisha School in South Africa through the Zwel Kid's Club in memory of the late William "Bill" Cliff. He'll forever hold a place in our hearts.

Thank you all for your generosity and continued efforts to promote the greater good.

Speakers

Door Prize

August 7

Susanne Otero, MD MPH
Legacy Reef Foundation

Bill Jones

August 14

No Lunch Meeting
Board Mtg for all members
6pm @ Fish Hoppers

August 21

Naomi O'Dell
Real ID
Administrator Vehicle
Registration and Licensing

Larry Kniffin

August 28

Dennis Boyd
West Hawaii Small Business
Development Center

Laura Kniffin

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?

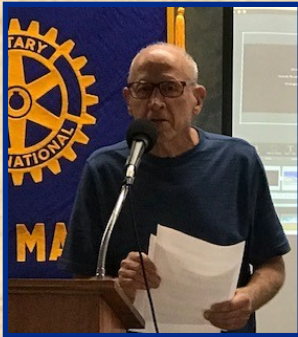
"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities."

Gary CK Huang
Rotary International
President



Speakers

What better way to keep our finger on the pulse of our community. This past month we had dynamic speakers sharing their expertise and adventures in underwater photography and elected officials from our county and state government providing updates on taxes, homelessness, rat lung disease research funding, dealing with little fire ants, rapid ohia death, and current issues. #fingeronthepulse



Rick Decker
Underwater Photography



Hawaii County Councilmember
Dru Kanuha



State Representative
Nicole Lowen



County Councilmember
Karen Eoff

Member Recognitions

President Adam kicked off the year with some member recognitions



President Adam presented President Elect and Club Secretary Lisa Folden with her pins



Carol Gigliotti receives her Treasurer pin from President Adam Reugh

Rotary Travels

One of the many joys of Rotary, meeting friends from across the globe!



Rhonda Williams from the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro visited our club and a newspaper spread about her club's fundraiser



Susan Mangubat recently attended a meeting in Franklin, Tennessee

Tree watering



Hurray to Bill & Rowena Jones and Gary & Mary Kay Rovelstad for keeping our trees watered throughout this past month!

My View from Inside Lava-Bombed Boat

Ken Obenski, Kona Mauka Rotarian

Several people have been calling it a miracle, but it was just an event, could have been a lot worse; could have not happened at all. After a lot of discussion about when to go five friends from South Kona went on MV Hot Spot at 4 AM July 16. The round trip from home to the lava, meant about six hours of travel time for a 30 minute view. Captain Turpin gave a safety lecture to everyone warning them that the ride could get choppy and in was necessary to hold on at all times. Anyone who had any doubts could have their money back. We were warned to keep one hand on the boat and stay in our seats at all times. Those over 50 were required to sit in the rearmost four rows where there is less pounding. We 5 were all over 60. I took a seat in the third row from the stern and had the good sense to pick the starboard (right) side. After clearing the harbor the boat proceeded south at a high rate of speed but was the ride was more comfortable than we expected. A younger woman seated beside me was worried about getting seasick, as a small boat sailor I advise her to "keep her head out of boat" that is, focused on the horizon and she did not get seasick.



When we arrived at the lava front the Captain made one pass at quite a distance turned around went back. Made a second pass closer I don't know the distance but I was sort of disappointed that he didn't get any closer. Last year when he took us to the "firehose" we got close enough to feel the heat. These passes were at low speed. A bucket of 110 degree sea water was passed around, carefully. The boat turned away from the lava and began moving offshore and back towards Hilo. The sun was coming up and I turned to watch the sunrise.

There was a woosh and I was suddenly enveloped in steam and total darkness sand blasted with small particles of rock. The boat heeled to the right. It was totally dark her a few seconds. I realized this could be very bad and there was nothing I could do about it but the boat remained mostly upright and it quickly became apparent that after ten seconds of extreme excitement and 5 minutes of screaming, especially forward, that we had survived the eruption.



The crew members and Captain remained calm; and acted quickly to get everybody calmed down and check on the wounded. While some crew members and passengers helped the wounded the Captain and one other crew member were removing the lava bomb from the boat with a towel! The name lava bomb does not mean something that will explode but being red hot (about 1500 deg. F) it could melt its way through the aluminum boat. There were smaller hot rocks on board too. I don't know when I noticed the hole in the roof. The one passenger who was seriously injured was further forward than the bomb. Other passengers and crew members at-

tended to her; one of those passengers I heard was a surgeon and he took charge. The young lady beside me was a nurse who went forward briefly to assist. The Captain and crew remain calm and professional at all times. They were very conscientious about maintaining a motion of the boat that would minimize the discomfort of the injured young lady, while getting to help quickly. They placed her on life jackets for comfort. She seemed quiet after the initial screaming. As far as I could tell there were about three people whose injuries actually required transportation and medical care. Although there were a number of other injuries they seemed to be of the level than most of us would treat at home. On the return that took about an hour, the boat had a slight list to starboard. The Captain said not to worry it had been tested with 49 people all on one side. It turned out there was a lot of rock on the roof. That explained the dents. I think we were all grateful that the roof was metal not canvass or wood. Two ambulances and half the Hilo police were at the dock when we arrived and interviewed everyone. So did the crew. Only one person was unable to walk off the boat, so any landing you walk away from is a good one, and if you can reuse the plane, or boat, that's a great one.

The Captain gave us an explanation almost immediately that it was a rare littoral explosion from hot lava entering the ocean via a lava tube. The children on board have a story they can tell their grandchildren. How many people have had such an experience and lived to tell about it. I put it right up with the time I saw a meteorite hit.

Let's Get to Know our Newest Member a Bit Better!

Name: Tony Mangubat

Spouse: Susan

Children: Adina, Alicia, Alex, Eleazar

Siblings: Vikki, Grace

Where did you grow up: Charleston, SC & Seattle, WA

Favorite thing to do: Be with friends and family

Favorite Movie: Top Gun

Favorite Book: Dune

Occupation: Cosmetic Surgeon

Why do you like being in Rotary? Love meeting new people all over the world.

Who inspired you in your life: My father, my surgical mentor (Dr. Richard Webster), my wife

Hobbies: Music, scuba, skiing, travel, food BBQ, teaching surgery all over the world

Favorite quote: To avoid criticism: say nothing, be nothing, do nothing.



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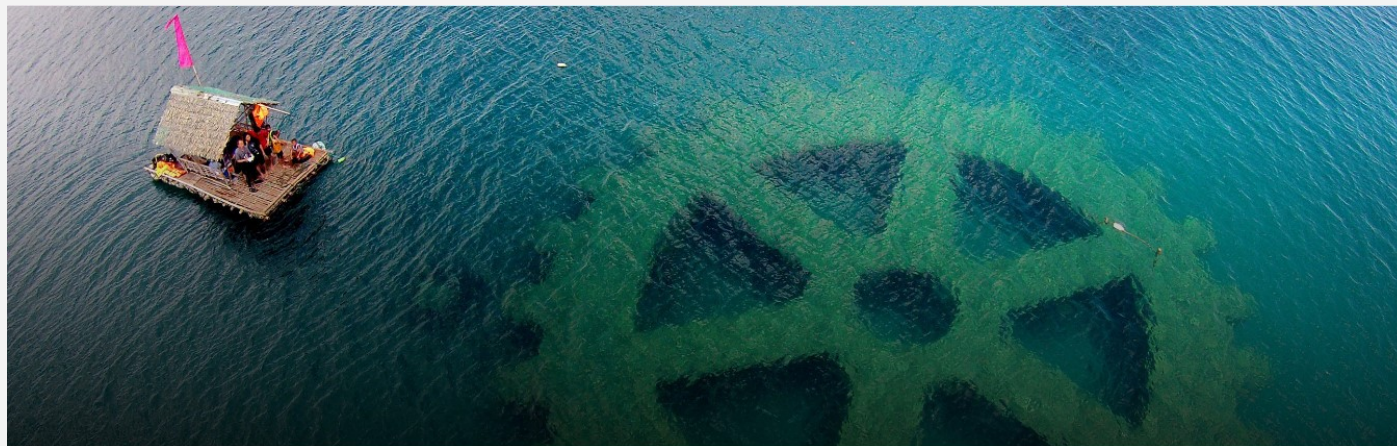
WHY ATTEND?

Unforgettable moments are made at our convention, a place where the Rotary spirit fills the air with a level of energy and enthusiasm you can't find anywhere else. This is the event where we unite and take action to create true and lasting change in the world.

1 to 5 June 2019

A giant artificial reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel restores marine life and protects the livelihood of several fishing villages in the Philippines

By Quincy Cahilig



The wheel has helped restore the local fishing industry, which was devastated by large-scale commercial fishing vessels that used dynamite, cyanide, and fine mesh nets from the late 1990s through the early 2000s.

Fishing is considered the lifeblood of the area's coastal villages, including Balubad, Lubi, Talaba, and Kilait, and for years, village fishermen fought to protect the waters that fed their families. In 2005, the fishermen turned to the Rotary Club of Atimonan, Quezon Province, Philippines, for help. They decided to build an artificial reef.

The club partnered with the Rotary Club of Madera, California, USA, on a Rotary Foundation grant to help fund the project, which would cost more than \$1 million.

They built the reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel, which just happens to have plenty of surface area for coral to grow on and plenty of nooks for fish to shelter in. Made of steel-reinforced concrete, it's 600 meters from the coastline, measures about 4 meters tall and 21 meters wide (13 by 70 feet), and weighs several tons.

Today, the wheel, touted as the biggest artificial reef in the Philippines, is covered with coral and has withstood several typhoons. It attracts fish, including jacks, surgeonfish, mangrove red snappers, groupers, longfin bannerfish, flounders, pompanos, batfish, and barracudas, among other marine creatures.

"Before the reef, the fishermen were barely able to catch a kilo [2.2 pounds] of fish apiece," says Oca Chua, past president of the Rotary Club of Atimonan and the project's chair. "Today they catch fish weighing up to 2 kilos apiece a day."

Protecting the fish has been just one benefit of the effort. The reef also became a tourist attraction that boosted the local economy. Fishermen build bamboo rafts and rent them to tourists who visit the reef to eat, rest, dive, and even feed the fishes.



MEMBERSHIP: OUR BEGINNINGS & OUR FUTURE

On a bitterly cold night in February 1905, a young lawyer named Paul P. Harris went to dinner with his new friend Silvester Schiele. Silvester was just about his only friend in the big city of Chicago, and so Paul was very lonely. He had grown up in the tiny Vermont village of Wallingford, where everybody knew one another, where one's word was one's bond and where merchants and customers greeted one another by name. Because of family circumstances, he had been raised by his grandparents, and they had taught him to be tolerant, respectful, hardworking, and honest. When he graduated from law school and arrived in the teeming metropolis of America's second largest city, he was utterly shocked at what he found.

His grandparents were now dead, he had no stable family homestead to return to, and Chicago was as different from Wallingford as night is from day. In those days there were no consumer protection laws-in fact, the *only* law was *caveat emptor*-let the buyer beware. Corruption was rife; employees and customers suffered at the hands of unscrupulous businesses; but most of all, Paul missed the fellowship he had experienced in his formative years. In Wallingford, if the family ran short of money, the grocer would willingly extend credit; neighbors wouldn't hesitate to bring food over when someone was sick, and if a child was walking home and a storm sprang up, the closest family would take him in and care for him until it abated.

Paul proposed an idea to Silvester. Why not gather together a group of business people who could meet regularly for fellowship, and who could exchange ideas of mutual help? They would restrict membership to one representative from each line of business or profession, their rationale being that if many people from one type of business were members, they would likely sit around and 'talk shop' with one another-hardly conducive to the camaraderie that Paul envisioned.

Four people showed up at the first meeting a coal merchant, a tailor, a mining engineer-and Paula Harris, the lawyer. At the next meeting, those four brought along a printer, an organ manufacturer and a real estate broker. At each subsequent meeting new members were introduced, and the venue rotated from one member's place of business to another; hence the choice of the name Rotary Club.

Rotary soon expanded across America and then throughout the world. Within a very few years, Rotarians changed the focus of their organization from one of friendship and business exchange to one of service. As the world's first service club, Rotary reached out to serve:

- The local community, as a way of giving back to the neighborhoods that patronized their businesses
- Internationally, with programs that encourage peace and the relief of suffering
- Through their vocations-with Rotarians taking the leading role in creating a Code of Business Ethics which thousands of businesses adopted.
- Children, whom Rotarians taught job skills, and provided countless opportunities for those with disabilities.

Rotary's expansion around the world attracted kings, princes, and political, religious, and community leaders of all types into fellowship with businessmen and professionals. But Paul's original reason for starting Rotary was never forgotten. When men of high office sit down at the table with the corner shopkeeper in Rotary, titles disappear. It is no longer "Prince" or "Doctor" that, but "Larry" and "Tom". Rotary was - and is - an organization that strives to remove barriers, believing that a group of dedicated, intelligent, influential men and women- imbued with the spirit of voluntary service - can change the world for good.

Yet for all the good that Rotary does, for all the prestige the organization has, for all the fun we have at our meetings, why are there not more of us? If 1.2 million Rotarians do this much good, just imagine how much better our communities and the world beyond them would be if there were 2 million Rotarians.



The biggest reason why good people don't join Rotary is that we Rotarians don't ask them to.



Convention countdown

THE GERMANY YOU DON'T KNOW

When people think about traveling to Germany, certain images may spring to mind: Oktoberfest in Munich, dramatic Alpine landscapes, the Romantic Road with its medieval towns. But as those who attend the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg from 1 to 5 June will discover, there's another side to Germany that is equally captivating.

Home to Europe's second-largest port, Hamburg is known for its cosmopolitan outlook. The city offers enough canals and bridges to rival Amsterdam; two inviting lakes in the heart of the city; and easy access to nearby North Sea and Baltic beaches that stretch for miles.



You're not likely to run into any lederhosen-clad polka dancers in Hamburg, but you can visit a world-class concert hall; you might not find Wiener schnitzel on the menu, but the seafood is fresh and abundant; and any thoughts of castles on the Rhine will be forgotten when you catch sight of the huge ships plying the Elbe.

Of course, some stereotypes of Germany do hold true, even in Hamburg: The public transportation system, for instance, is efficient, clean, and easy to navigate. Convention goers will find it even easier to use, thanks to an all-access transit pass that will be included with registration.

Register for the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg at riconvention.org.

Win Schoneman

July

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

August is Rotary Membership Month! When Rotary Clubs around the world focus their energy on their plans to build strong clubs and grow the reach of Rotary. This is an opportunity to be inspired by innovating our club meetings, our club socials and our club's service. Your club leaders have attended extensive developmental programs that shared ideas about Project Based Meetings, Secret Shoppers and setting meeting context that create value for members and increase attendance. Now is the time to engage each other in conversation, identify action items and move to action. Please see Past District Governor Clint Schroeder's membership manifesto for an inspired club experience!



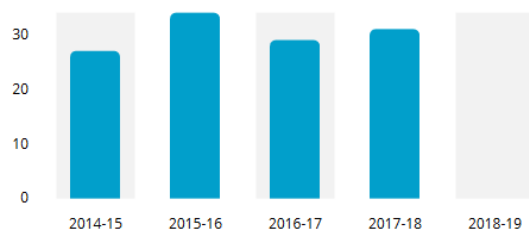
I would like to thank all those clubs that have been so gracious in hosting my DG visits. Kauai, West Oahu and Ko'olaupoko (Windward Oahu) have such aloha for their neighbors and communities. Thank you for being such an inspiration and I look forward to seeing you continue your work with your communities. It was wonderful for me to see you embrace the idea of shifting our focus from "service to" to "service with". I appreciate the club newsletters and news articles as we continue to tell our Rotary story.

For clubs that have yet to host a visit, I truly look forward to having our conversation. Common areas of discussion have been on entering goals into Rotary.Org and how we communicate progress on those goals to club members. Ways of enhancing our meetings and creating value for members rather than reducing the number of meetings. And, of course, how we create clubs that are attractive to new and old members.

Rotary Clubs on Kauai and the Big Island continue to struggle with natural disasters that have impacted Rotarians and their surrounded communities. If you want to find out how to support their recovery please see articles and links on our website www.rotaryd5000.org.

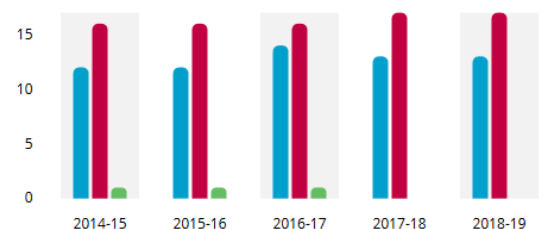
Rotary Club of **Kona Mauka**

Membership Trends



| | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
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| ● July 1 | 27 | 34 | 29 | 31 | - |

Gender Trends

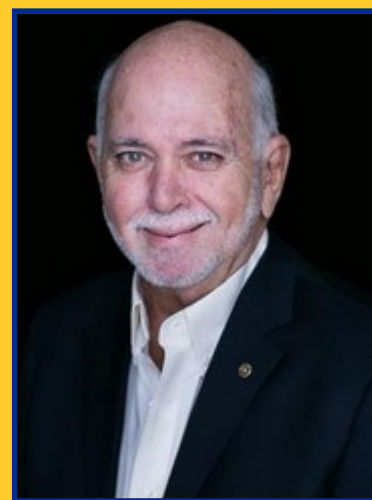


| | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ● Female | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| ● Male | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| ● Unreported | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

July 2018

A well-known saying goes, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." That doesn't mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.

It can be tempting, when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service: the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order. In Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, and following The Four-Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. And it means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy.



Our membership has hovered around the same 1.2 million mark for 20 years. We aren't growing, and our membership is getting older. We have too many clubs that don't have the knowledge or motivation to have an impact: clubs that don't know what we're doing on a global level, clubs that don't know about our programs or our Foundation, that don't even know how to get involved. And with a membership that is still mostly male, we clearly aren't doing enough to become the organization of choice for women who are seeking to serve.





We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we've set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you see someone walk into a meeting and hesitate, be sure that person has a place to sit and is part of the conversation. If you're enthusiastic about a Rotary program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If you see a need in your community, talk about it at this week's meeting. If we want to be part of an organization that's strong, that's active, that's having an impact – start at home, and *Be the Inspiration* in Rotary.



BE THE INSPIRATION

August

Membership & Extensions Month

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----|-----|
| | | | 1  Ken Obenski joined Rotary 2007 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6  Steve Pine birthday | 7 Susanne Otero, MD MPH, Legacy Reef Foundation | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 No Lunch Mtg: Board Mtg @ 6pm | 15 | 16  Lisa Folden joined Rotary 2016 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Naomi O'Dell Real ID | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26  Chris Leinenweber birthday | 27 | 28 Dennis Boyd WH Small Business Development | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 14:

September 4:

September 6:

November 10

No Lunch Meeting: Board Mtg 6pm @ Fish Hoppers

DG Visit & Board Meeting starting at 11:00 am

Multi-Club Social at Linda Jane Kelly's

"Rotary Classic" Golf Tournament: KMR fundraiser

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

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| President: | Adam Reugh | Membership & Retention: | Dave Hiranaka |
| Treasurer: | Eric Curtis | | Carol Gigliotti |
| Assistant Treasurer: | Carol Gigliotti | | Steve Pine |
| Secretary: | Lisa Folden | Sergeant At Arms: | Ken Obenski |
| Newsletter: | Donna Hiranaka | Community Service: | Bob Schaible |
| Club Service: | Sam Johnson | Public Relations: | Donna Hiranaka |
| Programs: | Ken Obenski | | Lisa Folden |
| Youth Services: | Karen Wilson / Gary Rovelstad / Carol Gigliotti | International Service: | Gabriella Cooper |
| Fundraiser: | Dave Hiranaka / Bob Schaible | KMR Foundation President: | Kent Nakamaru |
| RI Foundation: | Eric Curtis | Past President: | TBA |
| | Gary Rovelstad | | Laura Kniffin |