



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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June 2016

President's Message

Gary Rovelstad

Aren't You Glad?



I've been asked that question a lot lately. "Aren't you glad it's about over?" Well, yes and no. Overall, I have had a very rewarding time as your president and I have all of you to thank for allowing me to hold the office over the past year. All of you made my job just a little easier.

Somehow every Tuesday Carol would come early to help set up the meeting. Gwen, the unsung server from Teshima's would appear bringing our lunch at the right time. And, without asking, really, Ken, who also does not get enough thanks, would have found us an interesting, sometimes controversial, but engaging speaker, sometimes two. Donna would appear with her camera when needed, and she, Sharon, and Laura would remind us of upcoming community and club events always with a reminder about budgets and spending that Eric would reinforce. Occasionally, David would come up and remind me that his committee had a new member for us to initiate; sometimes that day!

As the year moved along, we gave away dictionaries, marched in parades, checked third-graders' vision, awarded scholarships, planted at least one million trees along the Ane Keohokalole Highway, and once again held the premier Valentine's party of the year. Sadly, at about that time, we lost Bill Cliff to time and illness.

So, am I glad it's about over? Well, I wish Bill was still with us and I don't want to see another big tree at least for another year, but I am glad to get ready to support Sharon as her year begins and she assumes office with her plans and objectives for our Jubilee Year.

Thanks again. See you at Sharon's installation on June 24th.



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Speakers

Door Prize

June 7

Will Rolston
County Energy Coordinator

Steve Pine

June 14

Wally Lau
Mayoral Candidate

Charles Robertson

June 21

Paul Okuba USGS
Measuring Earthquakes in Hawaii

Gary Rovelstad

June 28

Darlene E Martin PhD
Elama Project at Palamanu

Mary Kay Rovelstad

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??)



Maile Greenwell Melrose
Kona History stories



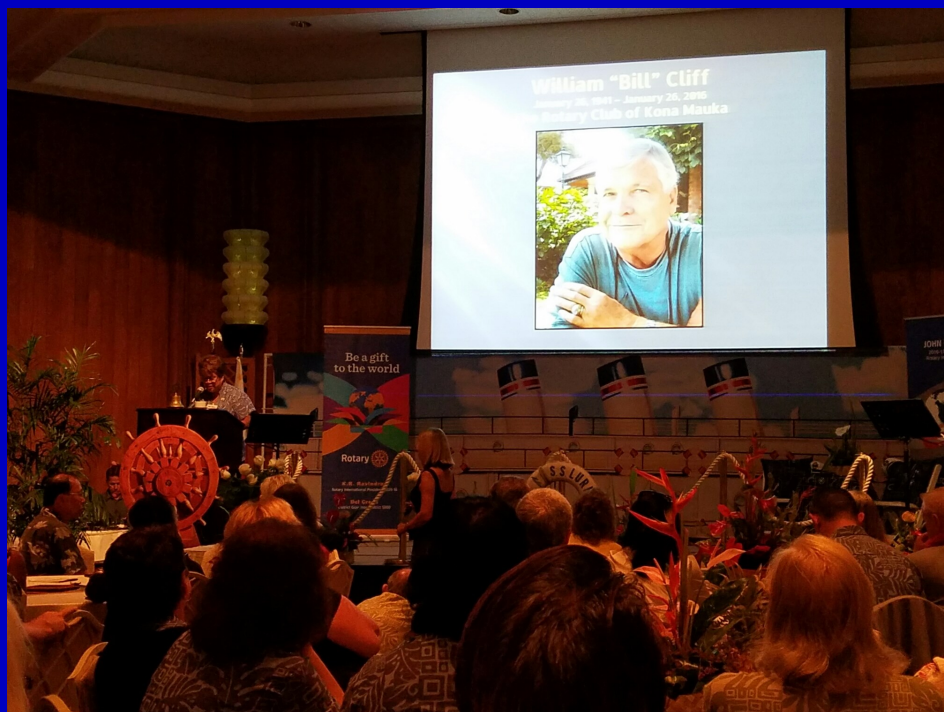
Will Rolston,
County Energy Coordinator

Rotary Travels



Don Taylor visiting the Rotary Club of Calgary

Celebration of Life at the Rotary District Conference



Bill Cliff was an active member of the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. He worked tirelessly in International Service and the Foundation. Bill had a particular passion for helping the students in South Africa and spearheaded several grants over the years, including the very first Global Grant in D5000. Through his extensive travels, he and Gabriella developed relationships with Rotarians around the world. Bill had a ready smile, unbridled enthusiasm, and a willingness to help always. He is truly somebody who left this world better than he found it.





Rotary Centennial Float at Kona's Kamehameha Day Parade



Elly presented our gift to the Royalty at the palace.

What a fun way to share Rotary with the community! Under **Elly Johnson's** leadership, several members put together a **Centennial Float for the Kamehameha Day Parade** on Saturday, June 11.

Mahalo to **Joe Krawczak** for providing the flatbed truck, which was then festively decorated by **Joe, Elly, Sharon and Dan**. Mahalo **Awa HuiHui-Graffe** for letting us decorate at the BMW parking lot, providing a tent for shade, and for making the gift to be presented to the Royalty in front of Hulihe'e Palace.

All the monstera leaves were provided by **Mary Curtis Metteer**, and **Carol Gigliotti** provided the red ti leaves. **Bob Schaible** made the frames for attaching the foliage and provided the tools for assembling. The beautiful plumeria lei were made by **Laura Kniffin** and **Trudy Teshima-Gramlich**.



Members participating by walking/riding in parade were: **Bill and Rowena Jones, Larry Kniffin, Dan Montgomery, Elly Johnson, Sharon Taylor, Don Taylor, Laura Kniffin, Chris Leinenweber, and Tammy Shafer-Walker**. Tammy's daughter Una and her friend Ina did a wonderful job handing out the candies with a friendly attitude and beautiful smiles.

A fun time was had by all and we can't wait to do it again next year.

We had many great comments and some wonderful "Rotary Moments" along the route.



Rotary District Conference at the Halekulani

Inspiration, Fun, and Fellowship . . . One of the best conferences EVER!



Introducing our West Hawaii 2016-2017 Leadership Team



We learned more about the incoming Youth Exchange students, including **Iris Zucchelli**, the student from Belgium that Kona Mauka is sponsoring.

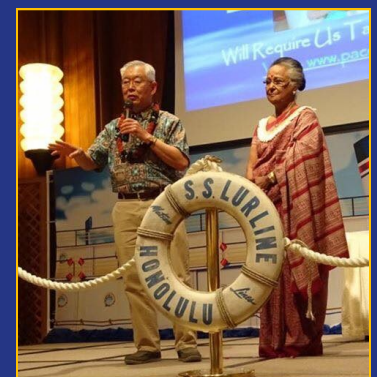
The outbound students introduced themselves in the language of their host country.



Assistant Governors presenting Del with his gift



Donna, Clint & Dave enjoying the entertainment; Makana was awesome!





Having a higher purpose in life is good for your health. Scientists analyzed 10 studies involving more than 136,000 participants, primarily American and Japanese, and found a lower mortality rate in people with a high sense of purpose.

That group also had a lower risk for cardiovascular events over the seven years (on average) they were followed. The U.S. studies evaluate a sense of purpose/meaning in life or "usefulness to others"; the Japanese studies assessed "ikigai", or "a life worth living." The analysis appeared in Psychosomatic Medicine.



Ikigai (生き甲斐, pronounced [ikigai]) is a Japanese concept meaning "a reason for being". Everyone, according to the Japanese, has an **ikigai**. Finding it requires a deep and often lengthy search of self

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION: A BRIEF UPDATE

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed legislation. The Council gives us a voice in how our organization is governed. They most recently met in April 2016. The full document can be found at rotary.org

Dues:

Currently dues are \$55 per year. In 2016-17 it goes to \$56; in 2017-18 to \$60; in 2018-19 to \$64; and in 2019-20 to \$68.

- RI revenue is approximately \$103 million per year, 67% of which are dues.
- Investment returns are down. At current dues level, the forecast is for deficits to increase by \$2 million per year for the next four years.
- The RI bylaws require a reserve of \$71 million.
- Forecast is for it to fall below that in four years without a dues increase.

2016 WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES

Each Rotary district sends a representative to the Council, our rep was Past District Governor, Roz Cooper. Representatives deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions. One area that affects us immediately is a change in our dues.



JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Fellowship brings some important ideas to mind, including sharing, connection, and community. Rotary is an amalgam of individual communities — the club, the district, the region, and the world — each offering a different type of fellowship.

Don and Sharon Taylor enjoyed a Yachting Fellowship when they lived in Canada. Dave and Donna Hiranaka joined the fun of the Wine Appreciation Fellowship at the District Conferences. Rotary Fellowships, which are open to Rotarians and Rotarian spouses, help foster international understanding and can contribute significantly to individual communities. Because fellowships must have a member base from at least three countries, they are rooted in local environments, but at the same time link Rotarians with similar interests all over the world.

Members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers participate in group dives once or twice a year at different spots around the globe. While they are in these exotic places, they contribute to a service project carried out by a local Rotary club.

Each fellowship is officially recognized by the RI Board of Directors but operates independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues, requirements, and administrative structure.

Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

10 - 14 June 2017
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA

Join Us!



JOIN US IN ATLANTA

Experience the hospitality of the American South

REGISTER

Speaking of Rotary Fellowship . . . Have you attended a Rotary International Convention yet?

No? Come to Atlanta!

Yes? Still come to Atlanta!

So far we have 2 members from our club registered. Join Dave and Donna Hiranaka and experience the awe of your first convention together. Let's all meet more of our Rotary international family at this incredible event!

Rotary International President's Message

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

June 2016

British writer and Royal Air Force pilot Roald Dahl was also an avid photographer who carried his beloved Zeiss camera on his many adventures. At a time when each photograph had to be laboriously developed by hand, on film or glass plate negatives, he amassed a collection of hundreds of images. In later years, these photographs served as a visual record of his travels, a way to document his experiences and share them with others. Yet he always spoke of his memories as being far more vivid than the photographs could ever reflect. So many events and experiences, he said, were simply impossible to capture; they could not be adequately conveyed in images or words.



Language may fail, and photographs fade; minds are fallible, and details are lost. But some experiences, as Dahl said, never dim; they stand out in our memories, even after decades, as a wall of flame. They rear up forever over the landscape of our past, dividing our lives into what came before and what came after.

That metaphor has stayed with me throughout the past year as I have traveled the world for Rotary. For indeed, this entire year has stood, and will always stand, as a wall of flame in my mind, dividing my life into before and after.

When I think back over these 12 months, I see a bright kaleidoscope of images cascading before my eyes, day after day, week after week. The anxious parents in Chandigarh, India, hovering at the bedside of the child recovering from lifesaving heart surgery. The bright flags of Nepal fluttering over an entire village that had been rebuilt after the devastating earthquake. The feeling of awe in St. Peter's Square at the Jubilee of Rotarians celebrated by Pope Francis. Joyful gatherings around the world, in so many countries, in so many languages – with friends I had never before met, my brothers and sisters in Rotary.

To serve as president of Rotary International is a colossal undertaking, one that cannot be truly conveyed in images or words. It is a wall of flame that will burn forever in my memory, dancing with light, shifting in shadow. A thousand images jostle together in my mind, a thousand recollections, a thousand emotions. Together, they form a great mosaic; together, they show the bright and glorious work of your hands.

As this Rotary year draws to a close, I am prouder than ever to be part of this great organization: one that makes the world not poorer, but richer; replaces despair with hope; raises up those whom fate has brought low; and is a gift to so many, while allowing each of us to *Be a Gift to the World*.

Rotary



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District Governor's May Message

Del Green

How appropriate that June is Fellowship month! We just concluded the District 5000 conference where friendships were renewed and new ones made with Rotarians within our District and from outside our state. To those of you that were able to attend the conference, thank you. We hope you enjoyed hearing the compelling addresses from RI Director Guillier Tumangan and PDG Deepa Willingham. Past RI General Secretary Ed Futa served as emcee for the weekend and regaled us with stories throughout the conference of his many experiences working and traveling for Rotary. And, finally, if you were able to attend the Rotary International Conference in Seoul, your fellowship quotient was even higher this month.



Del received a koa paddle from the district team

As we draw to the end of the 2015-16 Rotary year, Diana and I would like to thank everyone that has helped to make this year a great success. We kicked off the centennial year with the luau at Lanikuhonua where RI President Ravi Ravindran and his wife joined us for the celebration and ended with a great District Conference! There were centennial projects, district assemblies, and many other opportunities throughout the year for we Rotarians to learn more about Rotary from speakers and each other and deepen their friendships across the district. Thank you to the District Leadership team, club presidents and leadership, each Rotarian, and our community partners for making this a memorable year for our awesome District.

It has been my honor to serve as your District Governor. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every Rotarian in our District. I hope you will continue to Serve with Aloha and Be a Gift to the World as we move in to our second century of Rotary in Hawai'i.

Del and Diana

Our Leadership Team



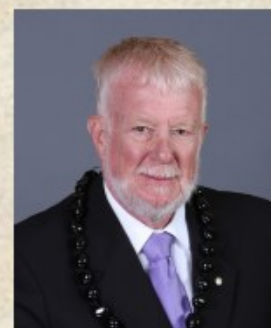
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D5000 Hawaii West
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What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Will Rolston, County Energy Coordinator	8	9	10 District Conference weekend	11 Kamehameha Parade: Cen- tennial Float
12 District Conference	13	14 Wally Lau, Mayoral Candidate	15 Charles Robertson Birthday	16 Dan Montgomery birthday	17	18 Kona Club Installation Dinner
19 	20 Eric Curtis birthday	21 Paul Okuba USGS Measuring earth- quakes in Hawaii	22	23 North Hawaii Installation Dinner	24 Kona Mauka Installation Dinner	25 Kona Sunrise Installation Dinner Donna Hiranaka birthday
26 PATH Volunteer Appreciation	27	28 Darlene E Martin PhD, Elama Project at Palamanu	29	30 Trudy Teshima- Gramlich birthday		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 24 (Friday): Sharon's Installation Dinner @ Elks Lodge

June 26 (Sunday): PATH Volunteer Appreciation @ Old Airport Pavilion 4pm

July 4: Kona Mauka Rotary will be Safety Marshalls 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 2015-2016

President:	Gary Rovelstad	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Sharon Taylor	Community Service:	Sharon Taylor
Vocational:	Donna Hiranaka		Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Club Service:	Laura Kniffin		Bob Shaible
	Leonora Prince	RI Foundation:	Bill Cliff
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Rhonda Kavanagh
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka	International Service:	Bill Cliff
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber	Past President:	Larry Kniffin
Public Relations:	Rhonda Kavanagh	Jubilee Committee Chair:	Don Taylor
Scholarships:	Chris Leinenweber	President Elect:	Sharon Taylor
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor