



Kona Nightingale

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President's Message

Adam Reugh

My Fellow Rotarians,

It's with great honor and pride that I write you this final President's Message.

First and foremost, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. As I think back on these last 12 months, I'm simply amazed and inspired by the personal commitment of so many of you. The impacts of your generous contributions will ripple throughout this community and abroad for generations to come.

From Dr. Suess readings and vision screenings, to elegant evenings of wine tasting and fundraising, you made all the difference. We began the year with thick vog from the eruption and a hurricane to boot, but they didn't slow us down. Together, we made great strides and the future is bright.

A special 'thank you' goes out to our Boards & Committee Members. We couldn't have done it without you and you're very much appreciated. Thank you all so kindly again for your support and for making this a year that I'll never forget.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Adam Reugh



Speakers Door Prize

June 4
Patrick Toal
Alzheimer's Association
Donna Hiranaka

June 11
Pau Hana @ Fish Hopper
No lunch meeting
Erin Henschel

June 18
Aaron Ikeda & Maverick Kanemoto
Konawaena HS turns 100
Gabriella Cooper

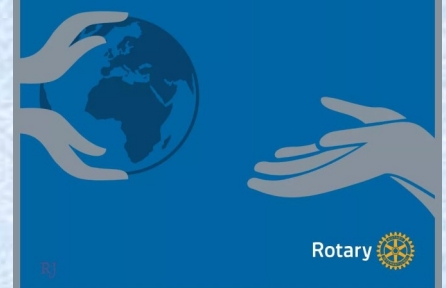
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Tom Hasslinger
West Hawaii Today editor
Gary Rovelstad

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?

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

— Chief Seattle



This past month Kona Mauka Rotary had a club assembly and a Pau Hana Social instead of regularly scheduled speakers. We then welcomed speakers on the remaining Tuesdays. This provided a wonderful mix of taking care of club business, planning for the future, socializing with one another and keeping our finger on the pulse of our community projects and happenings.

Palamanui Village Project



Vision

The project's vision is to build a "University Village" community around the college, a community where local residents can live, work, play and of course, learn.

Pālanuanui's \$22+ million investment with the University of Hawaii to build the Hawaii Community College Pālanuanui campus is laying the foundation for community building in West Hawaii and long-term success for the college.

Designed to be completed in four phases over a 20-year timeline, the project will build new homes for middle income local families, a University Village Town Center commercial development to support the adjacent com-

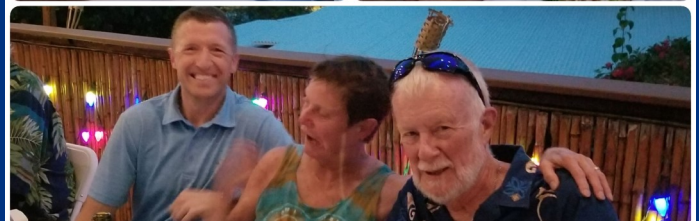
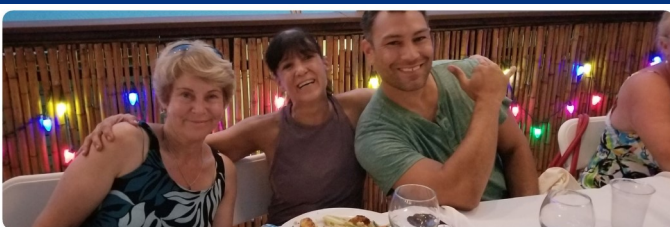
Konawaena High School Turns 100!



Maverick Kawamoto and Aaron Ikeda are heading up the activities for the 100th anniversary of Konawaena High School. Kona Mauka Rotary looks forward to pitching in and helping. :)

Pau Hana fun can't be beat!

Delicious food, great views, private venue, and incredibly fun people!



Rotarians**Changing Lives****5 questions about****District grants****1. How have you seen district grants help members become more engaged?**

Participating in district grants gives Rotarians a sense of ownership and the knowledge that they made a difference in someone's life. It also energizes people to donate to The Rotary Foundation and to become involved. A few years ago, there was a club in my district that hardly participated in giving to the Foundation and didn't do any district grants. Then they applied for a district grant for a food shelf in their rural community. Within a year of seeing how their funds doubled because of the grant, nine members had become Paul Harris Fellows. They had a sense of pride, and they've gone on to be involved with other service projects.

2. Are district grants more often used for local or international projects?

Generally speaking, more district grant projects are local than international. For example, in our district, seven of our 25 district grants in 2017-18 were used for international projects. Currently, seven of our 18 projects are in foreign countries, including Guatemala, India, Nigeria, Togo, and Uganda.

3. How do district grants help clubs foster relationships with the community?

District grants can be like building blocks; they can allow clubs to start small and then go larger with their projects. There are always needs in your community. Even if it's a \$1,000 or \$2,000 grant, get going on it. It doesn't have to be a multimillion-dollar project to begin with.

4. What's the most creative use of local district grants that you've seen?

Clubs have gone far beyond the park bench or dictionary project. They're working with their communities, asking how they can help, and thinking bigger. One club, working closely with its local school district to come up with projects, provided equipment and software for an industry certification. It will help students get jobs in manufacturing or, if they go on to higher education, will count toward their coursework.

5. What are some misconceptions about district grants?

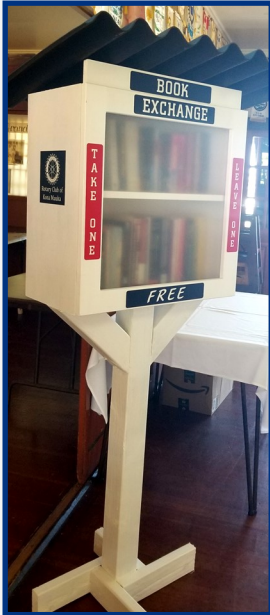
People say, "I could never do that; it's too hard." Our district has mentors who will help walk clubs through the process. It may seem like a lot of work, but that grant money allows you to apply your club's extra funds to another project you want to work on. Apply for the grant, and if it's too big a project for just your club, the district grants team can help you connect with other clubs.

*Margie Horning, District 5960 (parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin) grants team leader
— Diana Schoberg*



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!**



Kona Mauka Rotary's \$3,000 Scholarship to West Hawaii Explorations Academy Robotics Team



Team members from WHEA's high school robotics team gave a follow up presentation to our club to let us know how they did in the competition in Houston, Texas.

They did incredibly well and the students shared the life lessons that they have taken from this experience, which were truly inspiring!

KONA MAUKA ROTARY PRESENTS A TOTAL OF \$20,000 IS SCHOLARSHIPS



Kona Mauka Rotary presented \$17,000 in scholarships to Konawaena High School students and an additional \$3,000 to students at the Hawaii Community College at Palamanui.

Gary Rovelstad, Mary Kay Rovelstad and Karen Wilson represented the club and presented the awards. **We look forward to keeping up with these students as they embark on their academic journey!**



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. . . :)

1. PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time the Paul Harris Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. By 1994, more than 450,000 Paul Harris Fellows and 160,000 Sustaining Members have been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts.

Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation which build goodwill and understanding in the world.

2. POLIOPLUS

PolioPlus is Rotary's massive effort to eradicate poliomyelitis from the world. It is part of a global effort to protect the children from five other deadly diseases as well as the "plus" in PolioPlus. The program was launched in 1985 with fund-raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise \$120 million. By 1988, Rotarians of the world had raised more than \$219 million in cash and pledges. We've now contributed more than \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children from polio.

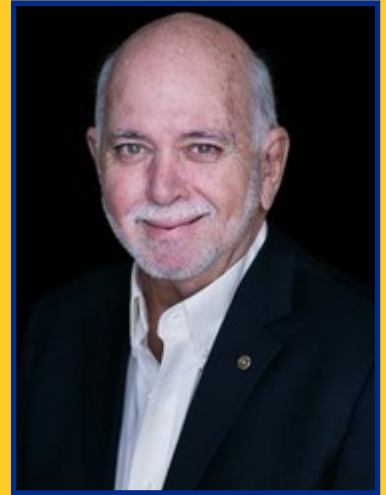
Each year, Rotary and our partners vaccinate 400 million children against polio. When children receive the polio vaccine, their pinky fingers are marked with purple ink so health workers know which children are protected.

Barry Rassin

June 2019

As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.



It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to *Be the Inspiration* in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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Rotary Fellowship Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Patrick Toal Alzheimers Assoc	5	6	7	8
9	10 Tony Mangubat birthday	11 Pau Hana No lunch meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Aaron Ikeda 100 years: Konawaena	19 Eric Curtis birthday	20	21	22
23 Sister Club Social Kent & Judi's	24 Donna Hiranaka birthday	25 Tom Hasslinger WH Today editor	26	27	28 Lisa Folden's Installation Dinner	29 Sam Johnson birthday
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 11

Pau Hana: no lunch meeting

June 28:

Presidents Installation Dinner: 6:00 pm @ Humpy's

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
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			Gabriella Cooper
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