



# Kona Nightingale

*The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka*  
Chartered in 1967

March 2018

## President's Message

Laura Kniffin



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

What does Rotary mean to you? No, I mean it, when was the last time you actually thought about why you joined Rotary in the first place?

For many of us it was a friend that brought us to our first club meeting. We walked in and were immediately welcomed as if we were family. Then came the....."what committee do you want to be on?" And you realized that as a matter of fact you do want to be on a committee. You do want to make a difference. Before you know it twenty years have gone by. You sit back and realize just how much you, one person, has made a difference in your community and the world through Rotary Foundation.

And that's not all, there's the friendships we have made throughout the world. People we never would have had the honor to know if we had not walked into our first Rotary meeting. We need to share this wonderful experience by bringing in more of our friends and family into Rotary, if not our club, sponsor them in another club, but bring them in.

I am forever grateful to Rotary, and I hope you are too. Here's to the next twenty years of service.

Thank you all, *Laura*

### Speakers *Door Prize*

**March 6**  
**Faith Gianan**

Director: Regency Pacific Retirement  
*Mary Metteer*

**March 13**  
**Keith Okamoto**  
Dept of Water Supply  
*Gary Michell*

**March 20**  
**George Fry**  
Pre Digital Photography  
*Kent Nakamaru*

**March 27**  
**Sally Hammond**  
Living with Blindness  
*Ken Obenski*

### 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?

May the dreams  
you hold dearest  
be those which  
*come true*  
And the kindness  
you spread  
*keep returning*  
*to you*

## Welcome New Member!



**Name:**

Amy Decker

**Classification:**

Tourism

**Sponsor:**

Sharon Taylor

**Mentor:**

Carol Gigliotti



## Congratulations Rotarians of the Month!



Valentine Fundraising Co-Chairs  
Bob Schaible and Dave Hiranaka

## Speakers

Marilyn Pottage, a visiting Rotarian from Canada, presented two excellent programs this past month.



- First topic was 'Educating Girls in Africa'. Marilyn and her Rotary club have been working with a foundation who gives these girls priceless educational opportunities
- Second topic was 'Shelterboxes'. Even tho we have worked with them in the past, this talk was quite informative

Kristine Westmoreland, President of HRYF (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation) did a great talk about how the funding works for each club to be able to give a \$5,000 scholarship each year.



Amanda MacIntosh from Habitat for Humanity shared information on the origins of the organization and the many projects they have spearheaded on our island.

Melody Stone from The Hawaii Island Coalition Against Human Trafficking did a great presentation that helped to educate us on the problem as it relates to residents. She shared how human trafficking is a greater concern on Hawaii Island than many residents believe or understand.



Hawaii West  
**Rotary**  
District 5000



What: All Island Club Training  
Who: You! 😊  
When: Saturday, March 24, 2018  
Time: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Where: Kamehameha School @ Kea'au

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.

Rotary education programs will be based on learning tracks appropriate for all levels of Rotary experience from Club Leaders and Administrators to new members.

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

## membership ♥ ♥ ♥

Let's keep thinking about people within our circle of influence who would make an awesome Rotarian.

As we all know, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad!

Here in Hawaii, we are *Navigating Together to Change Lives...*

In your life, **WHO** is the missing piece? **Who** is that person that could help to make a difference? **Who** could benefit from being part of an awesome network of great friends who get things done?



### 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP GOAL PROGRESS

1748/1900

Goal of 1900 members. As of 01/31/18, 1748 members or 92% of goal.



## Rotary Vocational Award Call for Nominations Now!

**Do you know someone who is worthy of a Vocational Award  
and deserves recognition?**

This award will be given to honor one individual who practices high ethical standards in the workplace and exhibits vocational excellence.

- The award will be presented to a local (non-Rotarian) resident in one of the following four categories:  
*health, human concerns, public safety, or education.*
- Examples of recipients include community volunteers, administrators, teachers, nurses, police officers, and non-profit employees.
- Nominations can be given to Gabriella via email at [kamana001@gmail.com](mailto:kamana001@gmail.com) or hand-delivered.
- The committee will then determine the winner.
- The recipient will be honored at a special luncheon during our regularly scheduled meeting.
- The individual will be awarded a choice of either a \$1,000 scholarship or \$1,000 donation to a non-profit organization of his/her choosing.

**The deadline to submit nomination form (see Gabriella) is March 13, 2018**



**MARCH IS  
WATER & SANITATION MONTH**

## WATER AND SANITATION



### 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.

Nalani Flinn

March

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

Spring is in the air and the flowers are starting to bloom here in San Jose, California which is where I am and where the President Elects Training will start on Friday. It is March and we have four more fabulous months in this Rotary year to do good in the world. There's still time to meet your goals for Membership, Polio Plus, and Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation. Meeting your goals will offer others the opportunity to join 1.2 million fellow Rotarians around the world save lives and fund future global/district grants. More hands, less work.



Speaking of work, we need your help with the Rotary International Convention that will be held in Honolulu in 2020. Last week RI President Nominee Mark Maloney and his entourage were here reviewing the venue and activities Hawaii would be hosting for his International Convention. Our Host Organization Committee (HOC) has been busy putting plans together and we need your assistance through financial sponsorships, volunteers, club hosting, entertainers and your expertise. Please give your support as we will need everyone on board.

Our District conference is happening May 18th – 20th at the breathtaking 5-Star Four Seasons Hotel on Oahu. Register now on the District website! Come and represent your club and support your president. Let them know you appreciate the time, talent and resources they have given to lead your club this year.

Additionally, Steve Dyer, District Alumni Chair from the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, is reaching out to all Rotary Alumni to meet on March 14th at the Pagoda Restaurant in Honolulu for dinner at 6pm. We need your assistance getting up-to-date email information and to get the word out. If you know an alumni, please contact [Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com](mailto:Stephen.dyer@hawadvocate.com). In case you are wondering, an alum is someone who has participated in any of the following programs: Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, New Generations Service Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Scholarships (funded by global grants or district grants), vocational training teams (members and leaders), Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Group Study Exchange (members and leaders), and Rotary Volunteers. What a great way to keep these young people engaged with Rotary!

Did you know that March 8th is International Women's Day? We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of women in Rotary with an Afternoon Tea throughout our islands, honoring women who are "Making A Difference." Check our district website or ask your Assistant Governor for information.

As a closing thought, we are fortunate in Hawai'i to have clean water in our homes when many in the world do not. To quote from the RI website "Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives." Thank you Rotarians for your contributions to provide clean water worldwide.



Ian HS Riseley

March



This month marks 50 years since the first Rotaract club was chartered, in 1968. In this special Rotaract issue, you'll meet some impressive Rotaractors from around the world and see some of the incredible ways they are Making a Difference.

In the half-century since Rotaract began, the world has seen profound changes, and young people have felt the greatest impact of those changes: the rise of technology and the information economy, the spread of education, and the tremendous influence of the internet. When Rotaract was founded, it would have been almost unthinkable for a teen or 20-something to have been an entrepreneur or a CEO. Today, young people have an unprecedented capacity to achieve – and Rotary needs their ideas and enthusiasm as never before.

For many years, Rotary has done Rotaract a disservice by looking at our youth and young adult programs as mere precursors to Rotary membership, and not as valuable and productive programs in their own right. But Rotaractors are truly partners in Rotary service.

Today, an estimated quarter of a million Rotaractors serve in over 10,000 clubs, in nearly every country where Rotary clubs exist. The impact of their service is particularly impressive when contrasted with their resources. Rotaractors achieve an amazing amount with far less money at their disposal than the average Rotary club. Their energy and vision bring something wonderful to our Rotary family and to our communities, and we value it very much.



Yet only 27 percent of Rotary clubs sponsor a Rotaract club, a figure that has remained fairly stable over time. And far too few Rotaractors ultimately do move on to Rotary membership. As we celebrate this anniversary with Rotaract, I encourage all Rotary clubs to consider sponsoring a Rotaract club or to strengthen their ties with the clubs they already sponsor. Schedule regular joint meetings, run joint service projects, and reach out to Rotaractors – not only to ask if you can help, but to find out how you can work together. Know your Rotaract clubs and their members – and make sure that every Rotaractor knows that a Rotary club is waiting to welcome them.

For half a century, Rotaract has given young people a way to find the same connections with their communities, and the same value in service, that Rotarians find in Rotary. Rotaractors are connecting us to the Rotary of our future, while helping us build the Rotary of today.

## March

## Water & Sanitation Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bill Jones joined Rotary 1971	2	3
4	5 Awa & Paul Anniversary Awa joined Rotary 2013	6 Faith Gianan Director: Regency Pacific Retirement	7 Vicky Koehler joined Rotary 2017	8	9	10
11	12	13 Keith Okamoto Dept of Water Supply	14	15 Richard Harrison birthday	16	17 
18	19	20 George Fry Pre Digital Photography	21	22	23	24 District Training 8:30-2:30 
25	26 Prince Kuhio Day 	27 Sally Hammond Living with	28 Gary & Mary Kay Anniversary	29	30	31

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**March 24:**

**All Island District Training 8:30 am—2:30 pm  
Kamehameha School in Kea'au**

### 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-Grafte
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		