



December 2014

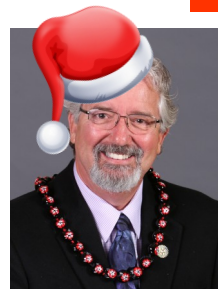
Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Chartered in 1967

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Larry Kniffin



Speakers

December 2

Peter Van Dyke
Amy Greenwell Botanical Garden

December 9

Captain Kazuo Todd
Fire Prevention Bureau

December 12 (Friday)
Christmas Party! ☺

December 16

Stan Sitko
Hawaii Property Tax Office

December 23 & 30

No Meeting:

**Merry Christmas &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This December, as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas and other seasonal festivities, remember that the Rotary International theme for December is “the family of Rotary”.

Just as it is a time to celebrate and gather with our own families, it is time to celebrate the fact that when you joined Rotary, you became much more than a member of the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. By joining our club, you became one of the Rotary Family of over 1.2 million. You are a member of the oldest service club in the world! To our newer members

I'd like to look at our own Kona Mauka family. As we think about our Rotary Family, do we remember to check on members who are missing meetings? Do we recognize the contribution of spouses of members to the club? Other family members? Do we encourage members to join a committee of their choice to help us meet the goals of our club? Do we include in our activities and welcome to our meetings the Immediate Club Family of Members, Spouses, Children, Grandchildren, Do we re-connect with people who have benefited from Rotary in the past, like scholarship recipients, service project recipients or anyone who has been touched by the club in the past? Do we invite former members to still contribute at our activities?

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??

Let us also remember our Rotary commitments, the Christmas Party, the Christmas Parade and the Veterans Cemetery outing.

These are things to think about as we count our blessings.

I wish you and your family a Mele Kalikimaka and hope your holidays are happy and filled with joy.

What's Kona Mauka Rotary Been Up To?

Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery

The Veteran's Cemetery now includes a POW/MIA Memorial section that our Community Service co-chair, Awa Huihui-Graffe and her husband Paul Graffe, have been instrumental in bringing to fruition.

Our club meeting was held at the cemetery this year in order to be a part of the Veteran's Day Ceremony. We also provided lunch for the participants, which was prepared by ChoiceMart.



Paul's father is MIA from the Vietnam war



Pictured Top L-R:

- Awa, Paul and grandson
- POW/MIA section at the cemetery
- Sharon Taylor and Jared Crivello at the Rotary table



Bill Cliff presenting the honorary key from South Africa's Victoria Primary School. Kona Mauka was the lead club for the grant that provided computer equipment for their new lab.



Long time Scholarship Chair Richard Harrison with 1991 Konawaena recipient. Sharlaine Gampon works at the Kona Hospital and will soon be inducted into our club

Fundraiser for Polio Plus

The Hawaii West clubs teamed up to raise funds to help Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotarians from all 4 clubs enjoyed participating in the event at Denny's Restaurant by serving food, greeting customers, selling mugs and eating dinner together.

Thanks to all who participated (and chairperson Kimber Deversek for organizing this event), we were able to raise \$7,052.07.

This included the \$3,000 check that Kona Sunrise presented, which was the result of their D5000 Polio Plus mug sales.



Kona Sunrise President Mike Fraser (center), along with PE Bev Fraser, presenting check to AG Donna Hiranaka

Newest Paul Harris Presentations

Pictured L-R:

Bill Cliff receiving his 9th Paul Harris and Dave Hiranaka his 5th Paul Harris from AG Donna

Donna Hiranaka receiving her 2nd Paul Harris from Foundation Chair Bill Cliff





The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka Announces Matching Funds for Memorial Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka is again providing matching funds for individuals and companies wishing to establish memorial scholarships for West Hawaii students. RCKM provides all the administration required to insure your scholarship donations are tax deductible and meet IRS requirements. This program is in its third year and provides an excellent vehicle for people wanting to provide a special Christmas gift for those hard to buy for relatives. Why not establish a scholarship in your loved one's name? Your honorees will love you for it and you will make the gift of education possible for a deserving youth of West Hawaii.

Scholarship donations of \$250, \$500, \$750 or \$1500 will be matched by the RCKM to double the scholarship in your loved one's name. Last year the RCKM awarded \$26,400.00 to students in West Hawaii. This year, with your help, we hope to double this number. Contributions received by December 31 will be eligible for tax deductions in 2014.

To find out more about the memorial scholarship program contact Rod Crisp at rod-crisp@hawaii.rr.com. Help us make the dream of a college education a reality for West Hawaii's youth.



Kona Mauka Rotary Helps Support Needy Children During the Holidays

Our club has donated \$500.00 to the *Kalikimaka No Na Keiki* (Christmas for the Children) project, which is sponsored by Family Support Hawaii. For many children in families struggling in this difficult economy, the holidays can be a time of hopelessness and uncertainty. We help to bring some joy to these children as we use this money to become a Secret Santa to several children in our community. **Sharon Taylor** acted as Secret Santa and wrapped the gifts she purchased for this young family before delivering them to Family Support Hawaii for distribution.





**Rotary Clubs of Kona present
The 30th Annual Kailua-Kona
Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 13, 2014 5:00 PM**

Kailua-Kona's Community Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 13, starting at 5:00 p.m., with primary sponsors the Rotary Clubs of Kona, Kona Mauka, Kona Sunrise and North Hawaii. It will begin at Kona's Kekuaokalani Gym next to Kona Pool, go south on Kuakini, down Palani, and along Ali'i Drive to Walua Road, just past Coconut Grove Marketplace.

There will be approximately 80 entries in the parade, including community and corporate groups. They'll be numerous musical entries, and more than half of the entries will beautifully light up the evening, including HELCO's Toy's For Tots Train, and of course, Santa and his reindeer.

The Kailua-Kona Community Christmas Parade will once again be supportive of Hawaii Island's Food Basket, and parade entrants and parade attendees are encouraged to contribute what they can. What better time of the year to give back a little something to help those who are struggling day to day to feed their families here on the Big Island.



The 3rd Annual Menehune Holiday Food Drive will be collecting food prior to and during the Christmas Parade at locations throughout the parade route. Please consider helping out those in need during this special time in the year, and join Rotary in your support of the Food Basket, Hawaii Islands Food Bank.

The goal is to raise well over 100,000 pounds in food and monetary food equivalency through a fun event for our families.

The Rotary Clubs of North Hawaii, Kona, Kona Mauka and Kona Sunrise have already contributed a combined \$7,538.00 (or 30,000 pounds food equivalency) to this year's effort.

The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka will be manning the stations at Choice Mart in Captain Cook and KTA Keauhou Super Stores.





Member Spotlight

Name: Tammy Shafer-Walker

Boyfriend: Joe Krawczak

Children/age: 3 daughter's, Ava and Oona are 13 and Violet is 11

Where do you live: Kealahou Bay

Where did you grow up: Phoenix

Any Brothers/Sisters: 1 sister she lives in Tucson. My brother was killed when he was 17 by a drunk and on drugs driver

Occupation/Career: Retired

Favorite thing to do: Whatever I feel like at the time

Who inspired you in your life: My family were my role models

Favorite Movie: Princess Bride

Why do you enjoy being in Rotary: I love to give back to my community and to make a difference

Personal motto: Live, laugh and love always



Listen better

Judge less

Forgive more

Laugh often

Bless everyone

and Trust continuously



District Governor's December Message



Happy Holidays From DG Laura Steelquist



December is Family month in Rotary – a season when we gather with friends and family in Rotary to celebrate the special feeling of Ohana that is unique to Hawaii. Rotarians throughout our islands have already been collecting and sharing food, clothes, household goods, books, toys and love with those less fortunate – it started with Rotary Gives Thanks and will continue to build as we remember this month **WHY** we are Rotarians.

December is also the end of the tax year so is a good time to make those tax-deductible donations to The Rotary Foundation. Our Foundation is still one of the best places to put your contributions and still have them remain largely under your control. And get a multiplier effect second to none. And know that your money is truly being spent on what you think it's getting spent on. You save children and improve water and help to foster world peace – and Uncle Sam helps you do it! What's not to like?

December is Family month in Rotary. If you remember, one of RI President Gary Huang's goals is to involve our families in Rotary - our husbands, wives, partners, aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, sons, daughters, grandchildren – all of them should be invited to join us. Think what that would mean for membership in District 5000! And think what a wonderful Holiday present that would make under or on the tree – you'll give them the chance to truly make a difference in the world.

I hope each of you has a glorious holiday season – that each day is filled with wonder and hope – and that you use your position as Rotarians to share that wonder and hope with someone else in our community – someone who may just need to know that someone cares.

Light your own candle this month. Change someone's life. Remember, the life you will change the most will be your own. My candle is still burning.....together, let's

Light Up Rotary!

Our Leadership Team



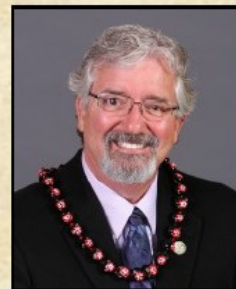
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President
Gary C.K. Huang



District 5000
District Governor
Laura Steelquist



D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona
President
Larry Kniffin

Community Support

A HOLIDAY FAMILY AFFAIR

Friday, December 12, 2014 • 5:00 - 6:30 PM
West Hawai'i Civic Center



The County of Hawai'i presents
a special holiday gift for
the whole 'ohana!

Pule: Kumu Keala Ching

Performance: Ka Pā Hula Nā Wai Iwi Ola

Concert: Kealahou Intermediate School
Chorus & 'Ukulele Ensemble

Bring a towel or mat for seating on the courtyard lawn.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for
the Hawai'i Island Food Basket. Please kōkua.

For more information, call the Office of
Mayor Billy Kenoi at 323-4444.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 6-10pm

FEAST on the BEACH

2nd ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Waikoloa
Anaehe'omai Bay

LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

\$100 PER PERSON	\$1000 RESERVED TABLE FOR 8	50% DONATED TO CHARITIES
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SOUNDS:
LT SMOOTH
HENRY KAPONO & BAND

SIP:
BEER & WINE STATIONS

SAVOR:
FOOD STATIONS

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DONATED TO CHARITIES:
Hawaii Island Humane Society
Hospice of Kona
Kohli Theatre
Kona Community Hospital Foundation
Kona Kahala Chamber of Commerce
Lava Kids
Mala'oi Garden of Waimea Middle School
Rotary of Kona
Rotary of North Hawaii



Fundraiser Tickets On Sale Now

*It's time to get your tickets to our 12th Annual
Valentine's Wine Tasting Celebration.*



This is Mauka Rotary's annual fundraiser and is being held on
Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the fabulous Hokukano Bay
House, at the water's edge on Keauhou Bay.

Tickets are \$100 each, with a limited number of Luxury VIP
Packages for Two at \$500.

We hope all Rotary members will make plans to attend. We also encourage you to invite
your friends and colleagues to join us for this fun-filled event.

Please contact Sandee Crisp for tickets soon. Be a part of the only fundraiser we hold that
allows us to provide scholarships to West Hawaii students and make a difference in the
lives of so many people in our community.

*What's Happening in Rotary This Month?*

December 2014

Family Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
	1 	2 Peter Van Dyke Amy Greenwell Botanical Garden	3	4	5	6
7	8 Sandee Crisp birthday	9 Capt Kuzuo Todd Fire Prevention Bureau	10	11	12 Christmas Party! Joe & Tammy's House 😊	13 Holiday Parade & Rotary Food Drive
14	15	16 Stan Sitko Hawaii Property Tax Office	17	18 Rotary Means Business	19	20
21	22	23 DARK NO MTG Eric & Mary anniversary	24	25 	26	27
28	29 Rod & Sandee Anniversary	30 DARK NO MTG Ken & Cindy anniversary	31			

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2014-2015

President: Larry Kniffin
 Treasurer: Eric Curtis
 Secretary: Sandee Crisp
 Vocational: Donna Hiranaka
 Programs: Ken Obenski
 Club Service: Rod Crisp
 Newsletter: Donna Hiranaka
 Interact: Richard Harrison
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Community Service: Sharon Taylor
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 Bill Cliff
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