



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

February 2018

President's Message

Laura Kniffin



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Well here we go, our busiest time of the year. The 15th annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Event was held this past week. It always amazes me what a 30+ member club can accomplish every year. Every single member plays a part in this event, either physically (setup/take down), time (gathering items for the silent auction, selling tickets and haha, buying tickets).

We had a wonderful "foundation" at the Civic Center. For new members it was a time to learn more about Rotary and how the foundation works, for old timers like myself, it gave us a boost to continue what we do and do well. Raise money.

We are also lucky to have Ken Obenski who is the one booking our speakers. We had the Honorable Mayor Harry Kim at our meeting this week, who gave us a sneak preview of where he stands with Mauna Kea.....I'll keep you in suspense, watch for it in the paper next week.

Thank you all, *Laura*

Speakers

Door Prize

February 6
Melody Stone
Human Trafficking
Laura Kniffin

February 13
Marilyn Pottage
Shelterboxes
Vicky Kohler

February 20
Kristine Westmoreland
Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation
Chris Leinenweber

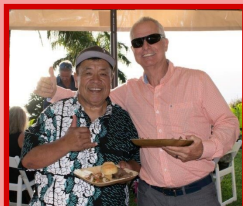
February 27
Amanda MacIntosh
Habitat for Humanity
Susan Mangubat

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?*

Wisdom
is knowing the right path to take...
Integrity
is taking it

Valentine Wine Tasting Fundraiser . . . ♡h, What a Night!



VALENTINE WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER: A WONDERFUL TEAM EFFORT

Mahalo to our sponsors

-Platinum-

BMW of Hawaii

-Gold-

David K Hiranaka, MD, DMD
Fish Hoppers Restaurant

-Silver-

John P Bunnell, DDS
Eric Curtis & Mary Metteer
Gabriella Cooper
Gary & Mary Kay Rovelstad
Tony & Susan Mangubat

-Bronze-

Chris Leinenweber
Teshima's Restaurant

Mahalo♥

Well! The fifteenth annual Valentine's Wine Tasting is now behind us! Holualoa Inn Estates provided a beautiful backdrop for our signature event. A wonderful time was had by all.

Many, many guests commented that this was the best event yet. The views are spectacular, the lawns are beautiful, the Holualoa Inn Pavilion is spacious and comfortable, Sam Choy's poke was delicious and Fish Hoppers dinner and desserts were divine.

Our live auction continues to grow. This year we had 4 incredible items that included a 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), a round of golf for (4) at the exclusive Nanea Golf Club, 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, and the many volunteers, we pulled off a spectacular event that was enjoyed by all.

Committee: Mark your calendar for the wrap up meeting (with food and wine, of course!) on Sunday, February 25 @ 4:30 pm at the home of Dave & Donna Hiranaka.

Mahalo to all that made the event a success!

Incredible Rotary Foundation Presentation @ WH Civic Center!



Steven Solomon | Annual Giving Officer

There are few people in the Rotary world who know more about The Rotary Foundation than Steve Solomon, who was one of two featured speakers at the Foundation Seminar at West Hawaii Civic Center this past month. Steven is the Senior Annual Giving Officer for Zones 25 & 26 with The Rotary Foundation based at the world headquarters of Rotary International. Steven is privileged to be an advocate for donors and empower Rotarians in 22 Rotary districts in the western

region of North America to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. He enables donors by educating and inspiring them through sharing resources, giving presentations and conducting trainings. He was an Interact Club member and a Rotary Scholar in South Africa. Steven is an honorary Rotarian with two Rotary clubs. He earned a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management with a concentration in Fundraising Management from Spertus College in Chicago, a Certificate in Fund Raising Management through the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and was awarded the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chamberlain Scholarship. Steven is committed and honored to help raise funds for The Rotary Foundation so Rotarians can better their communities, wherever they may be!

Beth Garrow | Major Gift Officer

Beth brings 22 years of development experience to The Rotary Foundation, having worked in K-12 and higher education as well as healthcare. She is excited to be working again with Rotarians and looking forward to joining a club soon. In her former roles, she was an active member of both the Hawthorne, CA and Joliet, IL Rotary Clubs.

Beth began her development career in 1994 when she moved to Illinois from Southern California. In Illinois, she served College of DuPage as Campaign and Major Gifts Officer, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, and Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center as Foundation Vice President. Most recently, Beth was the Philanthropic Partnerships Director for MIND Research Institute in Irvine, CA

Prior to her move to Illinois, Beth's career included eight years of public administration with the City of Hawthorne, California in community redevelopment. Beth is a Certified Fund Raising Executive who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.



Rotary Direct

- Save time, money & lives
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually
- Enroll online

Did you know?? You can set up an automatic monthly donation to Rotary Foundation? Any amount you are comfortable with . . . Easy as 1-2-3!

Steven's closing thoughts . . .

Still Learning

1. Volunteer, study abroad & apply for scholarships
2. Continually thank those who help you (including your parents)
3. Take advantage of every opportunity
4. Truly learn from experiences- yours & others... even if the lesson learned is not to repeat that experience
5. Through fundraising you can educate & motivate people to improve the human condition globally

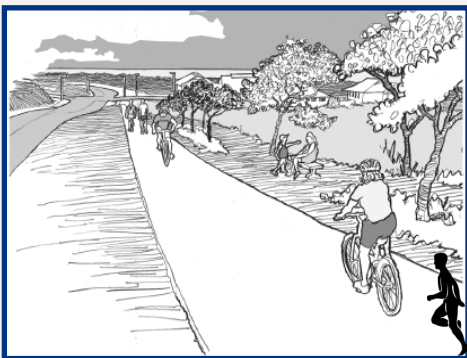
Queens' Lei Update

THE BENCHES ARE IN!



NEXT STEPS: We will install a plague of the 4 way Test on each of the benches.

RECAP: In 2016 Kona Mauka Rotary partnered with PATH (Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii) and adopted the first mile of the proposed 16.7 mile Queens' Lei multi-use walking/biking trail as our Centennial Project. (Rotary formed its first club in Hawaii in 1916).



Artist rendering of completed path



When completed, this 16.7 mile shared-use circulation trail will connect Kailua village to the new Palamanui Campus, virtually connecting all of North Kona.



We welcomed Mayor Harry Kim at a recent meeting.



Updates on the missile launch false alarm and Maunakea were discussed.





FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

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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.

Happy Birthday Kona Mauka Rotary February 20, 1967



The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka was chartered on February 20, 1967. The charter members of our club elected David "Di" Fraser as their first president. This was quite a distinction, for "Di" had also been the first president of the Rotary Club of Kona.

Nalani Flinn

February

This past week I had the privilege of traveling with Senior Annual Giving Officer Steven Solomon and Regional Major Gift Officer Beth Garrow to Hilo, Kona, Maui & Kauai. The reception on our neighbor islands was amazing. They couldn't help repeating over and over how generous, welcoming you all were. I told them, "that's the Aloha Spirit." As an Ambassadorial Scholar, Steven thanked the Rotarians for a life changing experience traveling the world and meeting influential people –all made possible by their Annual Giving. We ended the week with the Oahu Foundation Dinner at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant and the food was excellent!! Thank you, Rotarian Wes Fong, AG Mary Ann Berry & PDG Phil Sammer and their "committee" for planning a fun filled evening. Everyone had a great time. The evening came to a close with Beth Garrow's presentation of D5000's Fundraising Analysis:



Total giving in Annual Fund, Polio Plus, Endowment and terms gifts and funds for approved grants, \$306,060.00; PHF: 210, Benefactor 3, Bequest Society: 1, Major Donor: 12, and Major Gifts: 2.

Congratulations on a great job. Let's keep it going...

I also wish to thank my Assistant Governors for doing an awesome job in setting up the island wide Foundation Seminars and receptions; club members opening their homes and giving us a tour of their island. Our two guests from RI kept saying how impressed they were and wished to extend their gratitude

Finally, I would like to leave you with a couple of reminders. Rotary will be celebrating its 113th birthday on Friday, February 23, 2018 and I encourage every club to make it special by having a social event with family and friends; highlighting all your accomplishments you've done; and showing your appreciation to each other for their giving of time, resources and talent.

On, March 10, 2018, we will be celebrating Women in Rotary 30th Anniversary with High Tea at the Kapiolani Community College from 1 – 3pm. It's open to everyone at \$45. Come and honor the first woman inducted into your club. Registration is on-line at the District website. Come and join us.

Our Centennial Park that the Rotary Club of Honolulu is working on still needs our financial support. Any assistance you can do in spreading the word out for this wonderful project would benefit all to enjoy. And don't forget to register for the 2018 District 5000 Conference

Navigating Together To Change Lives

Conference

May 18-20, 2018

Four Seasons Resort at Ko Olina

E hana kakou (Let's work together)

Ian HS Riseley

February

One hundred thirteen years ago this month, the four members of Rotary's first club held their first meeting. Although no minutes were kept, it's unlikely anyone talked about service; the club did not begin focusing on the needs of the community for another few years.



The meeting was held not in a hotel or a restaurant, but in a member's office; there were, so far as we know, no agendas or announcements, no committee reports, speakers, or nametags. The meeting would have failed today's usual standards for a productive Rotary meeting most resoundingly. It was, of course, the most productive Rotary meeting ever held.

Today, as in 1905, many of us come to Rotary seeking what Paul Harris sought: friendship, connections, a place to feel at home. But today, Rotary gives us so much more than it could ever have given its earliest members in those earliest days. The Rotary of today, more than 1.2 million members strong, lets us feel at home not only in a small group of our peers, but also in our diverse clubs, across our communities, and indeed throughout the world. Today, Rotary connects us all in a way that Paul Harris could never have dreamed on that February evening so long ago. Not only can we go anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and feel at home, but we can reach out to anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and make a difference.






In the 113 years since that first meeting, Rotary has become far larger, and more diverse, than those founding members could have conceived. We have gone from an organization that was all white and all male to one that welcomes women and men of every possible background. We have become an organization whose stated purpose is service, reflected in our motto, Service Above Self. And we have become not only an organization that is capable of changing the world, but one that has already done so, through our work to eradicate polio.



None of us can know what lies ahead for Rotary. It remains for all of us to continue to build on the solid foundations that were laid for us by Paul Harris and his friends: to forge and strengthen the bonds of service and friendship through Rotary: *Making a Difference*.

February

Peace & Conflict Resolution Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5  Dave Hiranaka birthday	6	7 Dave & Donna anniversary	8	9	10 
11	12	13 Marilyn Pottage Shelterboxes	14	15	16  Happy Chinese New Year	17
18 Steve Pine joined Rotary 2014		20 Kristine Westmoreland HRYF	21 Adam Reugh joined Rotary 2017	22	23	24  Kent Nakamaru birthday
25 Valentine Cmte Wrap Up Mtg	26 Karen Wilson joined Rotary 2008	27 Amanda MacIntosh Habitat for Human-	28 Sam Johnson joined Rotary 2017			

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 10:
March 24:

Valentine Wine Tasting
Big Island Club & District Training 8:30 am—2:30 pm

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2017-2018

President:	Laura Kniffin	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Mary Kay Rovelstad		Steve Pine
Vocational:	Gabriella Cooper	Community Service:	Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka		Bob Schaible
Club Service:	Sam Johnson	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber/John Smith	International Service:	Karen Wilson
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka/Bob Schaible	KMR Foundation President:	Kent Nakamaru
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	Past President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis		Sharon Taylor
	Gary Rovelstad		