



# Kona Nightingale

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

November 2017

## President's Message

Laura Kniffin

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

What a month.....we had the Sunrise Club's Pig and Swig, our 2nd Annual Shredding event (thank you Donna for coordinating that), volunteered at the Monster Dash, (thank you Sharon for getting us up at the crack of dawn to help with this great event) and a group of us went to the Halloween party at the Elks.

Now we are getting ready for November and our first ever "Palettes for Polio." This, as you know, is going to be on **Saturday, November 18** at the Rumley Gallery located in the lobby of the King Kamehameha Hotel. We have received our first two palettes from One Gallery and are expecting another 30 from both the artists of One Gallery and the Rumley Gallery. We will need some folks to sign up to bring pupus. Remember, there is no cost for this. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Polio Plus, 70% through Kona Mauka Club and 30% through Hilo Bay Club.

This is the event to bring friends to. I've also contacted Quinn's (waiting to hear back from them, Patrick's sister is the owner) concerning blocking some tables for us so we may walk over there and have dinner after the event.

As we approach the holiday season we have so much to be thankful for. Grateful for the family and friends we have and more than that, we share our blessings by the work we do as volunteers in our community and service above self. Thank you all.

As always, *Laura*



### Speakers

*Door Prize*

**November 7**  
**Barbara Garcia-Bowman**  
**Ke Ola Magazine**  
*Karen Wilson*

**November 14**  
**Stephanie Nagata**  
**Office of Maunakea**  
*Gabriella Cooper*

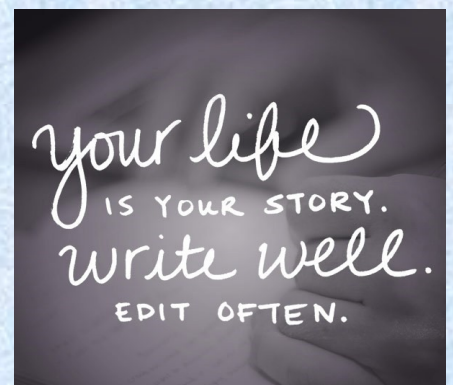
**November 21**  
**TBA**  
*Eric Curtis*

**November 28**  
**TBA**  
*Carol Gigliotti*



### 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?







Kona Mauka Rotarian Eric Curtis shared a fascinating presentation on his recent trip to Mongolia



Bill Jones was presented with *Rotarian of the Month* by President Laura



September Rotarian of the Month



Carol Gigliotti was presented with *Rotarian of the Month* by President Laura



October Rotarian of the Month



Fun at the Kona Sunrise fundraiser, Pig n Swig. Pictured: Kona president Hermann, Sunrise president KC, WH AG Barbara, Kona Mauka president Laura



Great job **Laura Kniffin, Larry Kniffin, Lisa Folden, Adam Reugh, Sharon Taylor, Don Taylor, and Kent Nakamaru**

## Halloween fun at the Monster Dash Mud Run!

A morning filled with family fun with obstacle courses, mud pit, and a run through the water hose at the finish line.

Kona Mauka Rotary members volunteered to help at the Kuleana Education's fundraiser.





## Vocational Visit

### An Outing to Tom Sorensen's Ali'i Woodtailors

Kona Mauka Rotarians were treated to a tour of Tom's massive wood shop where he and his workers work their magic creating the most beautiful custom cabinetry. Tom and Paul then treated everyone to a delicious dinner!

#RotaryFamily



## Have You Planted Your Tree Yet?

Kona Mauka Rotarian **Sam Johnson** is doing his part! **Hello baby lime tree!**

Rotary International President Ian Riseley has challenged every Rotary club to plant one tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on July 1 and Earth Day on April 15. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

He makes the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

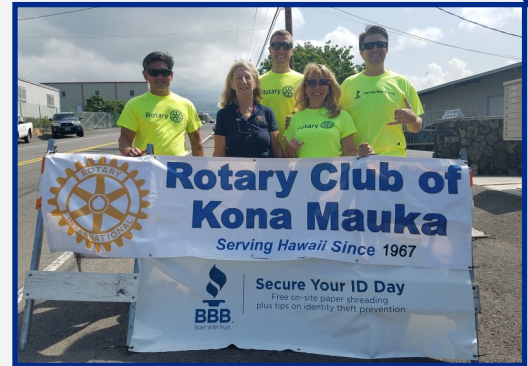
So, let's do it. Send me your picture planting a tree and hopefully all the newsletters from now until Earth Day will be filled with photos of Kona Mauka Rotarians doing our part! **#D5000TreePlanting**





# Shredding Event

Kona Mauka Rotary partnered with the **Better Business Bureau (BBB)** and **Access Information Management** to offer a free shredding event. This was a wonderful service which provided community members an avenue to safely dispose of sensitive documents. Did you know that we collected and shredded **4,900 pounds?! Mahalo Sharon Taylor, Donna Hiranaka, Dave Hiranaka, Adam Reugh, and Steve Pine . . . The Steller Shredders!**



## COMMUNITY Shredding Event

Saturday, October 21, 2017 (8 am to 11 am)  
Access Information Management  
73-4164 Huli Koa Drive  
Kailua Kona (above Pines Café)



Join Kona Mauka Rotary, Better Business Bureau (BBB) and Access Information Management for **this FREE shredding event**

**Secure Your ID Day**





## *What in your life are you most thankful for?*

### Happy Thanksgiving

I am thankful for my family, my friends, my hula family, and the ability to share love and be loved. And M&M peanuts!

Awapuhi Huihui-Graffe  
Joined Rotary March 5, 2013

I am very thankful for 50 years of marriage to a wonderful partner and for our 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Sharon Taylor  
Joined Rotary October 23, 2012



Thankful for the people in my life that matter and make a difference; my family, friends and acquaintances. Best results happen with a positive and manifesting attitude.

Sam Johnson  
Joined Rotary February 28, 2017

Air and dirt, without which there would be nothing else.

Ken Obenski  
Joined Rotary August 1, 2007

I am thankful for my family, friends and the good health that allows me to enjoy all life has to offer.

Donna Hiranaka  
Joined Rotary April 25, 2006

I am thankful for my family, my friends and my teachers.

Karen Wilson  
Joined Rotary  
February 26, 2008

My lovely wife.

Dave Hiranaka  
Joined Rotary  
January 15, 2002

Life's experiences... the incredible highs and the bottomless lows, the laughter and the tears. They have taught me what it means to truly be alive.

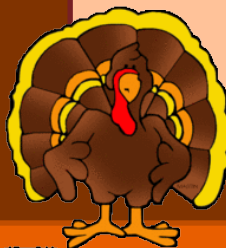
Gabriella Cooper  
Joined Rotary April 4, 2017

I am very thankful for being a survivor of both cancer and accidents that could have ended very badly, so thankful for life and breath. But every day I am aware of being thankful for my life partner and my family and all of its many and varied family members and for friendships and for being able to enjoy what I think of as a blessed life. And I am thankful that I can actually feel the beauty of the natural world and the earth and find it endlessly a source of joy and wonder. I am very, very thankful.

Mary Curtis Metteer  
Joined Rotary July 1, 2014

Family, faith and good will.

Laura Kniffin  
Joined Mauka Rotary December  
12, 2012





## Calendar of Events

**November 9:** Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night to benefit Kahakai Elementary School. We'll prepare and serve dinner to 300 participants in the school cafeteria and be available for curb side service. Food will be cooked at Sam's restaurant (Fish Hoppers). All proceeds will go directly to the school's art program. Info: Club Service chair Sam @ 333-6416



**November 11:** The West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery will be honoring our veterans at a ceremony starting at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow, which is provided by Kona Mauka Rotary.



**Did you know** that Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day and was set to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. We now honor US veterans and victims of all wars on this day.

Info: Community Service co-chair Awapuhi @ 960-7458

**November 17:** Feeding the Homeless Thanksgiving Meal at the Old Airport Pavilion. This is a partner project with several community agencies in which Kona Mauka Rotary helps pay for the food and members volunteer to serve the attendees.



Info: Community Service co-chair Bob Schaible @ 209-815-6260

**December 2:** Our club **Christmas Party** should prove to be a night to be remembered! Sam Johnson is chairing this event, so we know we'll have delicious food and a rockin' good time at the Hiranaka's hale!! Info: Club Service chair Sam @ 333-6416





## Ride for Polio

### Introducing the 'Ride So They Can Walk' Hawaii Campaign



We are very close to ending Polio. Rotary International has challenged Rotarians to raise \$50 Million dollars a year for the next 3 years - matched by the Gates Foundation this equals \$450 Million. District Governor Nalani would like us all to our part and raise \$300,000 through our D5000 efforts.

**How?** District PolioPlus Chair, Charlene Meyers, is organizing a "Ride So They Can Walk" campaign to raise funds (and have fun!).

**How?** Register for the event to become a qualified rider and get pledges from friends and family. All participants will receive a specially designed shirt, commemorative towel and other goodies.

- \$20 registration. Checks made out to: Charlene Meyers with POLIO PLUS on the notation line
- \$100 or more in pledges: checks made out to D5000 Foundation-Polio Ride
- Use Facebook and other social media tools to generate pledges and interest
- The campaign runs November 11 – 18, 2017.
- Go to D5000 website to learn more and register.
  - On the right margin, Click on "Ride for Polio" and it will take you to the site page with more information, a sponsor letter template, the registration form and a link to make donations.

**Love to ride?** Get some friends together and ride as a group.

**Not crazy about riding out on the road?** Ride your stationary bike either at home or the gym. Again, you can do this with a group of friends or on your own.

#### Questions?



Contact Charlene M. Meyers, PHF,  
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D5000 Polio Plus Chair 2015 - 2018.  
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5th Annual Feast on the Beach

**Come Join the Fun!**

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**5:30—10:00 pm**

Lava Lava Beach Club

**Popular holiday event** with delicious food stations, beer, wine and dancing in the sand with Henry Kapono and LT Smooth.

AND a great way to support Kona Hospital!

Lava Lava is giving a portion of the ticket sales to selected non-profits. Support our Kona Hospital's Foundation and help their efforts to fund medical technology, expand services and enhance facilities that would otherwise be unavailable.

**\$100** per person or **\$1500** for reserved table of 10

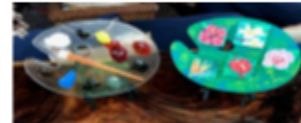
Call Stephanie at 322-4587



**Rotary**  
Club of Kona Mauka



**Palettes for Polio**



*Silent Auction*

50 PALETTES WITH ORIGINAL ART WORK FROM  
50 ARTISTS ISLAND WIDE

*Where*

RUMLEY ART GALLERY @  
KING KAMEHAMEHA HOTEL, KONA

*When*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017  
5 TO 7PM

Cash Bar

Tess Rumley is Donating 15% OF ALL SALES  
at the Gallery during this function

*All Funds Will Go to Polio Plus*



## We're Gearing Up for Our Valentine Wine Tasting!



Committees are busily working on our annual Valentine Wine Tasting fundraiser. We will once again be holding the event at the beautiful Holualoa Inn Estates.

**How can you help?** Sponsorships AND silent auction donations ... let's start early and all work together to make this a huge success. Sam Choy will have a Poke Station! How fun is that?

**Did you know** that our Live Auction will have a trip to Africa, private dinner for 10 by Sam Choy, private dinner on the beach with Lava Lava Beach Club, and a vacation in beautiful Cabo San Lucas?!!

Also, **start talking with your friends and colleagues** and encourage them to mark their calendar for **Saturday, February 10 @ 4-8:00 pm**

Proceeds go towards scholarships and community service projects in both our local and global community.





## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### November's Rotary Theme: Rotary Foundation Month

#### What does our Foundation mean to you, to me, and the world?

To a young set of parents in Afghanistan, it was a life saving immunization for their five month old son. To a woman with seven children in Malaysia, it was a loan to start a sewing business that enabled her to feed her children. To North Koreans, it was an ambulance that equipped a hospital to be able to take care of them. To thousands of college students in almost every country on earth, it was a chance to study abroad, with all expenses paid, and learn their educational specialty up close and personal.

Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation what it is, and every answer will be different.

Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation just how important it is, and every answer will be identical.

To me, it is the heart and soul of Rotary. What is it to you?

—Past District Governor Ayman El Dakhkhni



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ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE



Nalani Flinn

November

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I am so blessed to be a Rotarian and have many friends like you. As we enter into the holiday season, please be safe and share the opportunity of service through Rotary Give Thanks Day. Our Polio Plus "Ride So They Can Walk" Bike ride is ending November 18th and I know we can reach our goal. Many are looking to raise a \$100 and stop. I say, don't stop, continue and add another "0" zero at the end. Ask family and friends to join our team to End Polio Now.



I have been hearing about the many different activities clubs are working on to raise awareness of this disease. The Rotary Club of Poipu Beach held a Raise a Glass to End Polio event on October 18th where they donated 100% of the sales from two beer taps at Merriman's Kauai during the culinary market at the Shops at Kukui'ula to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus fund. The Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise held a casual One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio evening under the stars at Bakery and Table for World Polio Day on October 24th. Palettes for Polio will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka at which 40 artists' palettes will be painted and offered at a silent auction at the Rumley Gallery at the King Kamehameha Hotel on November 18th. The Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu held a Strike Out Polio bowling event, while another club is collecting Pennies for Polio. Share your story with our District Polio Plus Chair Charlene Meyers to post on the website. Let her know how you celebrated World Polio Day.

I received an email from my classmate DG Claudette McWilliams (District 5110) and I quote, "As long as we are bragging, my DRFCC tells me that with the second check for \$536,000 to TRF (the first was \$500K), District 5110 was Number One in the world for giving. Whether that lasted beyond the date that it was reported is unknown, but Number One in the world for even one day is something that I will gladly accept." She reminded me that November is Rotary Foundation Month. I thank the many Rotarians in District 5000 for stepping forward to share their resources in "Making a Difference." Without your generosity, the books we ship, the eye clinics we support, the clean water wells we build would not happen. This is my favorite quote when an individual is recognized for donating \$1,000 or more to Rotary Foundation:

*You will build houses in which you will never live  
You will feed hungry people of every race creed and political philosophy  
You will make crawlers into walkers.  
You will educate children you will never know  
You will vaccinate children you will never meet  
You will dig wells from which you will never drink  
You will plant trees under which you will never sit  
You will restore eyesight to those who will never see you.*

When you donate to do these things, not only will you be IN the Rotary Family, but you will have the Rotary Family IN you.





Ian HS Riseley

November



In many ways, The Rotary Foundation is an invisible presence in our clubs. Most of what we do in our clubs and our districts, on a weekly basis, we do without the active in-

volvement of the Foundation. But our Foundation is invisible in our clubs in the same way the foundation of a building is invisible when you're in it: Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it's not holding you up.



The Foundation that enabled Rotary to take on polio is, in many ways, the foundation upon which our Rotary service is built. For 100 years, since it came into existence with a first donation of \$26.50, the Foundation has supported and strengthened our service, enabled our ambitions, and allowed us to be the organization that we are. Because of the Foundation, Rotarians know that if we have the ambition and put in the work, very little is truly beyond us.

It is an incredibly effective model that we have here in Rotary, one that no other organization can match. We are completely local and completely global: We have local skills, connections, and knowledge in over 35,000 clubs, in nearly every country of the world. We have a deserved reputation for transparency, effectiveness, and good business practices, and because we are highly skilled professionals as well as volunteers, we achieve a level of efficiency that very few other organizations can approach.








To put it simply, a dollar given to The Rotary Foundation has a great deal more muscle than a dollar given to most charities. If you want to spend a dollar on Doing Good in the World, you can't do better than to spend it with the Foundation. That is not just me speaking out of pride; it is verifiably true and is reflected in our rankings by independent organizations.

In the Foundation's centennial year, Rotarians surpassed our goal of raising \$300 million. If you were part of that achievement, you have been part of something tremendous. Somewhere in the world, someplace you have probably never been, people you may never meet will lead better lives because of you. Ultimately, it is our Foundation that lets us make good on our core beliefs: that we can make a difference, that we have an obligation to do so, and that working together, as well and as efficiently as we can, is the only way to effect real and lasting change.



## November

## Rotary Foundation Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Karen & Peter Anniversary	2	3	4
5	6	7 Barbara Garcia Ke Ola Magazine	8	9  Spaghetti Dinner @ Kahakai Elementary	10	11  WH Veterans Cemetery Ceremony
12  Adam & Heather Anniversary	13	14 Stephanie Nagata Maunakea	15	16	17 Thanksgiving Meal for the Homeless	18
19	20  Larry & Laura Anniversary	21 TBA	22	23  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28 TBA	29	30		Dec 2  Christmas Party!!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**November 9:** Spaghetti Dinner: Rotary fundraiser for Kahakai Elementary  
**November 11:** West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery  
**November 17:** Thanksgiving Meal for the Homeless: Partner Project @ Old Airport Pavilion  
**November 18:** Palette for Polio: KMR Fundraiser at King Kamehameha Hotel  
**November 23:** Happy Thanksgiving!  
**December 2:** Christmas Party!! Hiranaka Hale

## 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		