



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

July 2017

President's Message

Laura Kniffin

Wow what a great Installation Dinner....KC Mahoney, new President for the Kona Sunrise Club and myself were truly blessed when our fellow VFW Auxiliary came out in mass with incredible amounts of food, and good food at that.

Wonderful turnout of club members, family and friends. Good music with hula performed by KC and our own District Governor Nalani Flinn. Special thanks are given to Sharon Taylor our newest Past President, can't wait for it to be my turn.

Through out the evening I was repeatedly asked what my goals are for this coming year and our club and I responded with the most important thing I could think of.....I don't plan on rocking the boat. I am extremely lucky to have a Board of Directors and Committee Chairs that do a wonderful job, in other words they don't need my help (interference....haha). We have a great fundraiser that makes a lot of money for our selected giving, so what should I concentrate on?

RETENTION!!! I want us to become known as the "funraising club" have people knocking down our doors to join us. With that in mind here are just a few of the things I have been working on.

July 21, (Friday): Pau Hana at Fish Hopper (Mahalo Mauka Rotarian Sam Johnson)
Aug 27, (Sunday) : Wine Tasting and BBQ at Volcano Winery (Multi Club Function.

Special thanks to Hilo Bay Rotarian Marie Bothof, Volcano Winery owner)

Sept. 9 (Saturday): Bingo Night with the Elks and VFW (Elks Lodge)

October (ideas?).....Halloween at the Elks?

November: (date not finalized) President Elect Adam Reugh is working on a golf tournament. Anyone want to help him?

And with that, lets get this party rolling. Thank you all! *Laura*



Speakers

Door Prize

July 4

DARK: Parade Marshalls

July 4

4th of July Parade & Fireworks!!

July 11

**District Governor
Nalani Flinn**

Chris Leinenweber

July 18

**Christine Shepard
3D Modeling Live Animals**

Mary Curtis Metteer

July 25

**Jose Dizon
Paniolo Power**

Gary Michell

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??)



**Kona Mauka Rotarians
are volunteering as
Parade Marshalls to help
keep everyone safe**

A New Rotary Year!

Looking forward to another wonderful year with President Laura Kniffin at the helm!
A delightful evening filled with fun, food, dance & music as the club celebrates our new leadership.



District Governor Nalani Flinn came over from Oahu!



Immediate Past President Sharon and Past President Don Taylor



Kona Mauka & Kona Sunrise Presidents Laura and KC were inducted by DG Nalani



President Laura & President Elect Adam



Leadership Team!

KC Mahoney (Kona Sunrise), Heidi Bogert (North Hawaii), DG Nalani Flinn, Herman Heimgartner (Kona), AG Barbara Kossow, Laura Kniffin (Kona Mauka)



Nalani & KC shared a beautiful hula!



Kona Mauka Rotary Presents \$20,000 to Aloha Theatre!



Pictured L-R: Mary Metteer, Club Foundation Treasurer; Melissa Geiger, APAC Director; Don Taylor; KMR Foundation Chair; President Sharon Taylor.

Kona Mauka Rotary is proud to support the arts in the community. As part of our 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration, our foundation donated \$20,000 to Aloha Performing Arts Center to help with renovations of the building façade.



KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY
CELEBRATION PARADE
AT HISTORIC KAILUA VILLAGE KONA

Having fun sharing Rotary with the community!



Kona Mauka: Have a Rotary story to share? An experience from your travels? We'd love to hear it!!

SHARON TAYLOR RECOGNIZED MEMBERS WITH THE CLUB PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



Bob Schaible
and Dave
Hiranaka were
recognized
with the
Distinguished
Rotarian Award



Carol Gigliotti
was recognized
with the 'Quiet
Rotarian'
award for
quietly going
above and
beyond

One of the joys of Rotary, the opportunity to do make ups while traveling. Sharon pictured with a Rotary visitor from Louisiana



Sharon made a delicious Chantilly Cake for the June birthday kids, Eric, Donna and Sam!

Mahalo

Rotary friends and family surprised outgoing Assistant District Governor Donna Hiranaka with a fun filled event thanking her for 3 years of service as ADG. Along with all the warm aloha, plenty of lei, hugs, and heartfelt card, West Hawaii Rotarians presented her with a beautiful hand crafted Jacaranda wood bowl made by Dr. Kent Nakamaru.



HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION?

By: Donna Hiranaka

YES? Then you know that it can be one of the most incredible experiences of your life!

NO? Then I encourage you to attend the convention in Toronto! Dave and I attended our first RI Convention in Atlanta and it really was a remarkable experience.

ROTARY SPIRIT: First of all, the city gets transformed - the spirit of Rotary is everywhere you look. Not only do many billboards, street signs, walkways (and Ferris wheel!) depict Rotary messages and logos, but when you are in a city surrounded by 40,000 fellow Rotarians from around the world, it's really quite an experience!!

Each day there is an opening session with INCREDIBLE speakers. This year included Bill Gates. There was also a powerful panel discussion on human trafficking that included Ashton Kutcher, co-founder of Thorn (a non-profit group that addresses the sexual exploitation of children). Do you walk away depressed by these horrible issues? No. You walk away with ideas of how you can address these issues in your own community... And truly make a difference.

What to do for the remainder of the day? You can fill the day attending extraordinary break out sessions with topics that range from membership flexibility and growth, public image, leadership, youth programs, peace programs and much, much more. And explore the city!!

Evenings are filled with activities (some organized, some spontaneous) with old and new-found friends.

Looking for friends from around the world? Yep! This is the place to be. Surrounded by like minded, community oriented, friendly, dynamic people that can help you leave the world better than you found it... Priceless!

SEE YOU IN TORONTO?



Along with the museums, parks and natural beauty of Atlanta, it was fun to be surrounded by so much Rotary... Everywhere you looked!



Bill Gates gave an incredible presentation on our partnership to work toward polio eradication. He then committed \$450 million to the cause



Celebrity Rotary polio advocate John Cena did an excellent job emceeding the morning session

Ashton Kutcher joined the panel discussion on Human Trafficking



How can we help address Human Trafficking? Here are some resources

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF **WOMEN IN ROTARY!**



1950

An enactment to delete the word *male* from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn.

Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978, only to be reinstated in September 1986.

1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club in 1983, the California Superior Court rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987

On May 4, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Board "encourages all clubs in the U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender."

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing) is chartered on May 28. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members [Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.](#)

1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

2017

How many female presidents have lead Kona Mauka Rotary? **9**

Jeri Pack, Chelle Shand, Heidi Stromberg, Elina Grugier, Emily Mendez-Bryant, Donna Hiranaka, Karen Wilson, Sharon Taylor AND our 2017-2018 President Laura Kniffin



KONA MAUKA ROTARY PAU HANA SOCIAL



Friday, July 21 @ 5:00 pm

\$19 (includes tax & tip) cash bar

Shrimp Ceviche & Tortilla Chips

Crab Stuffed Mushrooms

Hummus- Kalamata, Pita, Roasted Zucchini, Roasted Carrots, Feta, & Pepperoncini's

Coconut Prawns

What's not to love?
Bring a friend, great networking for potential members



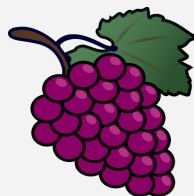
SAVE THE DATE

MULTI CLUB SOCIAL

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ROTARY CLUB OF KONA MAUKA

WINE TASTING & BBQ AT THE VOLCANO WINERY



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

COST: \$30 pp

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FUN
SO DON'T MISS IT!!!!

LAURA KNIFFIN: laurajkniffin@gmail.com 808-854-9075

Nalani Flinn

July: Welcome to a New Rotary Year!

Through Rotary, making a difference has always been the desire and goal of men and women around the world. Rotary clubs in Hawai'i have been engaged in doing just that, Making a Difference in our Communities locally and globally through our multitude of service projects.

We can feel proud of how we are making a difference by conducting Keiki Vision in schools across the State, providing life saving flotation devices on public beaches, stationing mobile medical services, protecting and nurturing our aina – our land and valuable natural resources - by cleaning and preserving ancient Hawaiian fishponds like the Waikalua Loko I'a, developing and maintaining urban gardens, preparing and serving meals to the homeless, filling backpacks with school supplies for our keiki, delivering clothing to needy families, donating gift cards so families who are otherwise unable, can enjoy Christmas.

Globally, we have shared a passion for traveling abroad building water wells and schools, providing medical equipment and surgery to help people regain their eyesight or repair conditions resulting from birth defects like cleft lip and palate, supporting orphanages, and of course Rotary International's Signature Initiative, End Polio Now.

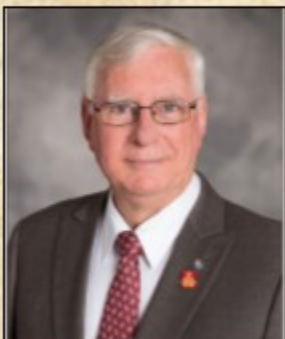
I just returned from the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia and witnessed many countries step up to pledge millions of dollars and this was topped off with a crowning touch from the man himself, Bill Gates, who committed \$450 million to the cause. It was such a "chicken-skin" moment! We are so close to eradicating this crippling disease from the face of the earth.

This is what we do. Why? Because we are in the business of changing lives.... Go make a difference my fellow Rotarians, the world awaits you. Imua!

As we celebrate the homecoming of Hokule'a and her voyage spreading Peace & Aloha around the world, let us continue this journey as we begin our voyage this year **Navigating Together to Change Lives...**



Our Leadership Team



Rotary International
President
Ian HS Riseley



District 5000
District Governor
Nalani Flinn



D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Barbara Kossow



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Laura Kniffin

Ian HS Riseley

July

There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are *Making a Difference* in the world; and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.



What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: to support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarian service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a *permanent* benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done.

For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.








Rotary



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Chris & Mary joined Rotary 2014
2 Laura's Installation Dinner @ VFW	3 Steve & Lizzy's anniversary 	4	5	6	7 Awapuhi Birthday 	8
9	10	11 District Governor Nalani Flinn	12	13	14 Susan & Tony's anniversary 	15 Kent & Judi's anniversary 
16	17	18 Christine Shepard, Modeling live animals	19 Gary & Carmen's anniversary 	20 Karen Birthday 	21 Pau Hana Social at Fish Hoppers!	22
23	24	25 Jose Dizon Paniolo Power	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 2: Kona Mauka & Kona Sunrise Installation Dinner
July 4: 4th of July Parade: Volunteer Parade Marshalls
July 11: Board Meeting with DG Nalani @ 10:00 am
July 11: District Governor Nalani Flinn
July 21: Pau Hana Social - Fish Hoppers @ 5:00 pm
August 27: Volcano Wine Tasting: Multi-Club Event

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
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Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis		
	Gary Rovelstad		
Past President:	Sharon Taylor		