



December 2018

Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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President's Message

Adam Reugh

Season's Greetings!

December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month.

As Rotarians, we serve many great causes, but undertaking the challenge of Polio eradication globally is without question the most notable of all. The efforts have been very successful as Polio has been quarantined to very small numbers within only 3 remaining countries; Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. We're this close!

Rotary projects around the globe serve the well-being of others in many ways, and we have so much to offer.

With the 'Season of Giving' among us, I encourage you to think of ways that we, together, can make a greater difference here at home and abroad. Perhaps it starts with simply going the extra mile to make somebody else's day. One thing is for sure; Together, we're capable of such great things.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday season.

With Aloha, Adam



Speakers Door Prize

December 4
Gary Rovelstad
Econ 201
Donna Hiranaka

December 11
Lisa Vollbrecht
Kampachi Farms
Eric Curtis

December 18
Punana Leo Preschool
Erin Henschel

December 25
NO MEETING
Merry Christmas

January 1, 2019
NO MEETING
Happy New Year!

**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?



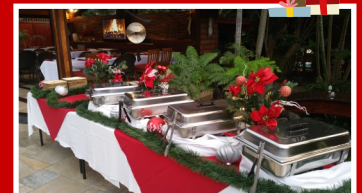
Christmas is not so
much about opening
presents, as opening
our hearts!



Oh, what fun we have with our Rotary family!



YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH happy





Professor Gary Rovelstad Econ 201



Member and past president Gary Rovelstad shared an engaging presentation on economics

Lisa Miura, Administrator Finance - Real Property Tax



Lisa's role is to assess all real property in a uniform and equitable basis for purposes of real property taxation. based on fair market value. The division is also responsible for collecting all taxes imposed by Chapter 19, Hawai'i County Code, as amended.

Lisa Vollbrecht, Research Manager with Kampachi Farms, updated us on future plans and expansion efforts of the operation



Richard Cunningham

Richard Cunningham of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay talked with our club about HRYF (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation). His goal is to raise awareness, along with additional funds, for the program. Each year our club distributes a \$5,000 scholarship after a comprehensive interview process with local high school students.

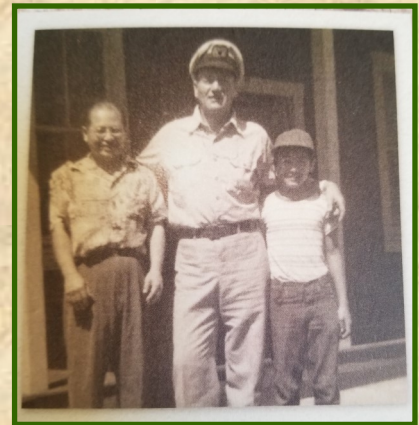
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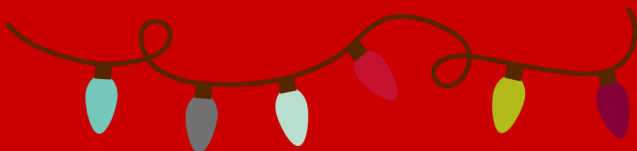
Kent Nakamaru was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer service at the annual Parks & Recreation Senior Ground Golf Tournament. Charles Brown, administrator of the Elderly Activities Division, recognized Kent at our weekly meeting.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Photo taken circa 1954 on the porch steps in front of the Nakamaru home in Holualoa.. Kent 12 years old



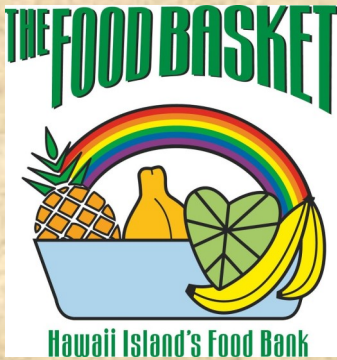
Kent Nakamaru (right) with his father and John Wayne. Dr. Kaname Nakamaru and John Wayne got to know one another at USC and reunited while 'the Duke' was filming the movie *Sea Chase* in Kona. John spent quite a bit of time at Kent's family home over the years.





Donation to the Food Basket

Kona Mauka Rotary donated \$500 to the Hawaii Island Food Basket. This will help them continue to fulfill their mission of alleviating those who are food insecure on Hawaii Island.



Community Service co-chairs **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** and **Amy Decker** presenting our \$500 check

Punana Leo o Kona

Our Rotary club donated \$500 to the Hawaiian language preschool. Pūnana Leo means language nest, and just as young fledglings are fed directly from the mouths of their mothers, Hawaiian language is fed into the ears of these 3- and 4-year old students from the mouths of the Hawaiian language speakers around them.



Amy Decker and **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** interacting with the preschool students



Lending Library: Take One, Leave One

Kona Mauka has an exciting new project this year! In order to help promote literacy, we will be placing portable lending libraries around our community. **Nanette Guiffreda's** husband, **Joe Kunkle**, generously donated wood for this project and built the prototype. This first one will be mounted to the wall at Nanette's gymnastics facility. Others will have a roof and legs, as needed. Readers are welcome to take what they'd like and to donate books for others to enjoy. Do **YOU** have books you would like to donate to help get this started?

Contact Erin at 940.228.9790 :)



Nanette Guiffreda and **Bob Schaible** show the first Lending Library to club members

Fun @ our Pau Hana Social!



Donation to the Keiki Project to Help Feed our Children



Amy Decker and **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** presented **Ka'ea Lyons** of **KAPA** radio with a \$750 check

Kona Mauka Rotary donated \$750 to the **Kako'o I Na Keiki** project, which helps to feed children who are food insecure over the Christmas holidays. Many children are fed their breakfast and lunch at school and families struggle during school breaks. This is a partner project with KAPA radio and the Hawaii Island Food Basket.



Scholarship Programs

Kona Mauka Rotary has a rich history of providing scholarships to help students in our community achieve their academic goals. Our first one was established back in 1969 when our club established a scholarship to honor the son of founding member and club vice president, Ed Hedemann. Sadly, Wayne Hedemann was killed in the Vietnam that year. We have honored Grandma Mary Teshima, our first female member and staunch supporter of the club, along with Aunty Val Izuno, Konawaena's college counselor who died suddenly. Aunty Val was very instrumental in helping to connect the right students with our scholarships. Grandma Teshima's scholarships were established the year she turned 100 years old! Teshima's Restaurant has a collection jar to put towards this award. Today we give several scholarships to graduating seniors and adult students attending Hawaii Community College - Palamanui.

We also present a \$5,000 scholarship each year through HRYF (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation). Our committee conducts interviews to all applicants of this award.



Kona Mauka Rotary recently awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships to students attending Palamanui Campus. These students are non-traditional in that they have returned to school as an adult, which oftentimes offers its own set of financial challenges.

Erika De Carvalho is interested in becoming an ER nurse and Stephanie Hayes wants to be a middle school social studies teacher. Oleysa Petriyenko is in the Culinary Program and hopes to open her own bakery/bubble tea café.



Stephany Hayes: Recent recipient of \$1,000

L-R: Prez Adam, Stephany, Karen & Gary (chairs)



Our scholarship committee recently attended Konawaena High School's Scholarship Night. There was quite a bit of interest at our table from students and parents alike. Mahalo **Karen Wilson, Gary Rovelstad, Mary Kay Rovelstad** for representing our club at this event.

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.

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 private dinner for 10 by Sam Choy and a one stay in beautiful Cabo San Lucas?!!

Also, start talking with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to mark their calendar for **Saturday, February 9 @ 4-8:00 pm**

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

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KAILUA KALIKIMAKA

Holiday Event Schedule

Kokua Kailua 🌿 Alii Drive
December 16, Sunday 1 – 6 pm
Stroll Historic Kailua Village and shop small.

Hawaiian Holiday Concert 🌿 Alii Drive
December 16, Sunday 5 – 6 pm
Join Mark Yamanaka in a free community concert.

Lighted Boat Parade 🌿 Kailua Pier
December 16, Sunday 6 pm
The celebration continues after Kokua Kailua with the 5th Annual Lighted Boat Parade in Kailua Bay. A jovial show with great viewing from Kailua Pier.

Hawaiian Sunset Saturday 🌿 Coconut Grove Marketplace
December 29, Saturday 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Free Hawaiian music and hula concert. Bring your beach chair or mat, but no coolers please.





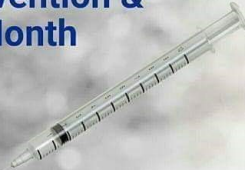
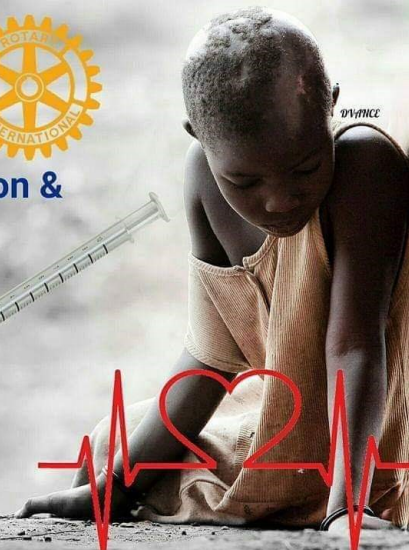


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Convention countdown

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.

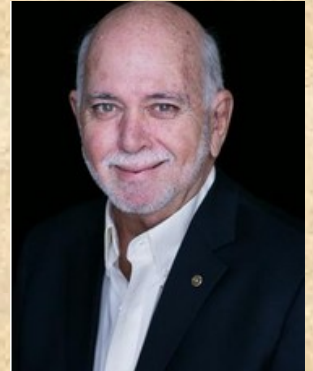
Of course, some stereotypes of Germany do hold true, even in Hamburg: The public transportation system, for instance, is efficient, clean, and easy to navigate. Convention goers will find it even easier to use, thanks to an all-access transit pass that will be included with registration.

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

Barry Rassin

December 2018

It's traditional that the first Rotarian magazine of the Rotary year carries a profile of the incoming RI president and his or her family. I've always read those profiles with interest, never giving much thought to the possibility that one day, I might be the one bringing a writer from the magazine to my Rotary club meeting! I have never liked a lot of attention, and the idea of having my picture on the magazine cover made me a bit uncomfortable. But when I saw the photo the editors chose, I smiled. Because the star of that picture definitely isn't me, or even my wife, Esther. It's the flock of flamingos, none of which could care less about Rotary, all strutting past us in the same direction. All of them — except one.



I couldn't think of a more appropriate image to reflect the message I want to convey to Rotarians. That one flamingo, going the other way, represents so much of what we need to do in Rotary. That flamingo knows everyone's going one way. She sees it. But she also sees that maybe the path they're on isn't the best path. Maybe, just maybe, there's a better path over there, and she wants to get a good look before she goes marching on with her friends. And if, when she does stop and look, that new path does seem better, she'll call the rest of the crew to come over and check it out with her. And maybe, just maybe, they'll all choose that better path together.

Change is hard. And the longer we've been going one way, the more friends we have with us, the harder it is to be the one who turns around and does it differently. But change — not change for its own sake, but careful, considered, goal-directed change — is essential for any organization that wants to evolve, stay relevant, and move forward in the right direction.

So take a look at that picture, but don't look at me. I'm not the one that cover's about. That cover is about the flamingo. It's about having the curiosity, the courage, and the conviction to look at different paths that might be better — whether you're out for a stroll on a beautiful Bahamas morning, or helping chart the course for our organization.

*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



Win Schoneman

Happy Holidays!

I can hardly believe it is December... a month for giving, celebrating and, of course, shopping. It is also a time to believe in Hope... to consider Peace on Earth. Peace is not just the absence of war or armed conflict. Positive peace implies the implementation of programs that ensure a sustained lifestyle of peaceful living. One of the key areas of positive peace would be the prevention and treatment of illness.

My Rotary story really begins with the Vocational Training Team our clubs send to Romania to teach doctors how to treat cranial birth defects in children. My participation inspired me to seek greater leadership and responsibility in Rotary. I will, forever, be in the debt of Dr. Murariu and Rich Zegar as the experience altered my thinking on not only what Rotarians do but what is possible through Rotary and our Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians throughout our District are planning and executing programs and grants that have a profound effect on people that may never say thank you or may never know our names... but they will always remember the name Rotary! Some of our other projects, in progress or planned, include water and sanitation in Africa, an eye clinic in India, education in South America, water and sanitation in the Phillipines and South East Asia and an upgraded blood bank in Bali. I am proud to be a Rotarian because of what you do... the difference we make.











So, what is next? What is your call to action? Here are some possibilities:

- Learn more about your Rotary passion
- Join a Rotarian Action Group
- Form a focus group around your passion and plan a new project
- Work with a Rotaract Club on Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Give to the Rotary Foundation
- Invite non-Rotarians to join you on your life changing mission!
- Participate in a polio National Immunization Day
- Have a happy and blessed season... thank you for all you do!

Peace be with you... Be The Inspiration!



December Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  Carol joined Rotary 2014	3	4 Gary Rovelstad Econ 201	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Lisa Vollbrecht Kampachi	12	13	14	15  Holiday Party!
16  Susan Mangubat birthday	17	18 Punana Leo Preschool	19	20	21	22
23 Eric & Mary anniversary 	24	25  No Meeting	26  Erin Henschel birthday	27  Annu Shionoya birthday	28	29
30 Ken & Cindy anniversary 	31					

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- December 11:** Valentine Fundraiser Planning Meeting - 5:30 @ Fish Hopper's
- December 15:** Christmas Party! Hiranaka's @ 5:30 pm
- January 15:** Valentine Fundraiser Planning Meeting - 5:30 @ Susan Mangubat's home
- January 27:** Foundation Meeting

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

President:	Adam Reugh	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Assistant Treasurer:	Carol Gigliotti		Steve Pine
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Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka	Community Service:	Bob Schaible
Club Service:	Sam Johnson		Amy Decker
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Youth Services:	Karen Wilson / Gary Rovelstad / Carol Gigliotti	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka / Bob Schaible	International Service:	Gabriella Cooper
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis	Past President:	Kent Nakamaru
	Gary Rovelstad		Laura Kniffin