



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

June 2018

President's Message

Laura Kniffin



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Well it's hard to believe, I looked up my newsletter messages and I have now come full circle. My first one was June 2017 and now my last one for June 2018.

It has been a crazy year, definitely not the norm with everything going on for our East Side Rotary Clubs, to say we are going out with a bang is to put it lightly.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President this past year. I especially want to thank my Board. Mary Kay Rovelstad (Secretary), Adam Reugh (President Elect) and Eric Curtis (Treasurer). And, then there are all of you serving on our various committees giving your much valuable time and experience to your club. Thank you all so much.

I am so proud of what we accomplished. Voted First Place in a medium size club for Youth Services, how can we thank Chris Leinenweber for his outstanding service? Also, our most important prize was the Governor's District Citation Award. Which means we pretty much covered everything our DG asked us to do, special having a fundraiser just for Polio Plus was a crucial one for this award, and I thank you all who helped make it happen. This includes our "Pennies for Polio" that raised over \$200.00 this year, thank you.

And, let us not forget our representation to our sister club in Japan's 50th Anniversary Gala. This group attended at their own expense to represent our club. There will be a special presentation of their trip at our June 12 meeting, this should be exciting.

Remember the installation party is on Saturday, June 23rd at the Hiranaka's (what would we do without them) so sign up and/or email Donna or Sam and let them know if you are going to be able to attend.

As I review my message I see that I have said "thank you" quite a few times, but it doesn't seem like enough, so from the bottom of my heart, I sincerely thank you all again. As always, Laura

Speakers *Door Prize*

June 5
Mason Myrmo
Pacific Shoreline Preservation
Gabriella Cooper

June 12
Adventures with our Sister Club in Mizusawa Japan
Amy Decker

June 19
Gary Rovelstad
Economics
Eric Curtis

June 26
James O'Connor
Asst Police Chief
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?

In a world where
You can be
anything, be
kind.





President Elect Adam Reugh presented President Laura Kniffin with a certificate from District Governor Nalani Flinn

Quiet Rotarian Award



Adam presented Bob Schaible with the Quiet Rotarian Award: quietly getting things done in Rotary!

Youth Services Award: 1st Place



Kona Mauka earned recognition for our work with Youth Services with a 1st place District Award. President: Laura Kniffin; Youth Services Chair: Chris Leinenweber; PE Adam Reugh

Celebrating Women in Rotary

A High Tea at Hulihee Palace as we celebrate 30 Years of Women in Rotary.

Mahalo Larry & Chris for helping to serve!



Mahalo Ryan!

Mahalo Ryan Gerrits, an awesome friend of Rotary, for picking up the Mother's Day banquet food and delivering to the Pahoia Red Cross Shelter



We Won this Koa Mirror!



This beautiful koa mirror could be yours! Our club won it at RYLA and will be playing it forward by offering \$25 chance tickets. See Laura for details :)



KONA MAUKA PRESENTS \$6,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

This year Kona Mauka Rotary presented six \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Konawaena High School. Chris Leinenweber and Richard Harrison represented Kona Mauka Rotary at the Konawaena Awards Ceremony.

We look forward to keeping up with these students as they embark on their academic journey!

Congratulations to **Tori Oshiro, Eloisa deFarias, Caitlyn Ettley, Seau Amor, Mark Inouye and Austin Ewing.**



Aloha Rotarians,

It was my pleasure to represent you all for the 2018 District 5000 Conference at Ko'Olina on Oahu.

The District 5000 Conference is an annual celebration of the accomplishments and impacts that our District Rotarians make towards improving communities at home and abroad.

This year, our hard work and dedication towards supporting local youth scholarships garnered our Club 1st place in the "Youth Service" category amongst Medium-Sized Clubs in Hawaii (District 5000) – way to go, team!

Keep up the great work and let's aim high for the year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,
Adam Reugh
President-Elect, 2017-2018



Hawaii West represented at District Conference!



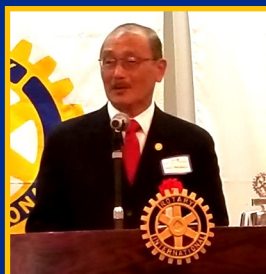
Adam accepting the Youth Services Award

What do you get when you combine: A sister club in Japan + 50th Rotary Anniversary + A Traveling Band of Kona Mauka Rotarians? A trip of a lifetime! **Kent & Judi Nakamaru, Eric Curtis and Mary Metteer, Dave & Donna Hiranaka, Gabriella Cooper, Bill & Rowena Jones, & Annu Shionoya** joined our sister club for their 50th anniversary in Mizusawa, Japan.

Three days of celebrations, parades, tours, live radio spots (Eric!), cherry blossoms, mountain explorations in the snow, and loads of camaraderie with our friends from across the globe!



A few of us with past Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka: Peace Through Service



Kent presented a speech at the ceremony



Eric was on a live radio broadcast!



A trip to the mountains through a 65-Foot (20m) Snow Corridor



Taiko drumming and traditional dances at the ceremony



A visit to the foundry where our bells are made

A plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Mizusawa East is hung at City Hall



Kona Mauka Rotary Presents Vocational Award of Professional Excellence & \$1,000 Donation to Kuleana Education



Rotary Club of Kona Mauka congratulates this year's Vocational Award of Professional Excellence recipient, Felicity Johnson. The club was proud to recognize Felicity's outstanding personal and professional achievements, high ethical standards, passion and commitment to our community, and her support of the Rotary concept of Service Above Self.

Felicity Johnson has made quite an impact on education here in Kona. She is the Head of School for Kuleana Education, a private non-profit kindergarten through 8th grade school. Now in its fourth year, the school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and has just moved to its new location at Palani Junction. She was Head of School at Hualalai Academy for twelve years.

Kona Mauka Rotary donated \$1,000 in Felicity's name to Kuleana Education, the non-profit organization of her choice.



Felicity with Amy Decker, who nominated her for the award, and Gabriella Cooper, Vocational Service chair



Amy Decker



Felicity's daughter



Susan Mangubat



Several friends and colleagues attended the luncheon ceremony to celebrate Felicity Johnson's Rotary Vocational Award of Professional Excellence

Kona Mauka Rotary Reaches Out to Pahoa Evacuees for Mother's Day

Kona Mauka Rotary partnered with several community groups to provide a Mother's Day Brunch for evacuees at the Pahoa Red Cross Shelter for those displaced due to the lava activity. Marissa Bankston helped to organize a special day for these mother's and their family. President Laura Kniffin and Marissa helped to serve the meal and Adam Gerrits picked up and delivered the food. Larry Kniffin and Adam Gerrits, along with other community volunteers, helped with the cooking.



Through these partnerships we were able to provide:

- Mother's Day lunch for 100 mammas
- Massages for moms and Red Cross staff
- Flowers with notes of appreciation for the moms
- doTERRA Essential Oils gift bags
- Aromatouch essential oil applications
- Card making station for the keiki
- Live music and hula

Support at Memorial Day Ceremony

Kona Mauka Rotary provided lunch at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. It's a somber day to remember those who have helped preserve America's freedom. Numerous veterans groups, high school Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs and community organizations participated. Lei from Kealakehe and Konawaena elementary schools, as well as West Hawaii Boy and Girl Scout troops, were placed at burial sites.



Carol Gigliotti delivered the food to West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

Help with Kauai Relief Efforts

Working through our district Rotary network, Kona Mauka Rotary donated \$1,000 towards the relief efforts on the island of Kauai. We all saw images of the devastating floods and landslides on Kauai these past several weeks causing "the worst natural disaster to occur on Kauai in 25 years." The landslides triggered by the rain have wiped out homes and had shut down the main highway leading to the island's north shore, stranding residents who live in Kauai's most remote neighborhoods, but no injuries have been reported.

Welcome New Member!



Name:
Tony Mangubat

Classification:
Surgeon

Sponsor:
Susan Mangubat

Rotary Flag Exchange



One of the joys of Rotary: meeting friends from across the globe! President Laura exchanging flags with a guest from Cloverdale, CA



Jasmine Staup, RN, BSN
West Hawaii Public Nursing

Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences. The practice is population-focused with the goals of promoting health and preventing disease and disability for all people through the creation of conditions in which people can be healthy.

Michael J Fish: Rotary Changes Lives



Past District Governor (5150) left no doubts in member's and guest's minds how his life was changed, and been enlivened in a multitude of ways through his experiences at home and abroad, with Rotarians and those served by Rotoplast and The Rotary Foundation. Michael strongly suggests visits to the House of Fellowship at International Conventions. Learn from other's successful ventures: Be heartened by what Rotary does. Participate in the changing of people's lives, including your own!

George Hayducsko, County Recycling Coordinator, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the County's solid waste and recycling facilities.



4 questions about

How to use Meetup to recruit new members

with Steve Cook, past membership chair, Rotary Club of West Springfield, Virginia

1. What led you to help create RotaryNXT as a satellite club of the Rotary Club of West Springfield?

I've been a Rotarian for 34 years, and I've watched how younger people are attracted to Rotaract clubs. I wanted to figure out how to attract people to Rotary in a similar way.

We had to change the Rotary experience, because it wasn't working. We threw out the book when we started the satellite club. We said we'll meet twice a month for cocktails, and we'll do business education meetings for younger people or new businesses once a quarter, and see if that helps. We also said we'll continue service projects with our sponsor club and do some of our own.



2. Why do you feel so strongly about the importance of attracting new members?

If we don't tell our story and we can't attract younger people, we will age out and die. I have seen this attrition – clubs that started at 110 members are now down to 40. They're losing people faster than they're attracting them. How are we selling the Rotary experience? Good businesspeople know how to succeed, but with Rotary, they forget to think about what the product is. Our product is not meetings. We are a membership organization, and service is our product. The Rotary Foundation gives us the tools to do that service.

3. How do you use Meetup.com?

We have an IT guy who suggested we use it. We put up photos and advertise our meetings and other events and have folks RSVP. What we like about [Meetup](#) is that it gives you a list of who is attending.

People also search for social networking or service opportunities on the Meetup site. They ask to join our Meetup group and are accepted by the chair of RotaryNXT.

Meetup is like Facebook – it's another social media tool to get the word out to like-minded people. There's no pressure. We wanted to reach out to those looking to get involved in the community. Meetup costs us \$33 a year and gives us great visibility.

4. Can anyone come to your Meetup events?

Yes! When we post a club meeting on Meetup, for instance, we have current members as well as prospective members who are part of our Meetup group. They do not even have to be a member of the Meetup group, though we suggest they join to find out what we are doing.

The club started with eight members in January 2016. Now we have 16. Two new members have come through Meetup, and we have 119 people who are part of our Meetup group. They get all the information about meetings.

We consistently have 19 people at meetings, often including two or three new and inquiring minds.

Find more ideas for connecting with potential members at [rotary.org/membership](https://www.rotary.org/membership).

Nalani Flinn

June

As I look back on this Rotary year, the memories and moments spent visiting you have been gratifying and special. Your presence at our District Conference at the Four Seasons Hotel filled the event with a lot of Aloha. Working together, sharing stories, singing, dancing, playing music, and making new friends has been just wonderful and I thank the District Conference Committee for all their hard-work. Your positive remarks made the effort worthwhile and I thank you for that.



June is the last month of this Rotary year and is designated as Rotary Fellowship month. Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. To join, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> and contact a fellowship directly or check out the links on the page. I'm sure there is something for everyone. If not, check out the instructions on starting one. In District 5000, we have an active Wine Fellowship and invite you to join us by contacting Liz Kane (RC of Honolulu Sunset or Charlene Meyers (RC of Hilo) for more information.

As we prepare for the 2018-19 District Leadership Team, don't forget to take care of your District and Rotary International dues by the end of the month, input your club goals online, and update your club directory.

In closing, I wish to express my heartfelt Aloha for joining me on our Rotary voyage "Navigating Together to Change Lives." It has been a real pleasure serving you as District Governor and working together as we continue "Making a Difference the Rotary Way."

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Nalani Flinn

District Governor 2017-2018

Hawaii District 5000



Ian HS Riseley

June

For 60 years, choosing a theme has been the privilege, and sometimes the challenge, of each incoming president. Looking back on those past themes opens a small window into the thinking and the vision of each leader – how they saw Rotary, the place they saw for Rotary in the world, and what they hoped Rotary would achieve.



When my turn came to choose a theme, I did not hesitate. I knew immediately that our theme in 2017-18 would be Rotary: Making a Difference. For me, that small phrase describes not only what we do now, but what we aspire to do. We want to make a difference. We strive to help, to have an impact, to make the world a bit better.

Over the past two years, I have seen so many ways that Rotary is doing just that. In California, after the devastating wildfires last year, I saw Rotarians Making a Difference to those who had lost everything. In Guatemala, I saw the difference that simple wood stoves are making in the lives of women who had been cooking on open fires: They no longer breathe smoke when they cook, they spend less time gathering firewood, and they are using their stoves to start small businesses. In Israel, I visited a Rotary-supported hyperbaric center that is helping brain injury and stroke patients return to healthy, productive lives. In communities around the world, Rotarians are Making a Difference by resettling refugees, immunizing children, ensuring a safe blood supply, and helping young people learn and thrive.





All over the world, I have been a part of Rotarians' commitment to planting trees. As this issue of The Rotarian goes to press, we are still awaiting the final count of trees planted, but I am delighted to announce that we have already far surpassed our original goal of 1.2 million trees, one new tree per Rotarian. And, all over the world, Rotary is continuing its advocacy, fundraising, and support for polio eradication. Last year, wild poliovirus caused only 22 cases of paralysis in only two countries. I am confident that soon that number will be zero, and we will begin a new phase in the timeline of eradication: counting down at least three years from the last sign of wild virus to the certification of a polio-free world.

As Juliet and I return home to Australia, we will bring warm memories of the places we have visited, the friends we have made, and the service we have seen. Thank you, all of you, for the tremendous work you are doing, through Rotary: Making a Difference.



June

Rotary Fellowships Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Mason Myrmo Pacific Shoreline Preservation	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Japan Trip: Highlights from Mizusawa	13	14	15	16
17 	18  Eric's Birthday	19 Gary Rovelstad Economics	20	21	22	23 Adam's  Installation Dinner
24	25  Donna's Birthday	26 James O'Connor Asst Police Chief	27 Gary Michell joined Rotary 2016	28	29	30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 23: Installation Dinner for Adam Reugh @ Hiranaka's Home
July 1: The Start of a New Rotary Year

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
Vocational:	Gabriella Cooper	Community Service:	Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Newsletter:	Donna Hiranaka		Bob Schaible
Club Service:	Sam Johnson	Public Relations:	Donna Hiranaka
Programs:	Ken Obenski		Lisa Folden
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber/John Smith	International Service:	Karen Wilson
Fundraiser:	Dave Hiranaka / Bob Schaible	KMR Foundation President:	Kent Nakamaru
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	Past President:	Don Taylor
RI Foundation:	Eric Curtis		Sharon Taylor
	Gary Rovelstad		