



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

December 2017

President's Message

Laura Kniffin

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

By now most of you have heard that I was offered and accepted the position of Director of Operations for the Big Island with Associa of Hawaii. A homeowners association management company, which is my background.

It was too good to pass up. The situation though is very, very busy with changes in the local office and it makes it beyond difficult at this time to continue to serve as your President effective January 1, 2018. The Board will be having a meeting after our regular meeting and will be reviewing options to cover the rest of the year. If all I had to do was the meetings, I still could not make more than half of them and that is not fair to the club.

I has been an honor serving you this past 6 months.

Moving on, what can we say but it's the Holidays.....rushing, wrapping, mailing, cooking you name it. Try to stay healthy and don't over stress, I'll do that for you.....

Thank you all.
As always,
Laura



Speakers

Door Prize

Happy December 2
Holidays! Holiday Party!!

December 5

Fred Hornbruch
Rotarian Travel Tales

Lisa Folden

December 12

Renee Dufault
Unsafe at any meal

Richard Harrison

December 19

TBA

David Hiranaka

DARK: No Meeting:
December 26 & January 2

Happy New Year!!

Rotary's 4 Way Test Of the Things We *Think, Say* and *Do*

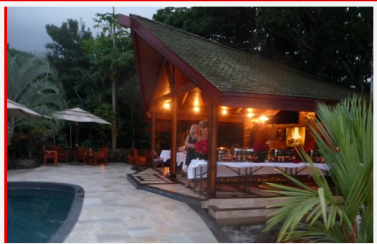
- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



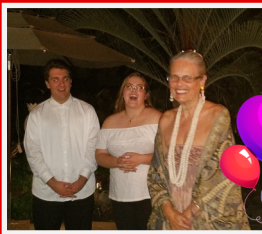
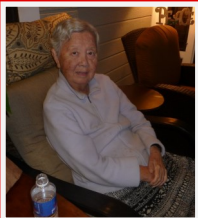
**Christmas is not so
much about opening
presents, as opening
our hearts !**



Oh, what fun we have with our Rotary family!



YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH happy



Kona Mauka Happenings

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Stephanie Nagata shared updates and a walk through history in a presentation celebrating 50 years of astronomy on Maunakea



Barbara Garcia Bowman is the Publisher and Operations Manager of Ke Ola Magazine, which focuses on the arts and culture of Hawaii

Feeding the homeless at Thanksgiving:

Kona Mauka Rotary helped provide the food and worked as volunteer servers



Mahalo Eric, AG Barbara, Mary Kay, Dave, Gary, Donna, Gabriella, Bob, Susan, Mary & Sharon!

Scholarship Night at Konawaena High School

Letting the parents and students know what we have available in order to help them on their educational journey



Mahalo Richard, Chris, Karen & Sharon!

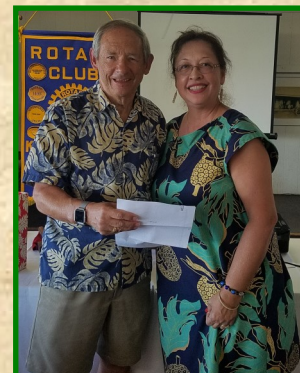
Spaghetti Dinner: A Fundraiser for Kahakai Elementary School



A great way to raise funds: All proceeds went directly to Kahakai Elementary School! Mahalo to Club Service Chair, Sam Johnson, for organizing this event and to the Rotary volunteer servers!



Mahalo Sam, Lisa, Laura, Karen, Gabriella, Peter & Mary Kay!



AG Barbara Kossow presented a check for our District Grant Funds which is used to purchase dictionaries for 3rd grade students



Palettes for Polio



What an enjoyable evening at Rumley's Art Gallery in the King Kamehameha Hotel. Several local artists donated wonderful works using an artists palette for a canvas. These items were available at a Silent Auction to benefit Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. 15% of all Rumley Gallery proceeds were also donated that evening. All proceeds from this event went directly to Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.



Christmas Parade

Kona Mauka Rotary members will once again volunteer as Safety Marshalls at our Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, starting at 5:00 p.m. The parade is led by a board of dedicated Rotary members and the local clubs all help support the effort with monetary support and volunteers.

It will begin at Kona's Kekuakalani Gym next to Kona Pool, go south on Kuakini, down Palani, and along Ali'i Drive to Walua Road, just past Coconut Grove Marketplace.



Kona Mauka Rotary Helps Support Needy Children During the Holidays

Our club adopted two families with a total of 7 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. **Sharon Taylor** and **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** acted as Secret Santa and purchased and wrapped these gifts before delivering them to Family Support Hawaii for distribution. **Gabriella Cooper** runs this program as a volunteer for Family Support Hawaii.





Upcoming Events

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5th Annual Feast on the Beach

Come Join the Fun!

Friday, December 8, 2017

5:30—10:00 pm

Lava Lava Beach Club

Popular holiday event with delicious food stations, beer, wine and dancing in the sand with Henry Kapono and LT Smooth.

AND a great way to support Kona Hospital!

Lava Lava is giving a portion of the ticket sales to selected non-profits. Support our Kona Hospital's Foundation and help their efforts to fund medical technology, expand services and enhance facilities that would otherwise be unavailable.

\$100 per person or \$1500 for reserved table of 10

Call Stephanie at 322-4587

**MIRACLE ON
34TH ST**

ADAPTED BY
**PATRICIA DI BENEDETTO SNYDER,
WILL SEVERIN AND JOHN VREEKE**

FROM THE NOVEL BY
VALENTINE DAVIES

December 1-17, 2017
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 2:30 pm

We're Gearing Up for Our Valentine Wine Tasting!



Committees are busily working on our annual Valentine Wine Tasting fundraiser. We will once again be holding the event at the beautiful Holualoa Inn Estates.

How can you help? Sponsorships AND silent auction donations ... let's start early and all work together to make this a huge success. Sam Choy will have a Poke Station! How fun is that?

Did you know that our Live Auction will have a trip to Africa, private dinner for 10 by Sam Choy, private dinner on the beach with Lava Lava Beach Club, and a vacation in beautiful Cabo San Lucas?!!

Also, **start talking with your friends and colleagues** and encourage them to mark their calendar for **Saturday, February 10 @ 4-8:00 pm**

Proceeds go towards scholarships and community service projects in both our local and global community.



DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

December's Rotary Theme: Disease Prevention & Treatment Month



Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.



ROTARY CONVENTION
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
23-27 JUNE 2018



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Nalani Flinn

December

Aloha My Fellow Rotarians,

We are six months into our Rotary year and so much has happened since I our last visit. We are having our Polio Plus Fundraising project "Ride So They Can Walk." It's still ongoing and together, we can "Make that Difference." The fight against Polio lives on and we can reach our goal of raising \$300K through everyone's participation. Don't give up! I ask that you continue to raise the public's awareness of Polio, the good Rotary does in the world, and continue to Ride So They Can Walk.



Another project that is dear to my heart is the Holiday Homelessness Project at Kahauiki Village Transitional Housing on Oahu, where fellow Rotarians in collaboration with other organizations are donating their time, talent and resources by painting and cleaning these housing units. Our goal is to help homeless families get off the street and into a home by the end of the month. We sent a "wish list" via your club president asking for your assistance in supplying 30 of these housing units with needed household products and supplies. Please work with your Club President and/or AG in securing items on the list. This is a manageable act of giving that will make such a big difference for many families this holiday season.

We have so much to do and only 6+ months left to finish -- selecting your club officers for next year, hosting Foundation dinners on each island, updating your Rotary Club Central projects, supporting the Centennial Park project in Waikiki, planning our upcoming 2020 Rotary International Convention, awarding clubs with the RI President and the Governor Citations, hosting the Women in Rotary 40th Anniversary Tea celebration, engaging with our the Mauka to Makai - Malama the Land service projects and more. So much to do, so little time to finish...

As we navigate to the end of the year and approach the holiday season continuing to change lives together, may the Spirit of Christmas be never-ending, filling your home with the warmest greeting for this holiday season.

From my home to yours, a very *Merry Christmas* and *Happy Holiday!*



Ian HS Riseley

December

Seventy-two years ago, the United Nations was founded "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war ... [and] to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors." Despite those worthy aspirations, and generations of investment in achieving them, the "scourge of war" is still with us: Last year, more than 102,000 people died in 49 armed conflicts around the world. Some of those conflicts were in their fifth decade or beyond. Terrorism, intolerance, and extremism; the refugee crisis; and environmental degradation are now global challenges.



Collectively, we seem further than ever from achieving the goals that were set with such ambition and optimism in 1945. Yet hope endures, as long as there are people willing to work for a more peaceful future – not only through their governments, but also beside them and beside each other. Today, Rotary is better placed than ever to have a real and lasting impact for peace: through our peace-focused programs, such as Rotary Peace Fellows, and through every area of our service. Water, sanitation, health, education, and economic development are all interrelated and part of the complex interactions that can lead to conflict – or avert it. To best leverage our service in all these areas, and to maximize their impact for peace, it is essential to understand these interactions and plan our service accordingly.

For these reasons, we have scheduled a series of six presidential peacebuilding conferences between February and June in Canada, Lebanon, the UK, Australia, Italy, and the United States. These conferences will focus not on peace but on *peacebuilding*: We will share ways that we can work to build peace through the service of our Rotary clubs and districts. Five of the one-day conferences will illuminate the connections between peace and another area of focus. The first conference, in Vancouver, B.C., will explore the link between peace and another sphere of great concern to us in Rotary: environmental sustainability. You can view the full schedule and register at www.rotary.org/presidential-conferences.



The goals are simple: to help Rotarians find new ways to advance peace through their service, to learn from experts, and to strengthen our abilities to build peace. It is my hope and belief that these conferences will help us move closer to a more peaceful world, through *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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December

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Carol Gigliotti joined Rotary 2014	2 Christmas Party
3	4 Larry & Laura Joined Mauka Rotary 2014	5 Fred Hornbruch Rotary Travels	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Renee Dufault Unsafe at any meal	13	14	15	16 Susan Mangubat Birthday
17 Laura Kniffin Birthday	18 Valentine Planning Mtg @ Awa's	19 TBA	20	21 Lisa & Tim Anniversary	22	23 Eric & Mary Anniversary
24	25 Merry Christmas	26 DARK: No Meeting	27 Annu Shionoya Birthday	28	29	30 Ken & Cindy Anniversary
31 Happy New Year		January 2 DARK: No Meeting				

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 2: Christmas Party!! Hiranaka Home
December 18: Valentine Fundraiser Planning Meeting @ Awa's home
December 26: DARK : No Meeting Happy Holidays!
January 2: DARK: No Meeting Happy New Year!
February 10: Valentine's Wine Tasting!! :)

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2017-2018

President:	Laura Kniffin	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
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Secretary:	Mary Kay Rovelstad		Steve Pine
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