



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

June 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sharon Taylor



Speakers

Door Prize

June 6

DARK: No Meeting

June 7

Multi-Club Social
Linda Jane Kelly's home

June 13

Adam Reugh
Financial Securities
Larry Kniffin

June 20

William Kucharski
Dept Environmental Mgmt
Laura Kniffin

June 27

Jason Dela Cruz
DOH: Rat Lungworm Disease
Vicky Koehler

It is hard to believe that my year as President is coming to a close. It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as your President during the 2016-17 Rotary Year.

I have been so fortunate to have had such a great team working with me. Together we have conducted Keiki Vision, given out dictionaries, supported our Veterans, marshaled parades, watered trees, provided Christmas for disadvantaged Keiki, supported art and drama for keiki, held a very successful Valentine Fund Raising event, bought and installed new computers and equipment for the Kona Literacy Center, weeded and planted at the Veteran's Cemetery, honored an awesome volunteer in our community, awarded over \$20,000.00 in scholarships to graduating students at Konawaena High School, supported 2 International Projects and have grown our club by 6 new members.

But, that is not all. We have also have had a lot of fun with several social times with our own members and members of our sister Clubs here in West Hawaii and with our sister club from Mizusawa, Japan.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the celebration of our 50th Anniversary with a Gala dinner and 2 Jubilee Community Projects that will benefit our community for years to come.

On July 2 at 5pm at the VFW in Kona we will celebrate our year with our friends from the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise. I hope you all will join me as I pass the gavel to your new President, Laura Kniffin. I know Laura and her team have lots of great things planned for another awesome year for the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka.

Mahalo nui loa to all.

You have worked so hard to make our community a better place.

Individually we are a drop, together we are an ocean.

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



Name:
Susan Mangubat
Classification:
Medical Office
Manager (retired)
Sponsor:
Dave Hiranaka
Mentor:
Sharon Taylor



After a year of watering the 100 trees planted in commemoration of our Centennial Anniversary there are just a few more that need some additional TLC



NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

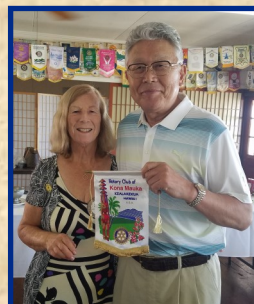


Wrapping up the Rotary year, Kona Mauka's Membership Committee hosted a New Member Social for the newest members and their mentors. During the 2017-2018 our club had 6 new members inducted. This evening was a good opportunity for the mentors to help the new members review their checklists, answer questions and explore ideas. All but one of the new members were able to

attend (Susan is traveling). Dinner and fellowship followed, it was a great night.



Gregory Barbour, NELHA Executive Director, gave a very interesting talk



Mr. Hironao Kikuchi, Rotary Club of Iwayado, Oushu City Japan and Past District Governor was here to help celebrate our club's 50th Anniversary

Mayor Harry Kim shared goals and projects for the county



Blue Zones Project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier in Hawaii



HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

Besides the beautiful views, temperate breezes and incredible sunsets, 300+ plus Rotarians came together and renewed old friendships and forged new bonds with fellow Rotarians. Hawaii West Rotary was well represented and Kona Mauka had 5 members in attendance. It was an extraordinary weekend that was enjoyed by all.

But don't take my word for it, let's all go next year! Next year's District Conference will be at the Four Seasons Ko'olina on May 18-20, 2018. Special hotel rates will be offered, rates lower than the Kama'aina rates. Early bird registration is now available. Save the dates and hope to see you all there!



Our incoming fearless leaders!
2017-2018 Presidents (see Laura circled!), Assistant Governors and District Governor Nalani Flinn



Hawaii West Rocks!



Kona Mauka Awards \$23,900 in Scholarships



The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka has presented 14 scholarships totaling \$23,900 to graduating seniors at Konawaena High School. Over the years the club has established several scholarships as a way to help young adults achieve their academic goals.

HAWAII ROTARY YOUTH FOUNDATION (HRYF)

- Robert Rogers (\$5,000)

The recipients of this scholarship participate in a thorough interview process. A small handful of students from across the state are awarded this generous scholarship, which was originally chartered by Foodland proprietor and Rotarian 'Sully' Sullivan.

KONA MAUKA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

- Tharin Ohashi (\$5,000)
- Tristan DeAguiar (\$1,000)
- Miki Fujimoto (\$1,200)
- Jesse Cordero (\$1,000)
- Teizha Kaluna (\$1,000)
- Oberon Learned (\$1,000)
- Victoria Victor (\$1,200)
- Cody Ranfranz (\$1,000)
- Javen Blackhat (\$1,000)



Kona Mauka Rotary has a long history of supporting youth in our community through scholarships.

SHIZUKO MARY (GRANDMA) TESHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Cole Branham (\$1,000)

Teshima's Restaurant has been the home of The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka for 50 years. In honor of Mrs. Teshima's 100th birthday in 2007, the Club set up a perpetual scholarship in her name. She passed away at the age of 106. Mrs. Teshima was a legend in our community and a lifetime believer in higher education.

WAYNE HEDEMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Leisha Sesson (\$1,000)

Wayne Hedemann graduated from Konawaena High School. He enlisted in the military to serve his country as a helicopter pilot and was tragically killed during the Vietnam War. His father, who was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka, sponsored a scholarship in Wayne's name. The club has perpetuated this scholarship; which has been helping students to further their education for over 40 years.

Kona Mauka Rotary invited community members to establish a scholarship to honor a loved one while helping a student achieve their academic goals. The club matched the family/friends' donation dollar-to-dollar.

JAMES JOSEPH MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Cheyshia Maternae (\$2,000)

BILL CALDER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Bailey Walters (\$1,500)



Class of 2017:
Kona Mauka
awarded 14
scholarships
totaling
\$23,9000

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IS ALMOST HERE



It has now been announced that Ashton Kutcher will speak about his work to end child sexual exploitation. Mr. Kutcher, co-founder of Thorn, actor, tech investor, and philanthropist will join the End of Modern Slavery panel discussion during the second general session. Thorn partners with nonprofits and academic institutions to gather new insights into the role technology plays in child sex trafficking, the creation and proliferation of child pornography, and the normalization of child sexual exploitation. Thorn then goes beyond insight to action to develop the tools, systems, and approaches to help address these issues.



Bill Gates will be Keynote Speaker at Rotary International Convention

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Georgia. Rotary's 108th annual international convention June 10-14 is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries.

"Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort," said Rotary International President John Germ.



NEXT CONVENTIONS:

- June 24-27, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- June 1-5, 2019 in Hamburg, Germany
- June 7-10, 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
- June 13-16, 2021 in Taipei, Taiwan
- June 5-8, 2022 in Houston, Texas, USA



JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Rotary Fellowships are independent, social groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world.

How do I join a fellowship?

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the [Rotary Fellowships directory](#). Or search our [discussion groups](#) to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

How do I form a fellowship?

- Start by finding others who share your interest.
- [Join a discussion group](#) or [start a new one](#). It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.
- Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition.

Explore our fellowships:

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.

Dear Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Mahalo 

I am writing this letter as a thank you for your generous \$2,000 scholarship. I am extremely grateful to be one of the selected recipients of this award, as it will help with my financial burden and allow me to focus more on my education.

Once again I would just like to thank you for helping me be one step closer to achieving my goals and hope to one day help students just as you have helped me.

Thank you,

Charyshia Meterne

Recipient of the James Joseph Montgomery Memorial Scholarship

John Germ

June

Growing up in Chattanooga, Tenn., my brothers and I learned young to work hard. It was a lesson taught to us by our father, who had come to the United States, alone, as a teenager. He wanted our lives to be better and easier than his had been; he wanted to give us the education and opportunities that he had missed. We always knew, when he came home at 8 o'clock in the morning after working a night shift at the paper mill, that he was doing it for us.



Looking back, through the prism of many years, I see in my father's hard work not only an expression of his love for us, but the universal desire of each generation to care for and lift up the next. And looking back at this year of service in Rotary, I see that desire reflected in each of us who have chosen to be part of this great organization. It is natural for parents to want to make things better for their children. Through Rotary, we can do so much more: We can make things better, not only for our own children, but for all children. We have the opportunity to care for and lift up those who need us the most – whether they are in our own community or on the other side of the world.

As Judy and I have traveled the world for Rotary over the last two years, we've been reminded, again and again, of what motivates us in Rotary: the simple desire to be of assistance, to give a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it means building a blood bank in Uganda, delivering an X-ray machine to a village in Guatemala, or taking care of refugees in Lebanon, Rotarians are doing what is needed most for the people who are most in need. They're working hard for the communities they care about, helping the people of those communities lead better lives.

To me, that is the essence of Rotary: that desire to be of assistance, that willingness to work for the good of others. In Rotary, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away. You don't turn your back. You say, I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone – I'm doing it with *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

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 DARK: No Meeting	7 Multi-Club Social @ Linda Jane's	8	9	10
11	12	13 Adam Reugh Securities Market	14	15	16	17
18 	19 Eric's Birthday	20 William Kucharski Environment	21	22 North Hawaii Rotary Instal- lation Dinner	23 Tom's Birthday	24 Gary Michell joined Rotary 2016
25 Donna's Birthday	26	27 Jason Delacruz DOH Rat/ Lungworm Disease	28	29 Kona Club Installation Dinner	30	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 6: DARK
June 7: Multi-Club Social at Linda Jane Kelly's
June 10-14: Rotary International Convention in Atlanta
June 22: North Hawaii Rotary Installation Dinner @ Red Water Cafe
June 29: Kona Club Installation Dinner @ Kona Brew Pub
July 2: Kona Mauka & Kona Sunrise Installation Dinner @ VFW

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2016-2017

President:	Sharon Taylor	Membership & Retention:	Dave Hiranaka
Treasurer:	Eric Curtis		Carol Gigliotti
Secretary:	Carol Gigliotti		Steve Pine
Vocational:	Donna Hiranaka	Community Service:	Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Club Service:	Laura Kniffin		Bob Schaible
Programs:	Ken Obenski	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber		Joe Krawczak
	Greg Stille		Karen Wilson
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	International Service:	Kent Nakamaru
RI Foundation:	Gary Rovelstad & Eric Curtis	Jubilee Committee Chair:	Don Taylor
President Elect:	Laura Kniffin	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
Past President:	Gary Rovelstad		