



# Kona Nightingale

*The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka*  
Chartered in 1967

HAPPY  
**New Year**  
January 2017

## President's Message

Sharon Taylor

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Happy New Year! Here we are in a new calendar year and half way through the Rotary Year.

January is Vocational Service Month. As Rotarians we promote excellence and integrity in our chosen professions. Also, we share our professional talents with our community both here at home and throughout the world.

On Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of meeting with 14 fellow members of our club to develop a strategic plan. Laura Steelquist, a past District Governor was our facilitator. After much meaningful discussion, it was decided to focus on 2 of our top priorities for immediate action.

1. To explore alternate membership types and alternate meeting structures. Dave, Carol and Chris immediately volunteered to be the committee of action. They have set their first meeting and selected Dave as their chairman. Many thanks.
2. Develop a strong Public Relations Committee. Donna volunteered to Chair this committee. Before our session ended she had Karen Wilson and Joe as members of the committee and they have set their first meeting as well. Great job!

If you would like to be part of the action, please speak to Dave or Donna. Your opinion counts.

Many thanks to all of you who participated. A number of other priorities were established but the group decided that it was prudent to focus on just two at this time. In the coming weeks the members will get a full report of the session.

As President, I will be making a greater effort to keep members informed of what is happening in the club.



### Speakers

#### *Door Prize*

**January 3**

Annu Shionoya  
Peace Concert in Japan  
*Steve Pine*

**January 10**

Debbie Fowler  
Ala Kahakai: Kings trail progress  
*Gary Rovelstad*

**January 17**

Patrick Hurney  
Habitat for Humanity  
*Mary Kay Rovelstad*

**January 24**

Eric Curtis  
Paul Harris Awards  
*Bob Schaible*

**January 31**

Carol Matayoshi  
Going Home Hawaii:  
Integrating former offenders to  
the workforce  
*Tammy Shafer-Walker*

## 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??)*

I wish all a happy, healthy 2017 filled with joy and peace. And for our club I hope for a year of fun, fellowship and continued good works.

Don't forget that this year the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka will be celebrating 50 years of doing good. *Let's shout it out!!!*

## Strategic Planning Session

On Saturday morning several Kona Mauka Rotary members met at Teshima's to work on our Strategic Plan. PDG Laura Steelquist started the conversation with, "As a member of this club, what do you want it to look like in three years?" We then discussed our strengths and challenges and reviewed our Strategic Plans from 2010 and 2013.

Moving forward with an Action Plan we identified two areas of focus, what action was to be taken, person responsible, start date, completion date, outcome, and measure.

1. Explore different membership and meeting types
2. Develop a strong PR committee with a clear job description

Dynamic clubs attract new members, and they are a source of pride for existing members.

Who wouldn't want to belong to an action oriented club whose contributions are improving lives in their own communities as well as communities worldwide?



On behalf of Kona Mauka Rotary, President Sharon presented the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) with \$500 to help support their efforts in the community



Member Annu and her associate shared their experiences from their trip to Japan in support of victims of the Fukushima nuclear leak. They ended the presentation with some beautiful music that they had played at concerts in Japan.



President Sharon presented a check to Gwen, our weekly server at Teshima's, in appreciation of all her help throughout the year



## Kona Mauka Presents Scholarships

Kona Mauka Rotary recently presented several scholarships to students of Hawaii Community College-Palamanui. These 'non-traditional' students are adult parents who are raising families, working, and going to school at Palamanui. Upon graduation they will make a direct impact in our community through their commitment and passion in their profession.

Each student received a \$1200 scholarship, which will greatly help them as they work towards their academic and career goals.



President Sharon Taylor , Youth Services Chair Chris Leinenweber, Community Service chair Awa HuiHui-Graffe and Palamanui instructor Ka'ea Lyons with scholarship recipients Lana Incillio, Marveen Tagupa, Toni Brown, Hope Keawe, Olanielii Colburn, & Jasmine Carter

## Mahalo

Aloha

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for your support in my educational pursuits. Through this generous scholarship award, I can look toward a future working in the field of Human Services. I just completed my Hawaiian Lifestyles Studies course, and with this cultural knowledge I look forward to being able to apply this toward my future. I am very interested in serving my communities within the areas of social issues. Through this scholarship I can also consider grant writing and learning about non-profit work as well as philanthropy. I am looking forward to creating a foundation one day that can help to assist people going through domestic violence, addictions, and children suffering from neglect and abuse.

Through volunteering in these social areas within my own community I see a great need to support our community members and their families.

Mahalo for helping me to achieve this goal and give back to my community.

*Lana L. Incillio*

## WHAT IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE?

Paul Harris founded Rotary as a business networking club that emphasizes ethical standards and trustworthy business practices. Today Vocational Service is just one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation;
- Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and;
- Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.
- Rotarians, clubs, and districts should implement the following strategies in their support of Vocational Service:
  - Strengthen the emphasis on vocation and classification in new member recruitment and induction.
  - Identify means of emphasizing vocation in club activities.
  - Create a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity in Rotary at the club and district level.
  - Focus more attention on business networking with integrity as a means of attracting and mentoring the new generation.
  - Emphasize the connection between the Four Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct (formerly called: Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions) and their importance to the values of Rotary.
  - When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their classification – their particular business or profession.

Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are The Four-Way Test and The Rotary Code of Conduct.

**Rotary**



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL  
AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO  
ALL CONCERN?

## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians



As we embark on the new year let's reflect on some things we have been working on thus far. Cheers to an awesome second half as we move forward in the new year!

- Participated in Konawaena High School's Scholarship Informational Meeting for parents & students
- Wrote a grant for Kona Literacy Council, a local agency with trained tutors who provide free one-on-one and small group basic literacy and ESL skills.
- Volunteered at free Secure Your ID Day shredding event. Multi club event in partnership with Better Business Bureau.
- Provided \$1,000 grant to Aloha Theater
- International Service:
  - Working on Bill Cliff Memorial project, a Learning Center in his beloved South Africa
  - Global Grant participation with Myanmar/Taiwan project
  - Will be hosting our Mizusawa, Japan sister club at our 50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner
- Partnered with HOPE Services to provide a Thanksgiving meal to the homeless members in our community
- Donated \$500 to VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
- Awarded several scholarships to Hawaii Community College Palamanui students
- Watered the 100 trees on a monthly basis that were planted for our Centennial Project
- Conducted vision screening to third graders in 5 of our elementary schools
- Provided wreaths for Veterans' gravesites for the nationwide 'Wreaths Across America' project.
- Provided dictionaries to each of the 3rd grade students in our mauka schools. Included a presentation on how to utilize the many functions of the dictionary. This is a project students look forward to each year.
- Participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony and provided lunch.
- Provided scholarships to needy children so that they could participate in the Summer Art Camp at SKEA (Society for Kona's Education and Art)
- Donated \$500 to Aloha United Way and KAPA Radio school supply drive
- Continuing our camaraderie within our Rotary ohana:
  - ◆ Installation Dinner
  - ◆ Halloween social at Elks
  - ◆ Christmas Party
  - ◆ Multi-Club Social with our District Governor
  - ◆ Multi-Club Polio Plus fundraising dinner
  - ◆ Off site visit to Puna Geothermal Plant
- Volunteered as Safety Marshals at the **4th of July** and **Christmas Parades**
- Participated in PRLS (Practical Rotary Leadership Seminar) a Saturday training to help strengthen our club
- Proudly wore our Rotary shirts, decorated a float and participated in the **Kamehameha Day Parade**
- Multi-club Polio Plus fundraising dinner at Daylight Mind ocean front restaurant
- Multi-club Rotary *Menehune Food Drive* in which we raised needed funds and food donations for the Food Basket, an organization that provides food for our community's needy
- Donated \$500.00 to the Elderly Recreation Program for the annual Ground Golf Tournament
- Volunteered at the Senior Citizen Center's Halloween Ground Golf event
- Adopted 12 children for the holidays and bought them toys, clothes and needed supplies

*Happy  
New Year*





## Looking Back as We Move Forward

The 1971-1972 year was headed up by President Hisashi Kimura. He worked with Vice President Don Walker, Secretary John Ahuna and Treasurer Shizuo Uchimura. The club participated in the Outdoor Circles' anti-litter and cleanup campaign. The GSE (Group Study Exchange) team from Australia enjoyed a deep-sea fishing trip and golfing with the two Kona clubs. Kona Mauka sent a wheelchair to Vietnam as one of the community service projects. The year ended with a joint Installation Dinner with the Rotary Club of Kona with their Rotary-Anns. Beverly Sakamoto won the Hedemann Scholarship.

### Rotary 2017-18 D5000 Official Aloha Shirt

#### Official D5000 DG & Presidents Shirt



Right Sleeve  
Embroidery Detail

Men's relaxed fit short sleeve button front shirt with coconut buttons in reversed print 100% cotton broadcloth with matched front and pocket. The print name is "World Voyage" with images of the ship and the original mapped route. It is available in "navy" and "cream". A portion of our sales of these shirts is donated to the Hoku'lea world voyage.

More info on the voyage can be found at [www.hokulea.com/worldwide-voyage](http://www.hokulea.com/worldwide-voyage)

Women's short sleeve button front blouse with coconut buttons in reversed print 100% cotton broadcloth (non-matched front, no pocket). Available in "navy" and "cream".



# \$65

ORDER ONLINE AT:  
[www.url.com](http://www.url.com)

This year, D5000 Rotarians have TWO Official Aloha Shirts to choose from. Tori Richard has done it again with a timeless pattern - and impeccable styling.

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Join us in the birthplace of  
The Rotary Foundation, as  
we toast 100 years of  
Doing Good in the World.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**ROTARY CONVENTION**  
**10-14 JUNE 2017**  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)



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

### Rotary D5000 District Conference!

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

Inspiring speakers, great  
social activities, beautiful  
locale.

*Please Save This Date!*

Kona Mauka Rotary's



# Valentine Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 11, 2017

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

@ the Beautiful Malulani Pavilion at Holualoa Inn Estates

Featuring fine wines, delicious food,  
live music, mouthwatering desserts,  
magnificent views &  
an exclusive silent auction

To reserve tickets, contact Carol  
@ 808.326.9592, 808.896.2397 or  
[rotaryvalentines@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryvalentines@gmail.com)

Proceeds to go toward  
scholarships for local  
students and other  
community projects

What can you do?

- Help secure silent auction items
- Sell tickets. Invite your friends & family to this event of the season! :)
- Carol Gigliotti will distribute tickets starting at the January 3rd meeting.

Be a part of the only fundraiser we hold that allows us to provide scholarships to students in our community and make a difference in the lives of so many people through service projects—locally and globally.

## 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 District Governor's Message

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Clint Schroeder

January

There is a lot Happening in D5000!

Here are some very important items and some clarification that I would like to make sure everyone is thinking about:

The Council on Legislation ruling about MEETING FREQUENCY did not intend for our clubs to drop to 2x monthly meetings. The amendment was made to provide meeting flexibility if you have another full-club activity planned during the same regular week. IE: A fundraiser, a full-club community service event, a social/mixer, a vocational tour, or another board of directors sanctioned non-business meeting. If you do elect to cancel a meeting, please make sure that your website, Facebook page, and the D5000 website are updated to reflect your schedule. Questions? Feel free to call me directly.

D5000 Conference - Kaanapali Maui: Don't forget to register for the District Conference on May 19-21 at the Kaanapali Maui Sheraton.

Foundation Dinner Registration is OPEN! You will not want to miss this fun-filled evening of fun and friends. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Keep up the great work on the Polio Champion Challenge - and make Membership our Priority #1!! Let me know if I can be of service to you in any way!



## Our Leadership Team



Rotary International  
President  
John Germ



District 5000  
District Governor  
Clint Schroeder



D5000 Hawaii West  
Assistant Governor  
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona  
Mauka President  
Sharon Taylor

## What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

# January

# Vocational Service Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Joined Rotary Kent: 1968 Eric 1981 Richard 1985	2	3 Annu Shionoya Peace Concert	4	5	6	7 Strategic Planning Session
8	9	10 Debbie Fowler Ala Kahakai	11 Jubilee Committee Meeting	12	13 Ken Obenski birthday Charles joined Rotary 2015	14
15 Dave joined Rotary 2002	16	17 Patrick Hurney Habitat for Humanity	18	19 Valentine Planning Meeting	20 Leonora joined Mauka Rotary 2015	21
22	23	24 Eric Curtis Paul Harris Eligibility	25	26 Greg joined Mauka Rotary 2016	27	28
29	30	31 Carol Matayoshi Going Home HI				

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

<b>January 7:</b> <b>January 11:</b> <b>January 19:</b> <b>February 11:</b> <b>March 25:</b> <b>May 6:</b>	<b>Strategic Planning Meeting</b> <b>Jubilee Committee Meeting</b> <b>Valentine Fundraiser planning meeting 5:30 @ Bob Schaible's</b> <b>Valentine Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Holualoa Inn Estates!!</b> <b>District Assembly at WH Civic Center</b> <b>Jubilee 50 Year Anniversary Celebration Dinner</b>
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## Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2016-2017

President: Sharon Taylor  
 Treasurer: Eric Curtis  
 Secretary: Carol Gigliotti  
 Vocational: Donna Hiranaka  
 Club Service: Laura Kniffin  
 Programs: Ken Obenski  
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 Greg Stille  
 Sergeant At Arms: Ken Obenski  
 RI Foundation: Gary Rovelstad  
 Eric Curtis

Membership & Retention: Dave Hiranaka  
 Carol Gigliotti  
 Steve Pine  
 Community Service: Awa HuiHui-Graffe  
 Bob Schaible  
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 Dan Montgomery  
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