



# Kona Nightingale

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

July 2016

## President's Message

**Congratulations Sharon Taylor!**



Rotary International has named July as Changeover Month. How appropriate!

As I begin my term of office, I firstly want to thank those who have gone before me. A special thanks to President Gary for stepping up to the plate when we needed you the most. You have steered the club on a steady course in a forward motion. Your gentle manner, humor and generosity are an inspiration.

As a club we are blessed to have Donna Hiranaka as our Assistant District Governor. I watched Donna shine at Pre-PETS and at PETS, taking a leadership role among all the ADG's. How proud I was that she is a member of our club. Donna is a fountain of information about our club and Rotary District 5000 and is always willing to share and to help.

Thanks to the 2015-16 Board of Directors for supporting Gary and working so hard to make our club a success. By working together we raised a net of \$42,000.00 for Scholarships, and Community and International Projects at our Valentine Wine Tasting Event.

On Page 10 of this Newsletter you will see the names of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors. Thanks to each and every one of you for agreeing to serve with me. By working together, I am confident that we can have another great year for Kona Mauka.



Of course there are challenges ahead of us. One of my main concerns, is that despite great programs, attendance at our meetings has dropped significantly.

I challenge all of you to offer suggestions to help me rectify this.

I am honored and humbled to serve as your President and will try hard to serve to the best of my ability.

### Speakers

*Door Prize*

**July 5**

Lt Patrick Kawai  
Sheriff Department &  
DGE Nalani Flinn visit

*Bob Schaible*

**July 12**

Off-site Meeting  
Tour of PGV plant

**July 19**

Tasi Autele  
Big Island Dog Rescue

*Tammy Shafer-Walker*

**July 26**

Harry Kim  
Mayoral Candidate

*Annu Shinonoya*

### 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??)*







**Welcome New Member Gary Michell!!**

**Vocation:**  
Mental Health

**Sponsor:**  
Donna Hiranaka



Mayoral candidate Wally Lau



Kona Mauka Rotarians with PATH Executive Director Tina Clothier

## PATH Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Rotarians were invited to PATH's (Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii) annual event in recognition of our tree planting/bench installation project at the new Queens' Lei Walking/Biking Trail: West Hawaii Rotary's Centennial Project



Paul Okubo  
Measuring Earthquakes

## Congratulations! Rotarians who 'Hit the Ground Running!' at the recent Kona Marathon



President **Sharon Taylor** took first place in her age division in the 1/4 marathon. **Don Taylor, Dan Montgomery** and **Michael Chung** all took place in the 1/2 marathon. Also pictured, **Heidi Bogert** from North Hawaii Rotary, who did the 1/4 marathon. *Great job!*

## Kona Mauka donates \$500 to School Supply Drive



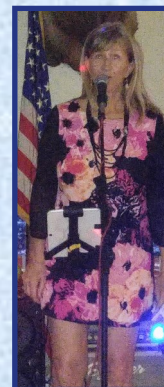
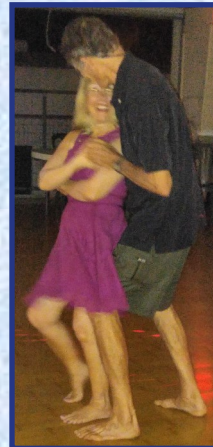
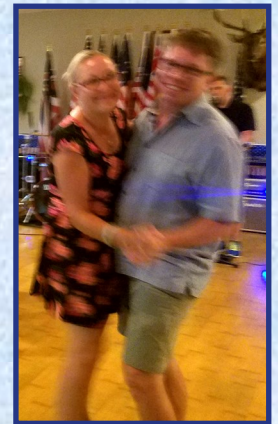
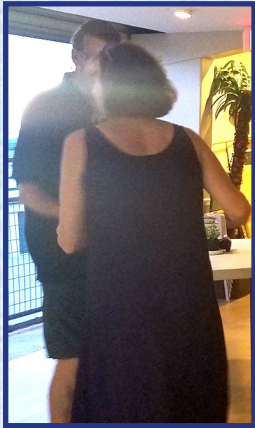
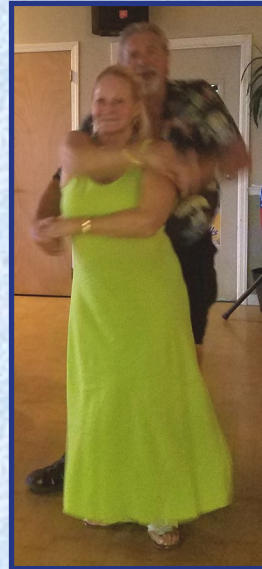
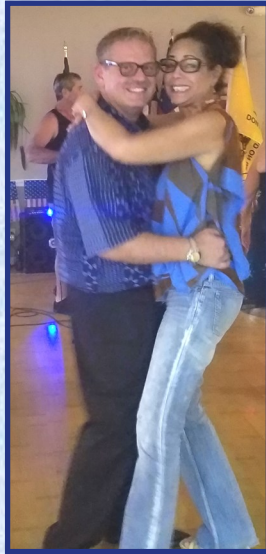
KAPA Radio's Jazz and Ka'ea accepting a \$500 donation check from Kona Mauka Rotarians **Awa Huihui-Graffe** and President **Sharon Taylor** for the school supply drive





# Installation Dinner

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## A Little History of Kona Mauka Rotary . . .

This Rotary year marks the 50th anniversary of our club. In each issue a brief set of fun facts from our early years will be included. ☺

The charter meeting was held at Teshima's Restaurant in Honalo at 6:00 pm. The program began with a general welcome by President Dick Denison of the Rotary Club of Kona. Greetings from the clubs in District 5000 were then read. The presentation of the Charter was made by District Governor Paul E. Heckenlively, and accepted by President David M. Fraser of the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. Then Fraser introduced the officers and members of the club. Following the introductions, Dr. Leslie W. Weight, DVM, administered the Charge to the New Rotarians. Regular meetings were held at 12noon at Teshima's, as they are today.



## Congratulations to our 2016-17 Hawaii West Leadership Team!

Kona Mauka:  
Sharon Taylor

Kona  
Sunrise:  
Dennis Rast

Kona:  
Lori Burgoon  
North  
Hawaii: Aaron  
Spielman

Assistant  
Governor:  
Donna  
Hiranaka

District  
Governor: Clint  
Schroeder





## Queens' Lei Project: What Next?

West Hawaii Rotary clubs adopted the first mile of the Queens' Lei Walking/Biking path for its Centennial Project. Working with PATH we planted 100 trees for 100 years of Rotary in Hawaii. We also committed to installing the benches and helping to provide signage paying homage to Queen Ka'ahumanu, Queen Liliuokalani, Queen Emma and Queen Mother Ane Keohokalohe.

**Next steps?** The benches will be installed this next month and the signage will be designed and ordered. The trees need to get watered twice a week for the next 6 months.

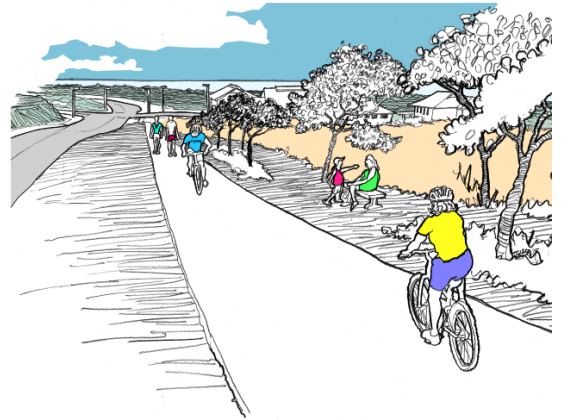
**The plan:** Several non-profit groups will take one week a month to water the trees.

**Where we come in:** Kona Mauka will adopt one of the weeks and water the trees Tuesday and Friday morning.

**How will this happen?** Kona Mauka Rotarian Bob Schaible tracked down a 250 gallon water tank that can be put in the back of a truck.

**Next step:** PATH is investigating options for a place to store the tank that provides easy access for all volunteers. We are also looking for a water source to fill the tank.

**Results?** An awesome example of the community working together for a project to be enjoyed for generations to come!



# Mahalo



**VFW**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

To Kona Mauka Rotary:

On behalf of Kona VFW Post 12122 and the West Hawaii Veterans' Cemetery Association, thank you for once again supporting our annual Memorial Day Service at the West Hawaii Veterans' Cemetery (WHVC).

Your Kalua Pork, BBQ Chicken and Chicken Katsu were among the favorite dishes at our pot luck lunch attended by more than 500 West Hawaii community members.

Thank for your continued support of the cemetery!

*John Grogen*

President, WHVC Association  
Past Commander, Kona Post 12122



## District 5000 Rotarians:

We are ready to launch the 2016-17 D5000 Polio Champion Challenge! For your generous gift of \$500 (silver) or \$1000 (gold) to the Polio Plus Campaign, you will be recognized with a limited edition die-cast medal and certificate of honor to commemorate your part in finally eradicating this debilitating disease.



## D5000 POLIO CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE A RACE TO THE FINISH LINE!

**Be recognized as a Polio Champion!**

We are so close to eradicating this deadly disease - we want you to help us cross the finish line!



## WE'RE THIS CLOSE

Only **two** countries are polio-endemic:

**AFGHANISTAN**

**PAKISTAN**



### Time Frame

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017



### Objective

- Raise \$2,650 for Polio Plus PER CLUB to qualify for the 2016-17 Presidential Citation
- AND/OR Raise a total \$135,150 D5000-Wide (\$2,650 x 51 clubs)



### Recognition

Die cast Medal of Honor and/or a Certificate of Recognition

- \$100 Gift = Bronze Level: Certificate
- \$500 Gift = Silver Level: Medal + Certificate (see attached)
- \$1,000 Gift = Gold Level: Medal + Certificate (see attached)

**2016-2017 is the year we will rise to the challenge and eliminate the threat of Polio once and for all. We cannot do it without you.**

Every dollar you give is matched 2-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 can change and save the lives of thousands of children world wide.

Awardees will be presented with the medals and certificates at all of the following events:

- 2017 RI Foundation Event to be held on January 28, 2017 at the Pomokai Ballroom in Dole Cannery on Oahu
- RI Foundation Pau Hana Events (dates TBA)
- All awardees will be recognized at the Million Dollar Dinner in May. There will be a separate function/reception for the Polio Champions with our Key Note/honored guest.



# Golden Jubilee Celebration Dinner

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Sheraton Keauhou Resort & Spa



Golden Jubilee

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka



*Doing Good Locally and Globally since 1967*

Hawaii  
**Rotary**  
District 5000



**DOING GOOD**  
*in the World*

**2016-17**  
**D5000 CONFERENCE**

**May 19-21, 2017**  
**Kaanapali Sheraton - Maui**

- » Educational Seminars
- » Dynamic Speakers & VIP Events
- » Club & Individual Awards
- » Rotary International Foundation Million Dollar Dinner

**Conference Chairs**  
Joanne & Larry Laird

For more information  
call 808-737-1991 or  
email [glory.king@aol.com](mailto:glory.king@aol.com)  
[www.d5000conference.org](http://www.d5000conference.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE 10 - 14, 2017**



CELEBRATING



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**ATLANTA 2017**  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## THINGS TO KNOW

**WHAT:** 2017 Rotary International Convention and Centennial Celebration of The Rotary Foundation

**WHEN:** June 10-14, 2017

**WHERE:** Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia USA

**WHO CAN ATTEND?** Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Peace Scholars, GRSP, Students, Alumni, Family and Friends of Rotary

**REGISTRATION:** Convention and Hotel Registration opens on May 28, 2016

<b>REGISTRATION FEES:</b>	May 28 - Jun 6, 2016.....	\$265.00
	Jun 7 - Dec 15, 2016.....	\$340.00
	Dec 16, 2016 - Mar 31, 2017.....	\$425.00
	On Site Registration.....	\$490.00

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [rotaryconvention2017.org](http://rotaryconvention2017.org)

**Rotary's District Conference in May and Rotary International Convention in June.**

Taking part in these conferences help you to grow as a person and a Rotarian .

Awesome side benefit? Our renewed passion and connections help our club continue to GROW and THRIVE.

**Join Us!**



John Germ

## July 2016

Today, we look ahead toward a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio. Wild poliovirus caused only 74 cases of polio in 2015, all of them in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As we continue to work tirelessly toward our goal of eradication, we must also look beyond it: preparing to leverage our success into even greater successes to come.



Local Rotarians with Rotary International President John Germ



It is tremendously important to Rotary's future that our role in the eradication of polio be recognized. The more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and, most important, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard at RI headquarters to be sure that Rotary gets that recognition. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do. We need to be sure that our clubs are ready for the moment when polio is finally eradicated – so that when people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world, every Rotary club is ready to give them that opportunity.

We know that if we want to see Rotary Serving Humanity even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. We in Rotary are all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction – together.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have the opportunity to change lives. Everything you do matters; every good work makes the world better for us all. In this new Rotary year, we all have a new chance to change the world for the better, through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.



## 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

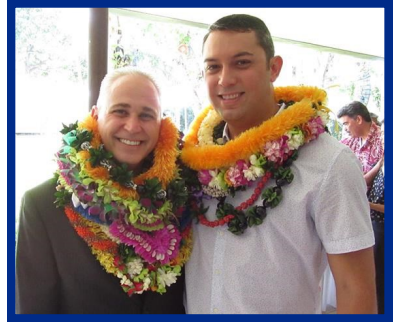


# District Governor's Message

Clint Schroeder

## July 2016: The Start of the Rotary Year

The start of something new is always exciting - and so it is with each new Rotary year. The new year is often associated with an opportunity to change and turning over a new leaf. It also provides an occasion to reflect - to look at the past, present and future. Our lives are full of significant dates for celebrating - from birthdays to anniversaries, to holidays and milestones. July 1st, Rotary's New Year, is a time to look at our clubs and district, to celebrate what we have accomplished up to today... and what we envision for our future.



Immediate Past District Governor, Del Green has skillfully led our district over the past year and we greatly appreciate his efforts. Thank you Del! And to all the assistant governors, district coordinators, chairs and officers, club presidents and officers; many THANKS for a job well done serving our district in 2015-16.

As we head into 2016-17, I encourage all of you to take some time to reflect. Consider the accomplishments and challenges experienced within your club during the past year. Take an assessment of where your club is now, and what should your "club of tomorrow" look like. Do some creative thinking, and visualize everything that is possible for your club... My challenge to you is to decide how to turn those ideas into reality.

We have assembled a fantastic D5000 team to assist you with all of your Rotary endeavors. From our district officers, governor line and avenues-of-service chairs, to the club presidents, leadership and board members - we are all ready to serve you, our clubs, and Rotary International.

2016-17 will be truly significant for Rotary. We've made great strides in the battle against Polio. The disease is now endemic in only two countries, and we are that much closer to fulfilling our promise of a Polio-free world. This year, we also celebrate a truly momentous occasion: The Centennial of our Rotary International Foundation. What started with a \$26.50 donation has since grown into a Foundation that holds \$1 billion in assets and has spent over \$3 billion on programs and projects to make a difference throughout the world.

2016-17 Rotary International President, John Germ has given us the presidential theme: Rotary Serving Humanity. As brilliant as it is simple, it truly tells the story of what we have always done - and what we will continue to do - long after our goal of eradicating Polio has been achieved. The new theme, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the RI Foundation, give us very clear direction for our 2016-17 goals/areas of focus:

Continue to build and strengthen the RI Foundation so we can further our good work at home and abroad.

Continue to build and strengthen our membership so we have the time, talent and treasure to accomplish our mission.

Eradicate Polio - once, and for all.

Simply put, our main objective this year is to grow!

- Grow our understanding and support of the RI Foundation.
- Grow our membership through new member attraction.
- Grow our membership through current member retention.
- Grow our advocacy, awareness and support of the End Polio Now campaign.
- Grow the number of sustainable projects we support both locally and globally.
- Grow our general Rotary knowledge and share our story as often as possible.
- Grow our Rotary leadership talents both in and beyond our clubs.
- Grow our promotional efforts of our club activities and the Rotary brand.
- And last but not least, Grow the value that we provide to our members, partners, and project beneficiaries.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to be serving as your 2016-17 District Governor. Hawaii's District 5000 is a vibrant, growing and dynamic place to be a Rotarian. Your 2016-17 leadership team is prepared to help make you, your clubs, the district, and Rotary International even stronger over the coming year.

I look forward with you to a year of great accomplishments and of Rotary Serving Humanity.

Yours in Service,


Clint Schroeder  
D5000 District Governor 2016-17





## What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

### July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chris & Mary joined Rotary 2014	2
3	4  Parade & Fireworks	5 Lt Patrick Kawai Sheriff Department & DGE Nalani Flinn	6	7 Awa's Birthday	8	9
10	11	12 Tour of PGV plant	13	14	15 Kent & Judi anniversary	16
17	18	19 Tasi Autele Big Island Dog Rescue	20 Karen's Birthday	21	22	23
24	25	26 Harry Kim Mayoral Candidate	27	28 Leonora & Bill anniversary	29	30
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**July 4:** Kona Mauka Rotary will be Safety Marshals at the parade

**Aug 16:** DG Clint Schroeder—Lunch Club Visitation (Board Mtg @ 10:30)

**Aug 17 (Wed):** Multi-Club Social for DG Clint Schroeder @ Linda Jane Kelly's

## 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  
 Newsletter: Donna Hiranaka  
 Youth Services: Chris Leinenweber  
 Sergeant At Arms: Ken Obenski  
 Public Relations: Dan Montgomery

### Membership & Retention:

### Community Service:

### RI Foundation:

### International Service:

### Past President:

### Jubilee Committee Chair:

### President Elect:

### KMR Foundation President:

Dave Hiranaka  
 Carol Gigliotti  
 Steve Pine  
 Awa HuiHui-Graffe  
 Bob Shaible  
 Tom Sorensen  
 Gary Rovelstad  
 Kent Nakamaru  
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 Don Taylor  
 Laura Kniffin  
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