



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

February/March 2019

President's Message

Adam Reugh



Aloha Rotarians,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those whom helped with yet another successful Valentine Wine Tasting Event in February. With your relentless efforts, we overcame every obstacle and raised approximately \$30,000 for a great cause. Congratulations! We couldn't have done it without you.

February also brought our Club's 52nd Anniversary – incredible! It's truly inspiring to see how far we've come and to imagine how bright the future will be.

With longevity in mind; Let's make a special effort in March to focus on Member growth. On March 12th, we have an excellent opportunity to introduce new members to the Club in a casual setting for our Monthly Pau Hana. If you know someone who might be a good fit for our Club, bring them along! It's bound to be an exquisite evening. Check your emails for more details to come.

Thank you all again for your continued contributions and support.

Yours Truly,
Adam Reugh
President 2018-2019

Speakers

Door Prize

February 26
Arnie Rabin
Magic Spectacular
Nanette Guiffrida

March 5
Bill Kucharski
County Environmental Management
Eric Curtis

March 12
No Lunch Meeting
Pau Hana @ Fish Hopper

March 19
Monica Myrmo-Heiser ,
Teacher Excellence
Sam Johnson

March 26
Mattie Mae Larson
Upcycle Hawai'i
Amy Decker

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?

We make a living
by what we get
*we make a life
by what we give.*



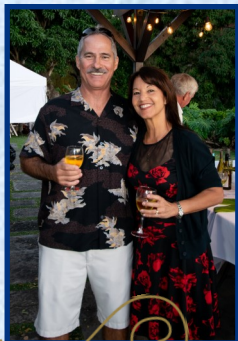
~Winston Churchill

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Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

Having fun while raising funds for scholarships & community projects

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Speakers

Darren Rosario County of Hawaii Fire Chief



The Hawaii Fire Department is primarily responsible for fire protection and suppression, pre-hospital emergency medical services, land and sea search and rescue, hazardous materials re-

sponse, ocean safety, and fire prevention and public education for the County of Hawaii.

Chief Rosario represents Hawai'i County on the State Fire Council and is a member of the National Emergency Medical Technician Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Hawai'i Fire Chiefs Association, and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

Michael Yee Planning Director

The Planning Department provides technical advice to the Mayor, Planning Commission, and County Council on all planning and land use matters.



The Department is also charged with the administration of the Subdivision and Zoning Codes.

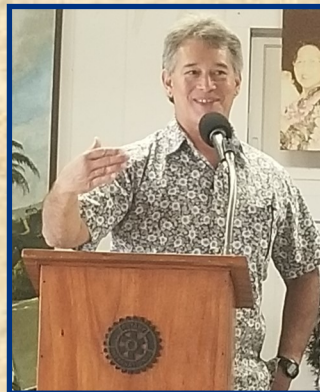
We had some good question and answers regarding recent zoning issue, including vacation rentals. Michael Yee brings experience in urban planning, community development and housing grounded in cultural and historic preservation. He believes building trusting relationships leads to impactful collaborations in communities.

Charlie Brown Parks & Rec Elderly Division



The Elderly Activities Division's (EAD) Administration oversees six programs: RSVP, Coordinated Services for the Elderly, Senior Training & Employment Program, Hawai'i County Nutrition Program, Elderly Recreation Services/Special Programs.

Talmadge Magno Civil Defense Director



Mr. Magno talked about the recent natural disasters the Civil Defense Agency dealt with this past year, including the recent lava flows. Their role is to direct and coordinate the development and administration of the County's total emergency preparedness and response program to ensure prompt and effective action when natural or man-caused disaster threatens or

occurs anywhere in the County of Hawai'i.

Arnie Rabin Magic Spectacular

Arneleo the Great did a fun magic show to promote the upcoming 33rd Annual Magic Spectacular at the Aloha Theatre. Proceeds benefit SKEA (Society for Kona's Education & Art) for the many programs they bring into the schools. They also provide art camps at their site in South Kona, which Kona Mauka Rotary provides scholarships.



Welcome New Member!



Name:
Paul Hoist

Classification:
Tax Preparer

Sponsor:
Eric Curtis



President **Adam Reugh** proudly displayed his Rotary 4-Way Test plaque in his booth at the recent Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Island Living and Design Expo!

Rotary Travels

One of the many joys of Rotary is the opportunity to meet friends from across the globe!



David Haas visited from the Rotary Club of Franklin Tennessee. Fun Fact: His wife, Jackie Haas, is a friend of Susan Mangubat since 6th grade!



Former Kona Mauka Rotarian, Tom Sorensen, came for a visit and exchanged flags from his new club in Denmark.

Reading, writing...the keys to tomorrow



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HAWAII ISLAND FOOD BASKET

Kona Mauka Rotary partnered with the Food Basket to help raise funds and restock the warehouse after the holidays. Volunteers helped Kahikina Ching at local KTA Super Stores during this two week food drive. This was a wonderful Community Service project which culminated with a **\$250 donation** check from our club!

Mahalo to Rotarians Amy Decker, Gabriella Cooper, Lisa Folden, Nanette Giuffrida, Erin Henschel, Awa HuiHui-Graffe, Kent Nakamaru, Gary Rovelstad, Mary Kay Rovelstad and Mary Metteer!



Amy Decker, Community Service co-chair and club organizer of this project, presented a check for \$250 to Kahikina for the Hawaii Island Food Basket



HRYF: Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation

Over the course of several evenings, our scholarship committee interviewed several very impressive Konawaena seniors for the HRYF \$5,000 scholarship. Mahalo to **Gary Rovelstad** (scholarship chair), **Mary Kay Rovelstad, Erin Henschel,** and **Nanette Giuffrida** for volunteering your time to interview and mentor these students! Additional thanks go to Erin for hosting the interviews at her law office.

What is HRYF?

The Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF), was founded by Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan during his year as the Rotary's District Governor in Hawaii, 1976-1977. It was Sully's desire to assist Hawaii's high school graduates to realize their potential by attending a college or university of their choice here in Hawaii or on the mainland. Scholarship awards are \$5,000 for graduating Hawaii



Gary, Erin and Nanette spent several evenings interviewing applicants for the HRYF scholarship at the offices of Erin's law firm, Lehua Law. Missing from photo: Mary Kay Rovelstad



4 dynamite ways to find new members

By Rob Tidd, District 5060 membership chair and member of the Rotary Club of Wenatchee Confluence, Wenatchee, Washington, USA

In January, we had 61 members in our club, an increase of about 40 percent from the beginning of the Rotary year in July, when we had 43. Our success has been based on two ingredients: encouraging friendships and promoting fun in Rotary.

But just as important to our growth has been a systematic and continuous follow up with potential new members. Too often a potential new member is approached once and then forgotten. Every club needs a champion or champions willing to take the extra time to stay in communication with *every potential new member*. I am often asked where I find all these potential new members. Our sources grow as we come up with new ideas. Below are some of the practical ways we have found members:

Follow up on RI membership leads:

Prior to my year as District 5060 membership chair, I discovered that some of the membership leads sent to us by RI were never contacted. I decided to work my way back in time through the leads, going as far back as several years, to see if any of these individuals were still interested in Rotary.

One gentleman in particular had never been contacted and was enthusiastic to be invited as my guest. Not only did he join, but he asked if his business partner could also be considered for membership. Of course my answer was "yes" and now both are members. These are people who took the time and made the effort to contact Rotary International.

Get referrals from other clubs:

I have found that sometimes a member of another club crosses paths with a co-worker who they think would be a good Rotarian, but because they are co-workers, or they have a boss-employee relationship, they don't want to invite them to be a member of their club. If something were to happen at work, it could create awkward situations in the club.

Yet that person might be a great fit for another Rotary club. So I routinely go through the membership lists for the other clubs in my area and ask for referrals. I know this works because we have Kyle as a member of our club who was referred to us by a member of another club.

Find leads in your local newspaper:

I get excited every day to see who I might find as a potential member in my daily newspaper. Our newspaper includes information about the movers and shakers in our community, the recently retired, new home purchasers, and new businesses. The list is endless. I craft specific letters and follow up in 30 days. Often it is not even necessary to follow up because the recipient is touched by the letter and accepts the invitation for lunch at my club. I know this works because we have Jeff in our club because he responded to my letter.

Keep organized with a spreadsheet:

I created a spreadsheet with a list of potential new members, and set up a schedule to follow up with these people. My list includes recommendations from club members in my club, people who have given presentations at my club, former Rotarians who left other Rotary clubs in my area due to dissatisfaction or lack of engagement with their former Rotary club, and recipients of the letters I mentioned above. Systematic and continuous follow up is so important. This list helps me stay on track to make sure no one is forgotten.

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE
#ROTARIANS



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



Win Schoneman
District Governor

Rotary
District 5000



Newsletter

March 2019



Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

The fight to eradicate polio exists on two fronts...the wild polio virus (WPV) and circulating vaccine derived polio (cVDPV). Last year there were thirty-three cases of WPV in two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) and 105 cases of cVDPV in an additional five countries (Papua New Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, DR Congo and Somalia). Why is this important? Because **March is Water and Sanitation Month** in Rotary. The “circulating” in cVDPV comes from the fact that the polio virus is passed from person to person under unsanitary conditions. Targeting our Water and Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) projects to the cVDPV five, and surrounding, countries will maximize our impact in a global effort to fully eradicate polio and address other diseases.

The question then becomes, what can I/we do? The first part is to donate to our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund or Polio Plus. Next...educating ourselves about the issues and challenges. The WASH Rotarian Action Group (www.wasrag.org) is a wonderful way to connect to resources. World Water Day (WWD) is March 22, 2019. WWD encourages Rotarians to work to improve our watershed, waterways and water resources. We want to host an environmental speaker or have a panel discussion on environmental issues. The Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships is a valuable resource to connect Rotarians and Rotoractors to local service projects protecting and improving our watershed (www.hawp.org). You can, also, attend the World Water Summit prior to the RI Convention in Hamburg on March 31, 2019...resources abound. Our District Community Service Chair Chad Adams...

Most importantly, we need to take action. Rotary has many partners looking for clubs and districts to support global projects. The District is working on an Eco Rotary Club, an issue responsive club, to address our environment and sustainability challenges by focusing resources for greater impact.

I'll finish with:



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Young Water Solutions is an international non-profit organization aiming to develop and support the potential of young people to contribute to universal water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and water resources management.

They achieve this by empowering young leaders and providing them with the tools to carry out water projects in their communities. They promote an integrated approach, that often addresses interlinked challenges such as climate change adaptation, reforestation, youth unemployment and food security.

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Rhodora Pagay
Laine Kohama

Rotary's Vision: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



Barry Rassin

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though — in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean. In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities.

In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community — which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

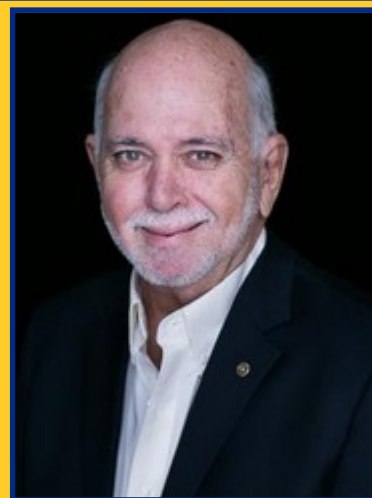
In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills.

Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family.

When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to Be the Inspiration in every part of society, to every person we meet.







What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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March

Water & Sanitation Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Awa & Paul anniversary Awa joined Rotary 2013	5 Bill Kucharski County Environmental Mgmt	6	7	8 PETS: President Elect Training Seminar	9
10	11	12 Pau Hana @ Fish Hoppers	13	14	15 Richard Harrison birthday	16 
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24	25  Prince Kuhio Day	26 Mattie Mae-Larson Upcycle Hawaii	27	28 Gary & Mary Kay anniversary	29	30
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 1: Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration @ Honaunau School
March 12: Pau Hana @ Fish Hopper's
March 16: Magic Spectacular @ Aloha Theatre 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

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