



# Kona Nightingale

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

July 2018

## President's Message

Adam Reugh

Aloha Rotarians,

It's a new year, and my distinct honor to represent you all as Club President for 2018-2019.

In our Club's 50-year history, we have accomplished so much. Year-after-year, we raise thousands of dollars for scholarships, we help to identify vision problems among local youth, we aid the less-fortunate in communities abroad, and the list goes on.

Over the past few months, I've had the opportunity to collaborate extensively with fellow incoming Presidents and Rotarians from Clubs throughout our District. If there's one common theme which seems to resonate amongst all Rotarians, it's a belief that we're "Better Together".

If we focus on working better together, we can accomplish so much more. This year, my goal is to increase our impact, both at home and abroad, through greater innovation and collaboration.

Increasing our impact doesn't have to mean additional contributions of time or money. I see the difference as a requirement that we have more 'Fun' together. After all, when we're together, we're having fun doing what we love – serving the greater good.

I am truly excited about the year ahead and honored to serve alongside you. Thank you kindly again for everything you do.



### Speakers

*Door Prize*

July 3

**DARK: Happy 4th of July**

July 10

**Rick Decker**

**Underwater Photography**

*Donna Hiranaka*

July 17

**Dru Kanuha**

**Hawaii County Council**

*Carol Gigliotti*

July 24

**Nicole Lowen**

**State Representative Dist 6**

*David Hiranaka*

July 31

**Karen Eoff**

**Hawaii County Council**

*Sam Johnson*

### 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?





## MAHALO FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR



Some of the Board Members getting thanked by outgoing President Laura Kniffin. Missing: Sam Johnson, Chris Leinenweber, Bob Schaible, Lisa Folden



Laura receives her Past President pin from Incoming President Adam Reugh

## Rotary Travels



Recently seen Rotary float at the 4th of July parade on Bainbridge Island by Dave & Donna

## ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH:



Mary Kay Rovelstad (June)



Marisa Bankston (May)

## Update: Trees Along Queens' Lei Path

Kona Mauka Rotary is still caring for our 2 adopted trees amongst the 100 trees planted as part of our Rotary Centennial Project. This past month you could find Bill & Rowena Jones and Gary & Mary Kay Rovelstad watering the trees. :)

It was noted that bugs were munching on the leaves and they were not looking very healthy. This was reported to Tina Clothier, Executive Director of PATH. Kelly Greenwell assessed the trees and has started a systematic bug treatment. Good news: They will survive! Bad News: They will lose their leaves and not look so good for a while.



We will still need to water the trees as they get treated for bugs

## Our Tree Warriors!

Bill & Rowena Jones, Gary & Mary Kay Rovelstad



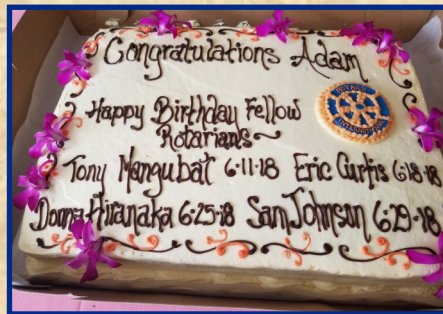


## Installation Dinner

Looking forward to another wonderful year with Adam Reugh at the helm!  
A fun night of laughs and camaraderie



Adam and his Board getting sworn in by Assistant Governor Alan Clark



Karen lead the group in song as we celebrated the June Birthdays



Hand drawn Rotary logo for the cake!  
Fish Hopper's pastry chef is the bomb!





## A New Rotary Year!

### 2018-2019 Leadership Team



### Congratulations to our New Leadership Team!

Kona Mauka:  
North Hawaii:  
Kona Sunrise:  
Kona club:  
Assistant Governor Hawaii West:  
District Governor (center):

Adam Reugh  
Robert Stout  
Nestor Domingo  
Tom Bierlein  
Alan Clark  
Win Schoneman



## REASONS TO LOVE ROTARY RIGHT NOW

### 8 REASONS WE LOVE ROTARY

#### 1. Because we are about to eradicate a disease, and you can be a part of it

We are 99.9 percent of the way toward ending polio. As Rotary and our partners work to eradicate the poliovirus in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the remaining endemic countries, we also continue immunization campaigns in other high-risk countries to ensure that the disease remains gone for good.

When your legislators speak at club meetings, make sure you bring up polio funding. "The fact we are grassroots enables us to have a tremendous amount of influence," says International PolioPlus Chair Michael McGovern. Host a community event to celebrate World Polio Day on 24 October; register your event and download resources at [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).

Donate now and your contribution will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

#### 2. Because you are connected to people who take action

Planning a project and need help?

Rotarian experts offer advice to other members through Rotary's action group network and the Foundation's cadre system.

#### 3. Because our Foundation is 100 years strong

Founded in the midst of a world war, our Foundation grew up during a global depression and a second world war to become one of the world's leading foundations. Its story is one of vision, compassion, and generosity. What began as modest projects that helped relatively small groups of people gradually expanded, and today more than \$3 billion has been spent on programs and projects transforming millions of lives around the globe. Together, Rotarians are attacking poverty, disease, and lack of education, and bringing peace through grant-funded projects in our areas of focus.

#### 4. Because we know all about social networking

In 1905, a lonely Paul Harris was looking for camaraderie and a way to build a professional network. Today, that network is 1.2 million members strong who are connected to other leaders in their own communities and around the world.

Check out Rotary's pages on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

#### 5. Because today, there are lots of great ways to be a member

Rotary clubs now have more options for members and greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet. Service projects, social events, as well as online options can count as meetings.

#### 6. Because Rotary's scholarships help the best and brightest change the world

Our work to support peace and end conflict is making the world a better place—one person at a time.

#### 7. Because science says Rotary members are happier and healthier

Rotary club meetings offer the genuine social connection that triggers our bodies to release oxytocin, the so-called happiness hormone, and reduce levels of cytokines, which are often associated with poor health and depression. In fact, data from the Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index show that adults who volunteer and receive recognition for community involvement have higher overall well-being scores and experience less stress than their peers.

#### 8. Because our future is bright

Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA—our programs for young people in their teens and 20s, are designed to mentor young leaders and bring generations together. In Rotaract, people ages 18 to 30 organize service activities, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun. Interact is a club for people ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with others in their community or school. RYLA is a leadership development program.







Convention countdown

## **THE GERMANY YOU DON'T KNOW**

When people think about traveling to Germany, certain images may spring to mind: Oktoberfest in Munich, dramatic Alpine landscapes, the Romantic Road with its medieval towns. But as those who attend the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg from 1 to 5 June will discover, there's another side to Germany that is equally captivating.

Home to Europe's second-largest port, Hamburg is known for its cosmopolitan outlook. The city offers enough canals and bridges to rival Amsterdam; two inviting lakes in the heart of the city; and easy access to nearby North Sea and Baltic beaches that stretch for miles.



You're not likely to run into any lederhosen-clad polka dancers in Hamburg, but you can visit a world-class concert hall; you might not find Wiener schnitzel on the menu, but the seafood is fresh and abundant; and any thoughts of castles on the Rhine will be forgotten when you catch sight of the huge ships plying the Elbe.

Of course, some stereotypes of Germany do hold true, even in Hamburg: The public transportation system, for instance, is efficient, clean, and easy to navigate. Convention goers will find it even easier to use, thanks to an all-access transit pass that will be included with registration.

Register for the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org).

Win Schoneman

July

## Aloha from our New District Governor!

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

I am truly honored and blessed to be Hawaii's 2018-2019 Rotary District Governor. It is a place or position that I never imagined I would be five years ago. My Rotary experiences in Romania and at the Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, California broadened my perspective on what we do as Rotarians... what is possible. I will be, forever, thankful for this experience, for those I have already met and for your trust.



Our Club Presidents are well trained, excited and committed to a year of excellence. Many of our clubs are less than twenty members strong. We struggle with the cost of doing business and member burnout. We, oft times, have the same people in leadership positions year after year. Our focus is on developing clubs that are, well, attractive. Attractive in ways that improve our member retention and create an image in our communities such that leaders want to join us and increase our service. Attracting new members that spread the cost over many rather than a burden on the few and provide diverse leaders to move our organization forward. I look forward to the time where people actively seek to join our clubs and we no longer "recruit" new members.

The pursuit of excellence, in all aspects of life, is attractive. Our approach is quality of service over quantity of service; service to our fellow Rotarian as well as our local and global communities. Excellence is an improvement process not a destination. Please, take the time to have a club discussion as to what excellence looks like for your club and I look forward to talking with you about it in the future.

I received an email from Rotary International President Barry Rassin this morning. I will leave you with this quote: "Our theme in this Rotary year is Be the Inspiration. I chose this theme because, throughout my years in Rotary, I have seen that what truly motivates Rotarians is their work. The Rotarians who have the biggest impact through their service aren't always the women and men with the greatest resources, the most experience, or the largest networks. They're the ones who are inspired. Whether it was something they did, something they saw, or someone they met, they've all had experiences that lit them on fire—and inspired them to serve."

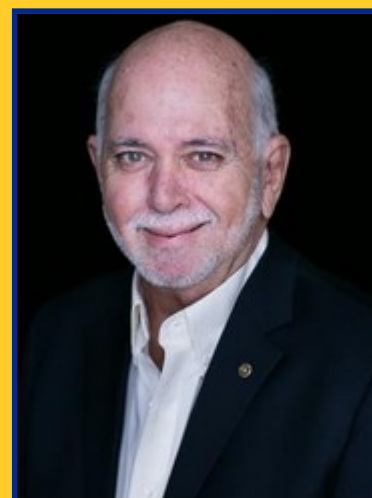
Peace be with you... Be The Inspiration!



# BE THE INSPIRATION

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## Introducing **Barry Rassin** **Rotary International President 2018-19**



One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We unite, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We take action, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to create lasting change that will endure long after our involvement has ended – across the globe and in our communities. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change in ourselves – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: "If you want to build a boat, don't begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea." Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what made us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: Be the Inspiration.

I want to see Rotary Be the Inspiration for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let's work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let's give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.



# BE THE INSPIRATION










## What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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# July

## New Leadership Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Mary Metteer & Chris Leinenweber joined Rotary 2014	 Steve & Lizzy and Patrick & Cynthia anniversary	3 DARK: No Meeting	4  happy 4th of JULY!	5	6	7  Awa Huihui-Graffe birthday
8	9	10 Rick Decker, Underwater Photography	11	12	13	14  Susan & Tony anniversary
15  Kent & Judi anniversary	16	17 Dru Kanuha County Council	18	19	20  Karen Wilson birthday	21
22	23	24 Nicole Lowen State Representative	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Karen Eoff County Council				

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 3:  
September 4:  
October 24:

**DARK**  
District Governor Win Schoneman  
World Polio Day

### Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

President:	Adam Reugh	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Assistant Treasurer:	Carol Gigliotti		Steve Pine
Secretary:	Lisa Folden	Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka	Community Service:	Bob Schaible
Club Service:	Sam Johnson	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Karen Wilson/Gary Rovelstad/ Carol Gigliotti	International Service:	Gabriella Cooper
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka / Bob Schaible	KMR Foundation President:	Kent Nakamaru
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis	Past President:	TBA
	Gary Rovelstad		Laura Kniffin