



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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President's Message

Lisa Folden



Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

Well I guess now is the time to write my first President's message for the monthly newsletter. Thank you all for your support at the Instillation Dinner. Sam Johnson really delivers when he plans a function for us. We are very lucky to have him as committee chair person for our Club Service. It meant the world to me to share the evening with family and friends.

As we start our new Rotary year, I would like to outline a few things that I would like us to focus on. As you know helping to partner with the schools in our district is very dear to my heart. One of our clubs major focus is Literacy. This ties in very well with up and coming projects with the schools. We already have our Keiki Vision Screenings in place and this just makes it easier with our foot in the door. I think we can make a huge impact joining forces with administrators, teachers and students to help them achieve their goals. Many of the schools lack in Physical Education and the Arts. Helping these schools realize their dreams with musical instruments, art supplies and gym equipment would strengthen our bond with our area schools. I have been reaching out to some of the schools liaisons to start planning for our year. We are in the beginning stages of this, so I will keep all of you in the loop with ideas and I hope you will be on board to help.

Let's all focus on our core mantra "Service Above Self". With this in mind, we will attract new members while involved with projects and sharing ideas. Lets keep an open mind and try new things! We have such a great core of members, it will be easy to grow.

I feel fortunate to be involved with such a fantastic Rotary club and fantastic people! Each and every one of you have so much talent and gifts to share.

See you at the next meeting!

Speakers

Door Prize

July 2
Heidi Teraoka
Neighborhood of Kona
Donna Hiranaka

July 9
Dana Fernandez
Hawaii Road Usage Tax
Karen Wilson

July 16
Michael Lam
Hawaii Fire Dept EMS
Ken Obenski

July 23
Club Assembly
Come be part of the
conversation
Kent Nakamaru

July 30
Fritz Klasner
Sharing Resources of Mauna Kea
Lisa Folden

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?*



Speakers

What better way to keep our finger on the pulse of our community. This past month we had dynamic speakers sharing their expertise on a variety of topics that include our local newspaper, community service organization and changes in the Hawaii road usage tax. #fingeronthepulse



Tom Hasslinger, editor for West Hawaii Today, with Adam Reugh

Tom Hasslinger caught us up on changes made at our local newspaper, which includes a 40% cut in staffing. They face challenges ahead yet all are committed to continue to provide a newspaper that keeps its readers informed of the hard hitting local news along with the many positive things that are occurring. Tom encouraged Rotary members to continue to let them know of upcoming events and if they are unable to send a reporter we could write a story a submit for possible print.

Did you know West Hawaii Today's original office was in Kainaliu, moved to North Kona Shopping Center in 1977 where it printed three editions each week in a pressroom that is now Kona Brewing Company's brewery. They moved to their current 27,000 square foot facility in early 1993.



Heidi Teraoka, Neighborhood Place of Kona

Heidi Teraoka shared information on the Neighborhood Place of Kona. They provide many needed resources to our community in a supportive, non-judgmental, culturally sensitive, compassionate atmosphere. President Lisa Folden has already been in communication with Heidi to see how we can partner with them this next year to help serve our keiki.

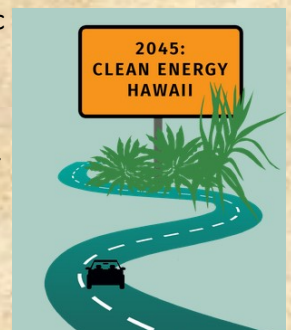
They are a community based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving families in West Hawai'i communities since 1997. Through partnerships with public and private agencies and groups, Neighborhood Place of Kona has become a Pu'uhoonua (place of safety and peace) where all families are welcome.



Dana Fernandez with HiRUC (Hawaii Road Usage Charge)

Dana Fernandez provided a very informative talk on changes being looked at for Hawaii Road Usage Charge. She represents HiRUC (Hawaii Road Usage Charge Demonstration). They are seeking community input on changes being looked at for paying for the safety, upkeep, and improvement of our roads in the future. Why are changes needed? The gas tax will not be a reliable source of funding as cars become more fuel efficient and electric cars, hybrid and even hydrogen powered cars become more common.

A road usage charge (RUC) is one approach for paying for roads, based on the number the miles you drive. HiRUC includes many opportunities for public involvement and Hawaii wants the community's input on what a road usage charge to pay for our roads could look like.





District 5150 District Governor Jayne Hulbert made a special trip to Rotary Club of Kona Mauka to present Amy Decker with a Paul Harris award.

Amy was very instrumental in helping at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany in June. She then made so many wonderful connections with Rotarians from across the globe on the river cruise that followed. Lifelong memories were made by all!

The Rotary Foundation ended up receiving several thousand dollars in donations from the participants on the cruise.

Mizusawa, Japan in the House!

Two members from our sister club in Mizusawa paid a visit recently. Bill and Rowena Jones picked them up at the airport and transported our guests to a dinner social and Kent and Judi Nakamaru's home. Karen Harrison and her Barbershop Quartet entertained us all with several songs and then ET ended the evening with a traditional Japanese song. We shared a wonderful evening together and look forward to seeing a large number of their membership at our 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu!



Food, fun, music and camaraderie with our sister club from Japan!

Flag Exchange



District Governor Jayne Hulbert from District 5150 joined our meeting recently and did a flag exchange. She then presented President Lisa Folden with their district pin that includes an image of the Golden State Bridge, the Rotary logo and the word 'Celebrate!' (pictured). As she explained, her district celebrates in all that Rotary has to offer the world, and its members!



Rotary provides such wonderful opportunities for making friends from across the globe. Jayne and her husband Gene Duffy were a wonderful addition to our meeting on Tuesday.

Portable Libraries Ready to Launch!



Do you have a perfect location in mind for a Community Library? A portable 'Take One, Leave One' that can help promote literacy in our community? We can wall mount or provide a free standing base, as needed.

Let Bob Schaible know at 209.815.6260

Do you have books you would like to donate to the libraries?

Let Erin Henschel know at 940.228.9790

Let's all work together to get this awesome project launched!



Rotary Club of Kona Mauka Recent Recognitions



Kona Mauka Rotary was recognized for another year of serving our community under the leadership of President Adam Reugh. Great job everyone . . . 52 years of service, camaraderie and wonderful friendships.

There are many terms and elements of Rotary that all are not completely familiar with, so let's take this monthly opportunity to break things down and explain in a little more detail. . . :)

A Brief Rotary History

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later. As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: *Service Above Self*. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called *The 4-Way Test*, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Mark Daniel Maloney

July 2019

I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.



Eric Kaler

Eric was first introduced to Rotary in 2000 upon moving to Bali, Indonesia. There he joined the Rotary Club of Bali Nusa Dua. As with most of us, Eric saw the connections and network of Rotary as a way to build trust and relationships with the prominent business people in the area. He naturally also became involved in both the community service and international service projects that the club was engaged with.

In late 2002, when the Bali Bombing attacks occurred, Rotarians in Bali stepped in to help. Through this tragedy, Eric saw first-hand the ability for Rotary, as a volunteer and humanitarian organization, to help in ways that the local Government wasn't able to. Local Rotarians started a coordination website for people from around the world who wanted to help the Balinese people in their greatest time of need. The funds raised were enough to back several short- and long-term projects for humanitarian aid to the Bali community. It was in this environment that Eric became Treasurer, President Elect, and President for the Rotary Club of Bali Nusa Dua in RY 2004-05.



Here's Your Opportunity to Attend a Rotary International Convention and meet like minded Rotarians from around the world, go to truly inspirational and informative workshops and help show the world our island home!

Be sure to go to our Rotary D5000 website to sign up!



**HONOLULU
HAWAII 2020**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

Fri Jun 5, 2020

ALOHA! We are excited that you will be joining us as a Volunteer and Ambassador of Aloha for the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu in June 2020 - Please take a moment to fill out this basic information. The Volunteer Committee will be contacting you soon. Mahalo!

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What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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Club Assembly: Please come and take part in the conversation

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

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