



# Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka  
Chartered in 1967



July 2015

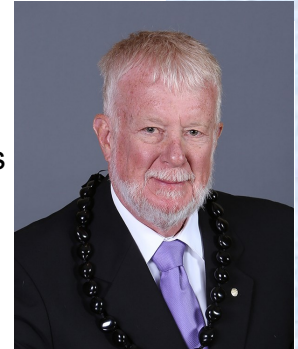
## President's Message

Gary Rovelstad

### CHANGE

Welcome to the new year for our club. As we begin this new time in the life of our organization, I want first and foremost to thank Larry for his year of hard work and generosity towards all of us. Under Larry's leadership, and with the support of many of you, our group of friends has grown by almost 50% over just the past year alone. In fact, some of our long-term members tell me that only three or four years ago we numbered just sixteen. We have more than doubled in size!

With change of that magnitude comes the excitement of the new possibilities for service that all of our new friends' skills and experiences bring to us as we seek more ways to serve our community; skills and experiences (artist, hot air balloon pilot, and professor) that can only compliment those of our long-standing members (executive, musician, lawyer, and engineer). At the same time, however, as organizations grow in size and mission, comes the need for more formality of function. While I consider our marvelous informality one of the chief reasons that we are The Club to which one should belong on Hawai'i Island, some change in how we do business will become necessary. I do not expect these structural changes to become a burden for any of us. In many cases, these changes, more reliance on our



### Speakers

#### Door Prize

July 7

Troy Scott  
Civil Defense Preparedness  
Bill Jones

July 14

Bobby Command  
County Planning Department  
Ellie Johnson

July 21

Alaio Leighland  
US Servas  
Frank Jung

July 28

District Governor's Visit  
Del Green  
Rhonda Kavanagh

### 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??)*

web site and more adherences to budgets and periodic reporting, for example, will occur almost without notice.

It is my hope that next June, when I am writing my last message, we will be able to hand to Sharon at the beginning of our Jubilee Year a club that will only make her tasks the easier because of what we will have done this year to make our club better. I look forward to being of service to you and having your help and support.



# A Snapshot of Kona Mauka

## Welcome New Members!

**Tony Calumet**

**Classification:**  
General Manager,  
Pacific Media  
Group

**Sponsor:** Awa

**Karla Calumet**

**Classification:**  
Professor

**Sponsor:** Donna



2014-2015 Rotarians of the Year: Sharon Taylor and Bob Schaible

## Transitions to a new Rotary year in Hawaii West



Bev, Kona Sunrise, with a beautiful lei po'o at Induction Dinner



Erik, North Hawaii, getting a little support from his friends at Induction Luncheon



Larry presenting Gary with his Presidents Badge

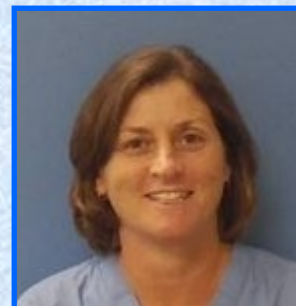
## Rotary Travels



Rotary in our community: Billboard recently scene while traveling though Seattle airport



Bill and Gabriella funded an after school feeding project through the Fundijobo Interact Club in White River, South Africa



Wendi Wagner talked about the Trauma Unit at Kona Community Hospital



Chantal Chung with SeaGrant water project

# Member Spotlight



**Name:** Leonora Prince

**Spouse:** Bill

**Where do you live:** Kona

**Where did you grow up:** Alaska

**Favorite thing to do:** Swim with big things in the ocean

**Favorite Movie:** Somewhere in Time

**Favorite Book:** Bible

**Occupation:** Real Estate

**Why do you like being in Rotary:** Camaraderie and community service

**Who inspired you in life?** Many mentors, probably my brother who I lost

**Hobbies:** Swimming, art, interior design

**Anything else you'd like to share about yourself?** First

woman to work in the field on the trans Alaska pipeline in the northern section

**Favorite quote:** If God closes one door that means there's something better coming .



Leonora swimming with a whale shark

Start with Rotary  
and good things happen.





As we begin our next 100 Years . . .

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Be a gift  
to the world



Rotary

K.R. Ravindran  
2015-16 President, Rotary International

## A New Year in Rotary!

As we embark on a new Rotary year with Gary Rovelstad at the helm, let's revisit our beginnings.

By the mid-1960s the Rotarians in Kona agreed that a new club was needed in the district because meeting make-ups were very difficult. That year's District Governor, Paul E. Heckenlively, agreed to the establishment of the new Rotary Club in Kona Mauka. President Richard "Dick" Denison of the Rotary Club of Kona spearheaded the project as the District Governor Representative, and was assisted by David Fraser. The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka became a reality on February 20, 1967 when it was admitted into Rotary International.

The members of the new 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.

As we enter our 2015-16 Rotary year D5000 celebrates 100 years of Rotary in Hawaii! It all started with the Rotary Club of Honolulu back in 1915. Today our district continues to grow and thrive as D5000 now have 51 clubs! Imua!

## 2015-2016 Centennial Leadership Team!

North Hawaii: Erik Jacobson  
Kona Mauka: Gary Rovelstad  
Kona: James Resor  
Kona Sunrise: Bev Fraser

Assistant Governor: Donna Hiranaka  
District Governor: Del Green

*Looking forward to a new year  
as we celebrate 100 years of  
Rotary in Hawaii!*



The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka has held 2 Strategic Planning Sessions, the first in 2010 and the second in 2013. President Gary Rovelstad plans to hold a follow up planning session so that members can revisit these goals and acknowledge items that have been addressed, determine which ones no longer fit our club, focus on items that still need to be addressed, and identify new systems that will help us as we move forward.

## AUGUST 21, 2010

### What Do We Look Like in 2015?

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 world-wide?

1. What the Club stands for in your Community:

- We have community and international projects which unite our members
- 100% member participation

2. Our club size in 2015: 30 *(the club had 19 members at the time)*

3. Our Attributes:

- We are friendly
- We have the beset fellowship

4. In Club Service, we:

- Have the best programs
- We have such good public image that people want to join our club

5. In Vocational Service, we:

- Have the best mentoring program-adopt a student, summertime interns, tutoring programs
- Have set up a program in industrial arts

6. In Community Service, we:

- Have established a process to determine which organizations need assistance from us.
- Have Keiki vision set up in every school and insure that non-passing students' needs are addressed

7. In Humanitarian Service, we:

- Have raised \$30,000 yearly
- Have a trained grant writer

8. In International Service, we:

- Are a partner in one major international project yearly and are the lead club in one every other year
- Are known for excellence in Youth Exchange program

9. Because of our Foundation success and Foundation fund raising achievement, we:

- Have a clear understanding by all members of foundation giving and our return
- On our investment into the RI Foundation.
- We have 100% Paul Harris Fellows of all members who have been in the club more than 5 yr.

10. Because of our Leadership Development, we:

- Have all members involved at least in a committee
- Have our first District Governor
- Our sponsors are mentors to newer members and our newer members are welcomed

## JUNE 4, 2013

### The Planning Process For The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

The Plan identified three planning priorities. These priorities do not replace things we already do, such as fundraising or our community service projects. The priorities are an expression of other items that members want emphasized. They are:

- Strong mentoring program/member retention/fellowship/ohana  
***Dave will be responsible for this item***

A tie:

- Support the Foundation and International Projects  
***Jacob and Bill C will head this up***
- Public Relationships  
***Jay will head up the PR***
- RYLA  
***Kari will head up the action plan***

The important thing is that there was an Action Committee (Jay, Rod and Larry). Their purpose is to make sure that the committees charged with the above keep on track and report their progress on a periodic basis.

The Pau Hana meeting on July 2 is an important one as it is the second step in the planning process. It is where the action steps for each committee will be formulated, so that we all know where we are headed. Please read the plan and come to the meeting to assist in developing and carrying out action steps for the same!

## ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Rotary's new member benefits program gives Rotary members access to discounts on a variety of products and services selected with their interests in mind.

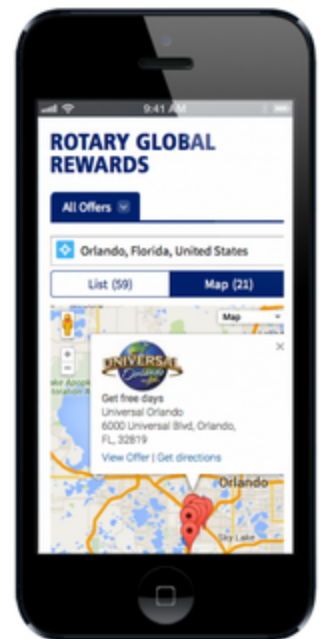
### DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS

When Rotary Global Rewards launches in July, the program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. More products and services from companies around the world will be added throughout the year. Check back often to see what's new in Rotary Global Rewards.

### HOW IT WORKS

Anyone can view the offers and discounts on Rotary Global Rewards. But only Rotary club members who are signed in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem them. You can access and redeem rewards from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Create a My Rotary account now so you're ready to take advantage of the new member benefits program when it's available. If you need help creating an account, see the [How to Create a My Rotary Account quick guide \(PDF\)](#).



### ROTARY SUPPORT

If you have questions about specific offers, please contact the company directly. They have the most knowledge about their discounts. Contact information is available on each company's website.

## Community Partnerships



As a thank you to Rotary club members involvement in our community, Mokulele Airlines is offering the Rotary Clubs on the Big Island 10% off their next flight on Mokulele Airlines.

Please use promo code: **RotaryKona10** when booking directly through their site at [www.mokuleleairlines.com](http://www.mokuleleairlines.com). Offer is valid for travel through September 1, 2015 on select fares.



*Mokulele Airlines*

HAWAII'S #1 ISLAND HOPPER



## District Governor's July Message

### Del Green

Aloha kakou!

I am truly humbled and extremely honored to be the District Governor in 2015-16. In this momentous Rotary year, we proudly celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Hawai'i, as our spry "mother club," the Rotary Club of Honolulu, marks its 100th anniversary on July 1, 2015.

While a lot has changed in the State (then, Territory) of Hawaii since Rotary first came to our shores aboard the S.S. Lurline, one constant has been a selfless dedication to service. That tradition began with the Rotary Club of Honolulu, then spread to Hilo, then to Wahiawa-Wailua, then to Kauai and so on, and now encompasses a total of 51 Rotary clubs around the State of Hawai'i, including two e-Clubs.

As we embark on our next century of Service with Aloha, we are reminded that Rotary joins leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations. We exchange ideas, bring our expertise and diverse perspectives together to help solve some of the world's toughest problems. And, we take action to bring lasting change to our communities around the world.

I am proud of our past and look forward to our future. In this, our centennial year, let us build on our traditions of service, as we each go forth and Be a Gift to the World (our Rotary International Presidential Theme for 2015-16). Imua District 5000!!!

Yours in Rotary,  
Del and Diana



## Our Leadership Team



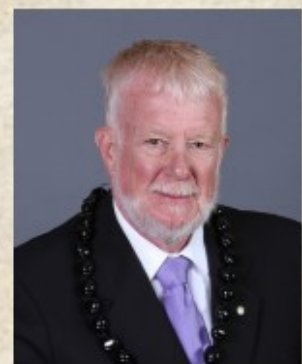
Rotary International  
President  
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran



District 5000  
District Governor  
Del Green



D5000 Hawaii West  
Assistant Governor  
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona  
Mauka President  
Gary Rovelstad

## K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those who gave great gifts to humanity: Abraham Lincoln, who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden; Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world.

We can be inspired by their example. We can be inspired to ask, how can I, *in the life that I live* – without neglecting the responsibilities that are so dear to me – how can I, too, become a gift to the world? As I considered my theme, I thought of the lessons I have learned through my Hindu faith. I thought especially of the story of Sudama.

Sudama was a poor child and a bosom friend of Krishna, who was born in a royal lineage as an avatar – an incarnation of the divine. As the two boys grow up, they drift apart, and while Krishna becomes a military leader and king of great repute, Sudama remains a humble villager.

The years go by and Sudama's poverty deepens. Finally, he lacks even food to feed his children. His wife reminds him of his childhood friendship with Krishna: Perhaps it is time to go to the mighty ruler for help. Reluctantly, Sudama agrees, but resolves that he will not go empty-handed. He gathers together a few handfuls of rice – all the food his family has left – and wraps them in a piece of cloth as a gift for his friend.

When Sudama enters the palace, he is overwhelmed by the grandeur and by Krishna's gracious welcome. His meager gift, so carefully prepared, seems a humiliating reminder of his poverty. Krishna embraces Sudama, who hides the hand holding the rice behind his back. Krishna asks what he is holding.

Far from being disdainful, Krishna accepts the rice with gratitude and consumes it with joy as the two sit and talk together. Hours pass, during which the pleasures of their rekindled friendship push all thoughts of his desperate plight from Sudama's mind. When evening falls, Sudama sets out for home – and only then realizes that he has neglected his task. He is returning with nothing, and Krishna has eaten his family's last grains of rice.

Sudama steels himself to return to his hungry children. But standing before his gate, as dawn begins to break, he sees that the hut he left yesterday has become a stately home, and waiting to greet him is his own family: well-dressed, and well-fed by the baskets of food that appeared in their kitchen as Krishna ate each grain of Sudama's rice.

Krishna understood what Sudama had brought him: everything he had to give. In return, Krishna gave him everything he needed. It is never the material value of a gift that matters – it is the love that comes with it. Just as Sudama's gift to Krishna became a gift to Sudama, what we give through Rotary becomes a gift to us. And we all have a choice: whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or give them to others, and *Be a Gift to the World*.

We have only one chance at our lives. And we will have only one chance at this new Rotary year. This is our time. Let us grasp it. Let us *Be a Gift to the World*.




K.R. Ravindran's life was molded by family, country, and Rotary. Serving as Rotary president is his way of giving back to each of them.



## What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

# July

# Literacy Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chris & Mary joined Rotary 2014	2	3	 4th of July Parade & Fireworks
5	6 Awa & Carol birthday Bill Cliff joined KMR	7 Troy Scott Civil Defense Preparedness	8 Centennial Luau with Ravi Ravindran	9	10	11
12	13 Trudy & Ed anniversary	14 Bobby Command-County Planning Department	15 Kent & Judi anniversary	16 Jared joined Rotary 2013	17	18
19	20 Karen Wilson birthday	21 Alaio Leighland US Servas	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 DG Visit Del Green	29 Leonora & Bill anniversary	30	31	

## Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2015-2016

President:  
Treasurer:  
Secretary:  
Vocational:  
Club Service:

Gary Rovelstad  
Eric Curtis  
Sharon Taylor  
Donna Hiranaka  
Laura Kniffin  
Leonora Prince  
Ken Obenski  
Donna Hiranaka  
Richard Harrison  
Chris Leinenweber  
Rhonda Kavanagh  
Chris Leinenweber  
Bill Cliff, Rhonda Kavanagh  
Ken Obenski

Programs:  
Newsletter Editor:  
Interact:  
Youth Services:  
Public Relations:  
Scholarships:  
Foundation:  
Sergeant At Arms:

Membership & Retention:

Community Service:

International Service:

Past President:

Jubilee Committee:

President Elect:

Dave Hiranaka  
Carol Gigliotti  
Tony Calumet  
Sharon Taylor  
Awa HuiHui-Graffe  
Bob Shaible  
Bill Cliff, Karla Calumet, Kent Nakamura, Joe Krawczak, Jared Crivello  
Larry Kniffin  
Don Taylor, Donna Hiranaka, Larry Kniffin, Joe Krawczak, Trudy Teshima-Gramlich, Dan Montgomery  
Sharon Taylor