



December 2016

Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

President's Message

Sharon Taylor

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

As Rotarians we do such great things every day. One of the most notable things that Rotary has ever done is to undertake the fight against polio. This effort has been very successful as polio, in very small numbers, remains in only 2 countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are many more projects both internationally and locally that contribute to the well being of others.

This is also the time of year when we celebrate with our families and give to others. Our club once again acted as Secret Santa to 12 children through Family Support Hawaii's Kalikimaka No Na Keiki project. Bringing joy to these children by making sure each one has presents to open represents the true spirit of aloha and 'ohana. Last week when Awa and I were shopping for our two needy families, we were approached by a woman in Target. She was overcome with emotion and with tears in her eyes said to us: "This is so wonderful what you are doing, mahalo, mahalo". Needless to say, there were tears and hugs all around. Of course, we told her that we'd were doing it on behalf of the Kona Mauka Rotary. WOW! Folks really do appreciate what we do!

I want to wish each and everyone of you and your families many blessings for the holiday season and a 2017 filled with joy and good health.



Speakers

Door Prize

December 6

Mitch Roth

**County of Hawaii Prosecuting
Attorney**

Gary Michell

December 13

Club Meeting

Kent Nakamaru

December 20

Eric Curtis

Travels in Antarctica

Ken Obenski

December 27

DARK:

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

Rotary's 4 Way Test

Of the Things We *Think, Say* and *Do*

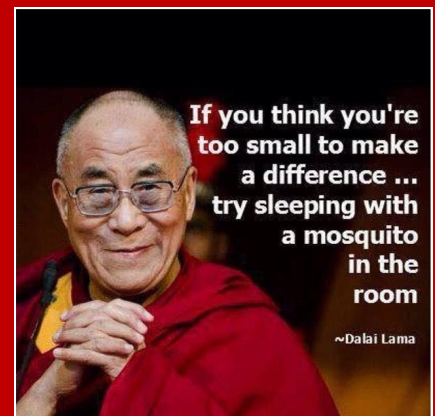
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

(AND... Is it Fun??)





Kona Mauka Rotary Helps Support Needy Children During the Holidays

Our club adopted 12 children for 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. **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** and **Sharon Taylor** acted as Secret Santa and purchased and wrapped these gifts before delivering them to Family Support Hawaii for distribution.



Rotary Clubs of Kona 32nd Annual Kailua-Kona Christmas Parade

This year's Kailua-Kona's Community Christmas Parade had a bittersweet air to it with the loss of Dr. Cliff Kopp. His wife and two sons, Megumi, Adam and Jeremy participated in the parade in his honor. Despite the threat of rain,

the parade once again provided a wonderful evening for the keiki and families of West Hawaii.

Several Kona Mauka Rotary members volunteered as Safety Marshalls.



Cliff Kopp's wife & two sons marched in the Christmas Parade in his honor

Holiday Fun with Rotary

Along with Fun, food & fellowship at the Kniffin's . . . Rotary collected 50# of food for the Food Basket!





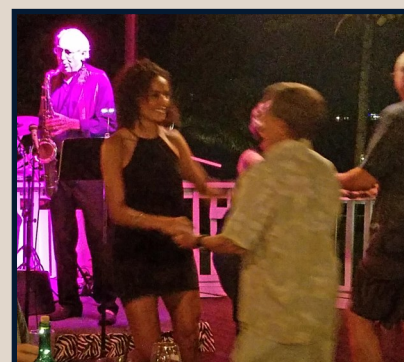
Polio Plus Fundraiser



What a fun night raising funds for Polio Plus. West Hawaii Rotary clubs held a delicious prime rib dinner at Daylight Mind, followed by some dancing at Gertrude's Jazz Club! 100% of all proceeds went directly towards polio eradication, which is then matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



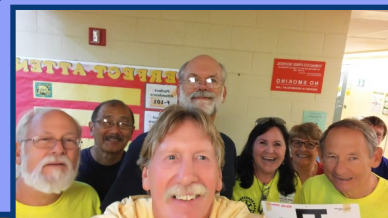
#endpolio
endpolio.org



Keiki Vision Screening & Dictionary Project

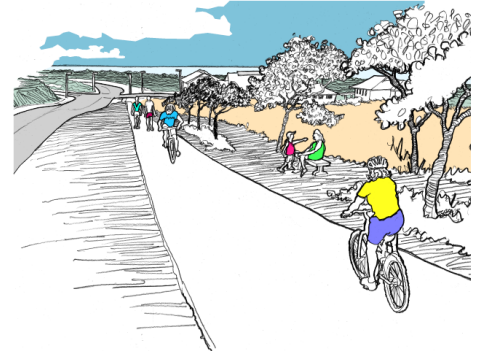
Several Kona Mauka Rotarians volunteered at our Keiki Vision Screening and Dictionary Project—which benefitted all 3rd grade students in our district. What a wonderful and rewarding Community Service Project! We had several children who did not pass the vision screening. Members were able to identify possible problems and report them to the teacher and parents; we also offer support to those who cannot afford an exam and/or glasses.

The students loved receiving their dictionaries; the teachers shared that the students look forward to this each year. Our volunteers experienced great pleasure in helping the children explore the plethora of facts included in this book.





Queens' Lei Project December Watering Crew



Rotary
2017-18 D5000
Official Aloha Shirt

**Official D5000 DG
& Presidents Shirt**



Men's relaxed fit short sleeve button front shirt with coconut buttons in reversed print 100% cotton broadcloth with matched front and pocket. The print name is "World Voyage" with images of the ship and the original mapped route. It is available in "navy" and "cream". A portion of our sales of these shirts is donated to the Hoku'lea world voyage.

More info on the voyage can be found at www.hokulea.com/worldwide-voyage

Women's short sleeve button front blouse with coconut buttons in reversed print 100% cotton broadcloth (non-matched front, no pocket). Available in "navy" and "cream".



\$65

ORDER ONLINE AT:
www.url.com

This year, D5000 Rotarians have TWO Official Aloha Shirts to choose from. Tori Richard has done it again with a timeless pattern - and impeccable styling.

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Looking Back as We Move Forward

The 1969-1970 year was headed up by President James Ushiroda. The Vice President was Edwin Hedemann. Sadly, Ed's son was killed in Vietnam on May 13, 1970. The club created the Wayne Hedemann Scholarship, an annual scholarship for a deserving Konawaena High School graduate. The scholarship began with a \$4,000 contribution from the Hedemann family in Wayne's memory and, as intended, was continued for many, many years in honor of one of our founding fathers.



Please Save This Date!

Kona Mauka Rotary's



Valentine Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 11, 2017

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

@ the Beautiful Malulani Pavilion at Holualoa Inn Estates

**Featuring fine wines, delicious food,
live music, mouthwatering desserts,
magnificent views &
an exclusive silent auction**

To reserve tickets, contact Carol
@ 808.326.9592, 808.896.2397 or
rotaryvalentines@gmail.com

Proceeds go toward
scholarships for local
students and other
community projects

Valentine's Wine Tasting Celebration is coming!

This is Mauka Rotary's annual fundraiser, the event of the season. This year's event is Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the fabulous Malulani Pavilion at Holualoa Inn Estates. Incredible views in the heart of Holualoa.

Tickets are \$100 per person.

What can you do? It is time to start collecting silent auction items and thinking about which friends & family you plan to invite to this fun-filled event.

Carol Gigliotti will distribute tickets at the January 3rd meeting.

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.



A bell is not a bell until you ring it

A song is not a song until you sing it

Love was not placed in your heart to stay

Love is not love until you give it away

Oscar Hammerstein II



Golden Jubilee Celebration Dinner

50 Celebrating
years
1967-2017

Golden Jubilee

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Sheraton Keauhou Resort & Spa

Doing Good Locally and Globally since 1967

Rotary
Club of Kona Mauka



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May 19-21, 2017 | Sheraton Ka'anapali, Maui

Rotary D5000 District Conference!

Lasting friendships grow
from the fellowship hours
at the District Conference.

Inspiring speakers,
great social activities,
beautiful locale.



Rotary International President's Message

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John Germ

December

I joined Rotary as an engineer. There are almost as many classifications in the profession of engineering as there are in Rotary, but I happen to be a mechanical engineer. A mechanical engineer calculates the heating and cooling loads for a new building, makes sure the right lights are in the right places, and plans the plumbing so your hot water pipe doesn't end in a drinking fountain.

Mechanical engineers don't stand out in a crowd, and they don't call attention to themselves with what they do. You probably haven't thought much about the engineers who designed the buildings you use, the car you drive, or the traffic patterns you follow. But every time you get in an elevator, turn the key in your ignition, or cross the street when the light says go, you are entrusting your life to an engineer somewhere whom you've never met. You trust that your elevator will open at the floor you want it to. You trust that your car will start and stop as it should. You trust that the traffic light is going to turn red before the walk light goes on. Every day, you put your life in the hands of people whose names you do not know and whom you might never meet. You might not think about them at all – but they touch your lives every day.

I could draw the same parallel to any number of other vocations – ordinary occupations with the same kind of life-changing impact. In so many ways – some of which we see and some we don't – our vocations allow us to help other people live better, safer, and healthier lives.

Just like the work we do in Rotary.

Through our vocations and in our clubs, in our communities, and across continents, we are touching the lives of people we don't know and might never meet. And in every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotary.

The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They're learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They're living lives that are better, happier, and healthier – because of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.



Our Leadership Team



Rotary International
President
John Germ



District 5000
District Governor
Clint Schroeder



D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Sharon Taylor



Clint Schroeder

December

As Rotarians, we do so many wonderful things each and every day. One of the most remarkable things we have ever done, and continue to do, is the fight against the Polio virus. December is a time for us to reflect on that work – and renew our commitment to End Polio Now. With every gift, we are that much closer to eradicating this dreadful disease.

However, Rotary's commitment to disease prevention and treatment is not just about the individuals we help. It is about the families, the communities, and the overall human condition. Did you know that more than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs? We help prevent the spread of major diseases such as Polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria.

While Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria.

They design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who cannot afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.



Join us in the birthplace of
The Rotary Foundation, as
we toast 100 years of
Doing Good in the World.

REGISTER TODAY!



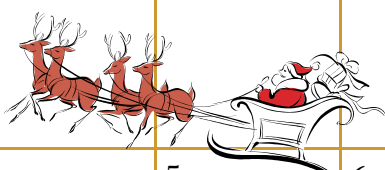


ROTARY CONVENTION
10-14 JUNE 2017
www.riconvention.org

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

December

Disease Prevention & Treatment



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Christmas Party! Carol Gigliotti joined Rotary 2014	3
4 Larry & Laura Kniffin joined Mauka Rotary 2014	5	6 Mitch Roth Prosecuting Attorney	7	8	9	10 Christmas Parade & Rotary Food Drive
11	12	13 Club Assembly	14	15	16	17 Laura Kniffin Birthday
18	19	20 Eric Cutis Antarctica	21	22	23 Eric & Mary anniversary	24
25 	26	27 DARK Happy Holidays	28	29	30 Ken & Cindy anniversary	31 

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 20:

January 7:

January 11:

January 19:

February 11:

Election of 2017-2018 club officers

Strategic Planning Meeting

Jubilee Committee Meeting

Valentine Fundraiser planning meeting 5:30 @ Bob Schaible's

Valentine Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Holualoa Inn Estates!!

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2016-2017

President: Sharon Taylor
 Treasurer: Eric Curtis
 Secretary: Carol Gigliotti
 Vocational: Donna Hiranaka
 Club Service: Laura Kniffin
 Programs: Ken Obenski
 Newsletter: Donna Hiranaka
 Youth Services: Chris Leinenweber
 Greg Stille
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 Eric Curtis

Membership & Retention:

Community Service:

Public Relations:

International Service:

Past President:

Jubilee Committee Chair:

President Elect:

KMR Foundation President:

Dave Hiranaka
 Carol Gigliotti
 Steve Pine
 Awa HuiHui-Graffe
 Bob Schaible
 Tom Sorensen
 Dan Montgomery
 Kent Nakamaru
 Gary Rovelstad
 Don Taylor
 Laura Kniffin
 Don Taylor