



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967



March 2016

President's Message

Gary Rovelstad

Thank You and What Comes Next

This month this brief message has two purposes; thanks and the District Assembly.

To say thank you again to all of you who helped make our 13th annual wine tasting a success may seem redundant, but it doesn't hurt to say it. Not only a thank you for Don and David and their committee for a very successful day, but also for perhaps what may have gone unnoticed; a way to provide continuity for the evening's planning and execution. From now on, club members and officers will have written descriptions detailing what is necessary for a particular part of the event so that they are not reinventing the "event wheel" each year. If Bob can't be there, the other person in charge of setup will have a record of the number of tables, chairs, tents, etc., from which to work. The same will now be the case for the rest of the evening's needs. I am particularly thankful for what these efforts will mean to those who will succeed me in this office. With this big, annual event behind us, we can begin looking forward to our upcoming District Assembly in early April.

Because Donna and Sharon will be at the Presidents-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) between March 2 and March 7, it is likely that you won't be reading this until the middle of the month. No matter. Let this note serve as a reminder that you should attend the assembly, not just because I say so, but because of the large number of interesting topics from which you may choose. Seventeen as a matter of fact. Five of these involve non-rotary issues, homelessness, for example. Of the other twelve, seven are unique with only one session, leadership, for example, with the other five having more than one session, membership, for example, with more than one meeting time. At the very least, I plan on going to the sessions on strategic planning and grants. If you're wondering if you should attend, of course you should particularly if you joined our club within the last year or if you are returning to Rotary after sometime away. I look forward to seeing you there.



Speakers

Door Prize

March 1

Arnie Rabin
Magic Spectacular
Donna Hiranaka

March 8

Maile David
County Council
Awa Huihui-Graffe

March 15

Derek Chignell
Rotary Global Grant
Elly Johnson

March 22

Exchange Student from
Tajikistan
Bill Jones

March 29

DARK

April 2

District Assembly
See YOU There 😊

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??)

Snapshot of Kona Mauka Rotary

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Arnie Rabin, aka Arneleo the Great, talked about the Magic Spectacular—a family oriented fundraising event to benefit SKEA (Society for Kona's Education and Art)



Pamela Wang talking about Student Exchange programs



Nancy Sallee from Suicide Prevention Kona



Flag Exchange with visitor from Kamloops Canada



Tom Sorensen, originally from Denmark, celebrated his newly acquired US citizenship with his Rotary friends. Thank you for the cake Sharon!

Visit from Mizusawa Sister Club



District Assembly

See you Saturday, April 2

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Hawaii West
Rotary
District 5000



What: District Assembly
Who: You! 😊
When: Saturday, April 2, 2016
Time: 8:00 am –2:00 pm

One key to a successful and growing Rotary club is informed and enthusiastic members. Attending Rotary meetings above the club level exposes you to knowledge about Rotary that will motivate you and our club will become stronger and more effective.

The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The morning will start with **Round Table Discussions:** Subject Matter Experts (SME) will provide information about key social issues in our community. Our clubs will have an opportunity to brainstorm how we can partner more effectively in order to address these community issues.

Mental Health, Homelessness, Literacy, Education, and County Assistance

- **Leadership through Service:** *Everyone is a leader – and in our organization nothing gets accomplished without the dedication of hardworking volunteers. From leading a project to leading a meeting, find out how to be more effective in your leadership approach .* Clint Schroeder
- **Club Strategic Planning:** *A solid rolling three-year strategic plan is an excellent indicator of a club's vitality.* Jim McClelland
- **NID– National Immunization Days with Rotary:** *Learn what opportunities exist within the International Service arena of Rotary and how to access them for your club. Hear more about the work that DGE Clint and Jason experienced in India during their trip of a lifetime in February 2015.* Clint Schroeder
- **Club Events & Fundraising:** *Come with one, take back many! You will find out "what's up that works" in D5000 and take back new ideas!* Joanne Laird
- **Membership:** *Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary and will shape your clubs for years to come. Learn to develop strategies to recruit new members and keep existing members engaged .* Win Schoneman
- **Rotary History 101:** *A brief overview of everything you wanted to know about Rotary but were afraid to ask.* Nalani Flinn
- **Rotary Foundation:** *Confused about the Rotary Foundation? Don't know the difference between a Paul Harris fellow and a Benefactor?* Phil Sammer
- **International Service Opportunities:** *Learn what opportunities exist within the International Service arena of Rotary and how to access them for your club.* Nancy Pace
- **2016-17 Secretary & Treasurer:** *A special session for Club secretaries and Treasurers.* Nalani Flinn
- **Public Image & Communication:** *The goal of this session will be to resent the brand guidelines and arm you with the resources to meet District standards.* Jason Kama
- **Having fun in Rotary:** *Discover and explore some great tips and ideas on how to bring in FUN into a "Routine Rotary Meeting" and beyond!* Joanne Laird
- **2017-18 Presidents:** *A special session for President Elect Nominees with District Governor Nominee Nalani Flinn*
- **Grants (DDF & Global):** *Can't figure out those darn district and global grants? Well, you're in luck! All your questions will be answered at this year's district assembly.* Phil Sammer

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in this annual meeting.

Recap from PETS

PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

By: Sharon Taylor, PE

Aloha Fellow Kona Mauka Rotarians:

I have just returned from Far West Pets which is a training program for incoming Rotary Presidents. The training program was interesting, informative and motivating. I am more excited than ever to be your President.

Being a Rotary President is a great honor and responsibility. I am confident that with your help, we will have a great year.

During the next few weeks I will be surveying each of you. I want to determine what you would like our club focus to be both locally and internationally. Everyone has great ideas and I want to hear yours. Also, I am hoping that each and every one of you will join a committee or accept an officer position.

We have a big void to fill with the loss of our friend and great Rotarian, Bill Cliff. I am sure there is someone in the club who shares Bill's passion for international projects. If that is you, please let me know.

In 2017 our club will be celebrating 50 years of good works in the community. It will be time to celebrate and I want to know how you would like to do this. I look forward to working with all of you and hope to have a lot of fun doing good works.

Yours in Rotary
Sharon



PEs Lori (Kona), Dennis (Sunrise), Sharon (Mauka) and AG Donna at PETS in San Jose. Missing: Aaron (N. Hawaii) was not feeling well



The Hawaii West Leadership Team for 2016-2017



Entrance to the famous Hawaii Hospitality Suite



MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

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"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now."

Jean-Michel Cousteau

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ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe water and more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Rotary's projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.



Shelter Box



One way Kona Mauka Rotary has helped support victims of natural disasters over the years is by providing Shelter Box kits for temporary housing. Did you ever wonder what they look like? Here is a display that was recently at PETS. The tents can withstand high winds and harsh weather.

Each ShelterBox is tailored to a disaster but typically contains a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and a children's activity pack.



Rotary International President's Message

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

Some years ago, I was asked to speak at an Interact club in my home city of Colombo, Sri Lanka. I have always taken my interactions with Rotary youth very seriously, so I prepared my remarks carefully and put the same effort into my presentation that I would for any other event. After the meeting, I stayed to chat with a few of the Interactors, answering their questions and wishing them well.

I came out of the classroom where we had met into the autumn afternoon. The bright sun was shining directly into my eyes, so I found a bit of shade behind a pillar where I could wait for my ride.

As I stood there, hidden from view, I overheard a group of the very Interactors who had just listened to my speech. Naturally I was curious: What would they be saying? What had they taken away from my presentation? I quickly realized that what they had taken away was not at all what I had intended.

They were not talking about what I had said, the stories I had told, or the lessons I had come to their school to impart. To my astonishment, the major topic of conversation was my tie! I listened with amusement as they chattered about my Western clothes, my background, my business; every aspect of my appearance and behavior was dissected and discussed. Just as they began to speculate about what car I drove, my ride arrived and I stepped out into view. They were perhaps a bit embarrassed, but I just smiled, got into the car, and drove off with a wave.

Whatever they learned from me that day, I learned far more. I learned that the lessons we teach with our examples are far more powerful than those we teach with words. I realized that as a Rotary leader, and a prominent person in the community, I had, for better or worse, become a role model for these young people. Their eyes were on me in a way that I had never before appreciated. If they chose to emulate me, they would model themselves on what they saw, not what I told them.

All of us in Rotary are leaders, in one way or another, in our communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our Rotary values, our Rotary ideals, cannot be left within the confines of our Rotary clubs. They must be carried with us every day. Wherever we are, whoever we are with, whether we are involved in Rotary work – we are always representing Rotary. We must conduct ourselves accordingly: in what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we do it. Our communities, and our children, deserve no less.



Our Leadership Team



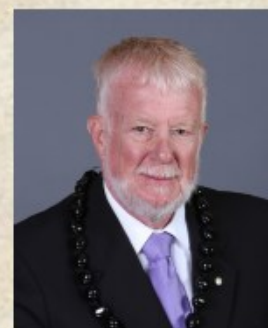
Rotary International
President
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran



District 5000
District Governor
Del Green

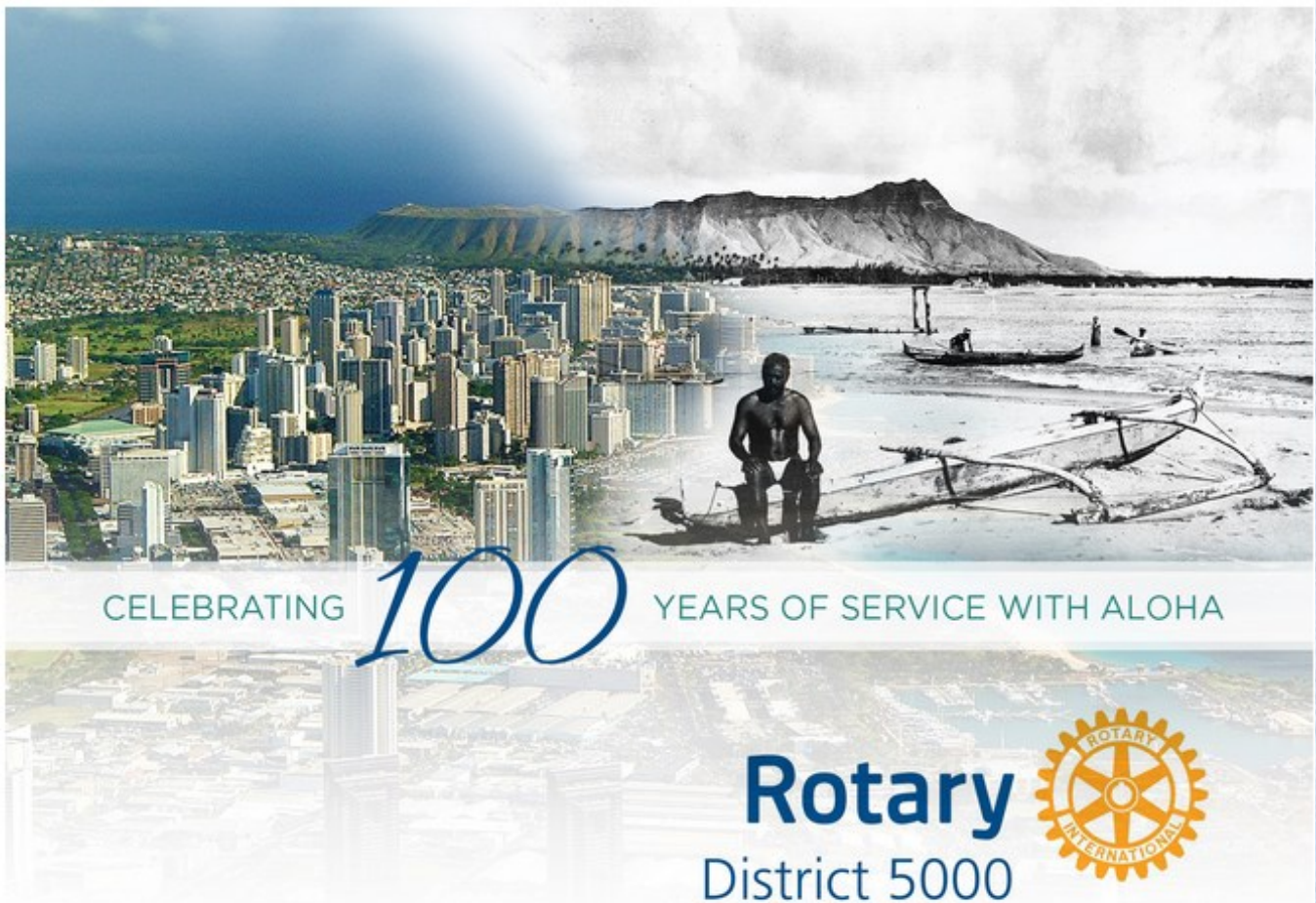


D5000 Hawaii West
Assistant Governor
Donna Hiranaka



Rotary Club of Kona
Mauka President
Gary Rovelstad

2016 District 5000 Conference at the beautiful Halekulani June 10-12, 2016



- The conference kicks off with a Friday evening reception.
- We'll have all day sessions on Saturday and a gala dinner to celebrate our 100th anniversary.
- The conference ends mid-day on Sunday.

Registration: \$350, including meal package.

Prices subject to increase 45 days before the conference starts.




Registration includes meal package for Friday reception, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch.

Go to [rotary D5000.com](http://rotaryD5000.com) to register.

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

March

Water & Sanitation Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Bill Jones joined Rotary 1973 →	1 Arnie Rabin, Magic Spec- tacular	2	3	4 PETS 3/4-6	5 Awa joined Rotary 2013 Awa & Paul anniversary
6 PETS in San Jose	7	8 Maile David, County Council	9	10	11	12
13	14 Richard Birthday →	15 Derek Chignell, Global Grant	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22 Exchange student: Tajikistan	23	24 Jerry joined Rotary 2015	25 	26
27 	28 Gary & Mary Kay anniversary	29 No Mtg: District Assembly on Sat.	30	31	Sat, April 2: District Assembly @ WH Civic Center for ALL Rotarians	

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
Interact:	Tammy Shafer-Walker	Past President:	Larry Kniffin
Youth Services:	Chris Leinenweber	Jubilee Committee Chair:	Don Taylor
Public Relations:	Rhonda Kavanagh	President Elect:	Sharon Taylor
Scholarships:	Chris Leinenweber	KMR Foundation President:	Don Taylor
Sergeant At Arms:	Ken Obenski	Events Chair:	Dave Hiranaka / Don Taylor