



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

February 2017

President's Message

Sharon Taylor

FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/
RESOLUTION MONTH

Conflict and violence displaces millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children and 90 percent are civilians.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships our members are taking steps to address the underlying causes of conflict. These include poverty, inequality, ethnic tension and lack of access to education. Rotary truly is serving humanity. How proud I am to be a Rotarian.

On a less somber note, February is also a month for Anniversaries. On Feb. 20 our little club will be 50 years old and on Feb. 23 Rotary International will be 112 years old.

Our Jubilee Committee is working hard to plan an awesome celebration of our important milestone. They are planning a gala dinner and reception on May 6 at the Kona Sheraton Resort. **Mark your calendars !**



Speakers

Door Prize

February 7

Krishna Dhira
UH Dean of Business & Economics
Annu Shionoya

February 14

Graceson Ghen
Hawaii Energy Efficiency Advisor
Tom Sorensen

February 21

Denise Lindsey
Special Olympics Area Director
Greg Stille

February 28

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

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

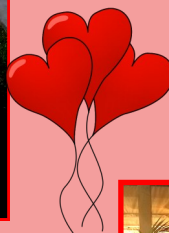
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

(AND ... Is it Fun??)

== NO ACT ==
of kindness
NO MATTER HOW SMALL
IS EVER
wasted

Valentine Wine Tasting Fundraiser: Oh What a Night ...



Valentine Wine Tasting Fundraiser

A Wonderful Team Effort!

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Mahalo to Our Sponsors!



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Mahalo

Well! The fourteenth annual Valentine's Wine Tasting is now behind us! Participants loved the new venue! Holualoa Inn Estates provided a beautiful backdrop for our signature event. We prepared for rain, and boy did we get rain! The true test of a venue is how it can handle a storm, and we did just fine.

Many, many guests commented that this was the best venue yet. The views are spectacular, the lawns are beautiful, the Malulani Pavilion is spacious and comfortable, and the separate pagoda for our Wine Tasting station was divine.

We were honored to have **District Governor Elect, Nalani Flinn**, fly over from Honolulu to support our event. She is so gracious and we were privileged to have her join our fundraising soir  e.

Our live auction continues to grow. This year we had 4 incredible items that included a beautifully hand crafted Mid-Century style credenza (thank you Tom Sorensen), Safari in South Africa (thank you Gabriella Cooper), 7 night stay at a 5-star hotel right on the beach in Cabo San Lucas (thank you Bob Schaible), and a signature dinner with Celebrity Chef Sam Choy - he actually comes to your home and prepares a full 3-course meal [with wine pairings] for a party of 10.

Our silent auction had an incredible array of items to choose from. Whether you were in the market for high end art, weekend getaways, jewelry, golf or beautiful gift baskets - there was something for everyone.

Kona Mauka Rotarians make a dynamic team. Under the leadership of co-chairs Dave Hiranaka and Bob Schaible, the very strong support of Fish Hopper's Sam Johnson, all Rotary team members, Tom Sorensen's enthusiastic and able-bodied apprentices, and friend of Rotary, Gabriella Cooper, we pulled off a spectacular event that was enjoyed by all.

Mark your calendar for the wrap up meeting (with food and wine, of course!) on Sunday, February 26 @ 4:00 pm at the home of Dave & Donna Hiranaka.

Mahalo to all that made the event a success!



- Core values: service, fellowship, integrity, leadership, diversity
- Emphasis on ethics and vocational service
- Funds projects that produce lasting change

OUR HISTORY



1905 – Paul Harris founds Rotary
1910 – First Rotary Convention
1925 – Rotary reaches 6 continents
2016 – 1.2 million members

Rotary has been Doing Good in the World for over 100 years.

The organization was started by Paul Harris, an attorney in Chicago who wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he'd felt in the small towns of his youth.

He gathered three other professionals, and they met at one of their offices in downtown Chicago.

They decided to call the new club "Rotary" for their practice of rotating meeting locations.



We work within our communities and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing humanitarian challenges, including fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and promoting peace.

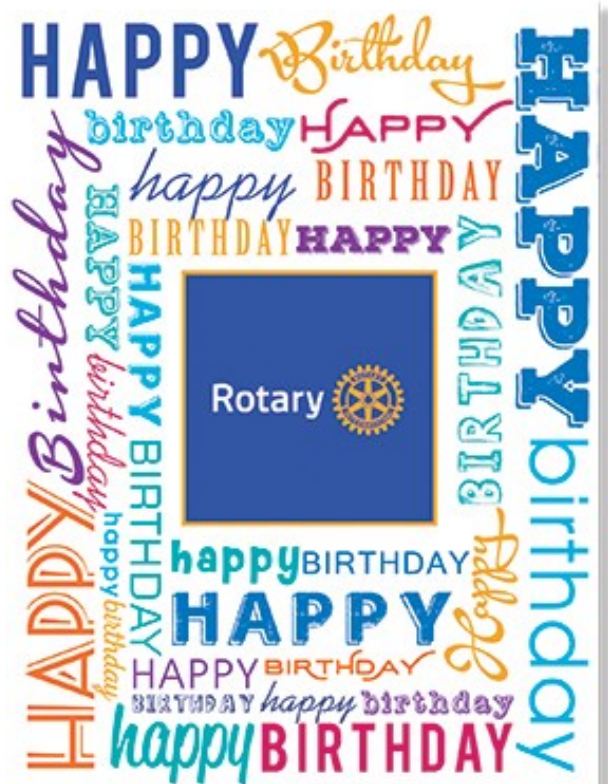
Rotary may not be the only nonprofit focusing on these issues, but our unwavering commitment, innovative approach, community presence, and global network are unique. We see opportunities where others see obstacles.



At the organization's 1917 convention, President Arch C. Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purposes of doing good in the world." That initiative became The Rotary Foundation, which has funded programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships and PolioPlus and grants for thousands of projects around the world.

Rotary Celebrates 2 Birthdays this Month!

Kona Mauka turns 50 and Rotary International turns 112



Rotary
Club of Kona Mauka



February 20, 1967
Looking good for 50 years old!



Rotary



February 25, 1905

Rotary International—you're
looking really good for 112!!

Rotary Foundation's 100th
birthday is in April!



Golden Jubilee Celebration Dinner



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





A group of 31 Hawaii Rotarians are currently in Myanmar and Taiwan to work with monastic school systems on literacy and education projects. This Global Grant Team is made up of 31 Hawaii Rotarians, including West Hawaii's PP Mike Fraser!



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ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Sixty million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. Through service projects, fellowships, and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns, members train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Members also pursue projects to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary Opportunities

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**JOIN ROTARY FOR A
SUNSET WHALE SAIL**

Friday, March 3, 2017. 4:15 check in; 4:30—sunset
Meet at the Alala in Kawaihae
Proceeds to benefit Rotary Youth CAMP
THIS IS A FUNDRAISER- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



ROTARY CLUB
OF NORTH HAWAII

\$75 includes Pupus and Refreshments
erik@sleepydog.com or 345-9033



Senior Roundtable Hui

1st Tuesday Each Month

Pink Mocha Café (above Home Depot)

1:30-3:00 pm

A gathering for anyone wanting to discuss aging issues.

There is a monthly topic that allows time for discussion, questions and answers. No charge.

Parking is easy access and free.

Please call Laura Guluzzy, M.A. Gerontologist
for more information
(808) 326-2100
writerlsg@gmail.com.
All are welcome!

Rotary D5000 District Conference!

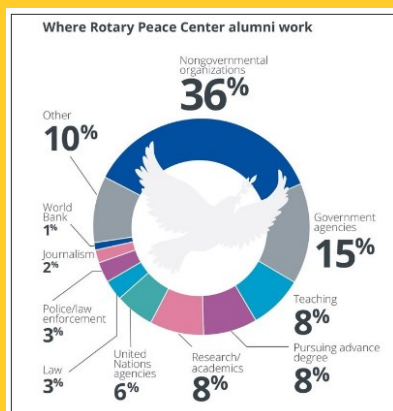
Lasting friendships grow
from the fellowship hours
at the District Conference.

Inspiring speakers, great
social activities, beautiful
locale.



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



February's Rotary theme of Creating Peace and Preventing Conflict is my favorite theme of the entire Rotary year. For me, almost everything we do as Rotarians relates back to peace. Throughout history, so many wars have been fought over access to clean water, disease and community economics. Rotary addresses each of these areas every single day.



It started to make sense to me during the 2013 Peace Conference held here in Hawaii. Listening to the various speakers discuss the urgent need for academically trained peace scholars to work in our nations governments, agencies and relief efforts made me realize that Rotary IS Peace. In fact, the RI Presidential theme that year was Peace Through Service.

None of us knew at the time, that only three short years later, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would be named State Counselor, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Special Minister to the President of Myanmar. Her life's work of striving to bring peace to her country has been brought to the forefront of the world stage. She is a shining example of the quote my Margaret Meade: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Rotary Peace Centers and Fellowships are changing the world around us too. I encourage you to look at the resources available to you online at Rotary.org to learn more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

Our Rotary Peace Center Alumni can be found in almost every aspect of Peace keeping around the globe. From Government Agencies to Police and Law Enforcement, your Foundation dollars have provided educated, peace-centric faculty and officials in areas that truly make a difference.

Thank you for supporting the Peace efforts through Rotary International – it's the foundation to building a better world.

Our Leadership Team



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President
John Germ**



**District 5000
District Governor
Clint Schroeder**



**D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka**



**Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Sharon Taylor**

February

On 23 February, we will mark 112 years since the founding of Rotary. It is incredible to think about how much has changed, in our world and in our organization, since the first Rotary club met in Chicago with Paul Harris as a founding member.

Some things are easy to compare between now and 1905. There have been changes in technology, medicine, and society. When we look at a map of the world in 1905 and a map of the world today, we can see what's different. What we can't do is compare what is with what might have been. There is no way to compare our world as it exists now with the world as it would have been without Rotary.

Rotary has risen to so many challenges in its 112 years. We've answered conflict with peace, and poverty with education. We've responded to a lack of basic health care with projects large and small, from equipping clinics in tiny villages to eradicating polio across the globe.

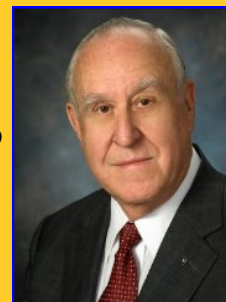
We will never know how different the world would have been if Rotary had never been founded; if any one Rotary club had never been chartered; or if any single Rotarian had declined the invitation to join a Rotary club.

But I will say, with absolute faith and complete confidence, that the world is a far, far better place now than it would have been without Rotary and that Rotary itself is stronger because of every one of you.

The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation, and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.



None of us ever knows the full impact of our actions. None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass. But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and that when we choose Service Above Self as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one.

No one can see the future. No one knows what changes lie ahead. But I have faith in Rotary, and in Rotarians, that with every passing year, you will make our world a better place through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.



February

Peace & Conflict Resolution Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Dave Birthday	6 Dave & Donna anniversary	7 Krishna Dhir UH Business & Economics	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14 Graceson Ghen HI Energy Advisor	15	16	17 Japanese Sister Club Social	18 Joe, Steve & Annu joined Rotary 2014
19		21 Denise Lindsey Special Olympics	22	23	24 Kent Birthday	25 RYLA Camp @ KMC
26 RYLA	27	28 Carol Kaemmerer Author				

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 17

February 26

March 2

March 24:

March 25:

Mizusawa Sister Club Social @ Joe & Tammy's

Valentine Wrap Up Meeting & Celebration @ Hiranaka's

Dr. Seuss Day: Read Aloud Celebration

Foundation Dinner in West Hawaii

Spring Assembly @ West Hawaii Civic Center

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2016-2017

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