



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
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November 2018

President's Message

Adam Reugh

Aloha Rotarians,

November is here, and I think it's safe to say that we can all be thankful for slightly cooler temperatures and a close to hurricane season.

Please join us on November 13th for our next Pau Hana Meeting at the Fishhopper Restaurant. The event starts at 6PM, and we encourage spouses and prospective members to attend. The cost will be \$25 per person, and we'll be dark on the 13th for our regular weekly meeting in lieu of this. We've also invited scholarship recipients to join us, so let's all show up and have a great time!

Planning for our Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Event has taken stride as we gear-up for another successful year. Our next Event Planning meeting will be held on November 14th at Gabriella's home. Thank you in advance to Gabriella for generously hosting, and please join us if you're interested in being a part of the planning for this special event.

Finally, a special 'thank you' goes out to Gary Rovelstad and the Youth Services Committee for coordinating our Scholarship awards – we appreciate your hard work and contributions!

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Speakers

Door Prize

November 7
Gary Rovelstad
Econ 201
Carol Gigliotti

November 14
Pau Hana
Fish Hoppers @ 5:30 pm

November 21
Lisa Miura
County taxes
Chris Leinenweber

November 28
Billy Smith
Craft Brew
Dave Hiranaka



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?

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Speakers:

Nikki Sanderlin
Habitat & Fish Monitoring



This research aims to better understand the relationship between coral reef grazers, algal communities and benthic nutrient inputs in Hawai'i's National Parks

Neighbor Island Innovation Initiative



Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is a dynamic state agency responsible for diversifying Hawaii's economy by developing a flourishing technology industry that provides quality, high-paying jobs for Hawaii residents. HTDC aims to accelerate the growth of Hawaii's technology industry by providing capital, building infrastructure and developing talent to foster innovation and diversify Hawaii's economy. HTDC is attached to the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Hawaii County Councilmember
Maile David



Maile updated our club on several issues that are currently being addressed by the county council. She also kept us apprised of recent matters such as the new civil defense siren at Ho'okena Beach, transfer station at Volcano, issues at the newly renovated Honaunau Rodeo Arena, and Ocean View Fire Station repairs, and citric acid vouchers for coqui frog control efforts.

Marshall Akaumu & Kahikina Ching
Hawaii Island Food Basket



Mission

To end hunger in Hawai'i County.

Vision

Hawai'i County will be a model for food security and sustainability through the leadership of The Food Basket, a trusted and stable agency distributing the safest and highest quality food for Hawai'i County.



What in your life are you most thankful for?

Happy Thanksgiving

I'm most thankful for my loving wife and family, my health, and the ability to help those less fortunate.

Adam Reugh, President
Joined Rotary February 21, 2017

"I am thankful for my kids and grand-kids and for all the people who walked into my life and made it outstanding. I am also grateful for all the people who walked out of my life and made it fantastic".

Gabriella Cooper
Joined Rotary April 4, 2017

I am thankful for having found the love of my life, the joy of our children and grandchild, and the good health to enjoy all of life's adventures.

Donna Hiranaka
Joined Rotary April 24, 2006



Thankful for God's Grace and Blessings ...
Grateful for Ohana and extended Ohana.

Awa HuiHui-Graffe
Joined Rotary March 3, 2013

I am most thankful for my mate and my family and the joy I have had in travel to so many places.

And lately, every day when I get up and walk out to greet the day and then later in the day sit down for the sundowner on the lanai with Eric (and our cat) I rejoice in the light, the air & the beauty around me.

Mary Metteer
Joined Rotary July 1, 2014

I am thankful for abundance.

Dave Hiranaka
Joined Rotary January 2, 2002

Thankful for my loving family, however far away they are, and this beautiful island we live on.

Mary Kay Rovelstad
Joined Rotary October 29, 2013

Thankful to have my parents living right next door to us (still healthy and active)!
Thankful to have new friends in Rotary with a common goal of community and service.

Everyday is a blessing!

Amy Decker
Joined Rotary February 27,





A Tale of Two Rotary Student Exchanges!

For many years Kona Mauka Rotary had a strong Student Exchange Program under the leadership of Richard Harrison. What a life changing experience for these students! High schoolers came from across the globe to experience life in another culture. Otto Nelson came to us from Sweden for the 2001-2002 school year. He had a great year at Konawaena High School and was hosted by Richard and Karen Harrison for the bulk of his stay. Jim & Debby Wiley hosted him for a couple of months as well, as their son, Justin, was our out-going exchange student going to school in Sweden at the time.

Otto is now a dentist in Sweden and recently attended the American Dental Academy conference in Honolulu. He then returned to Kona for a week and took a trip down memory lane. He once again stayed with Richard & Karen Harrison and had quite a bucket list of things to explore and revisit while he was here, including hosting a Swedish dinner for some of his old friends, spending time at Dave Hiranaka's oral surgery office, observing surgery (he is, after all, a dentist!), going to Waipio Valley, making orange juice from freshly squeezed oranges, playing hockey with some old friends at the inline hockey rink, meeting up with former hockey coach (Randy Quander), meeting up with high school pal and carpool buddy (Michelle Pammer, Donna's daughter), spending quality time with his host families, and getting to know Justin Wiley.

Otto and Justin, now 35 years old, both attended our Kona Mauka Rotary meeting recently. Otto did a short presentation on his time here in Kona and a bit about his life journey after he returned home to Sweden. Justin shared a bit about his experience and said he hadn't been back to our Teshima's meeting since he was a high school student giving his recap presentation after returning from his time in Sweden. What a delightful experience spending time with these two young men.

2001



Otto, with his host family Richard & Karen, at his Konawaena graduation and in 2018.

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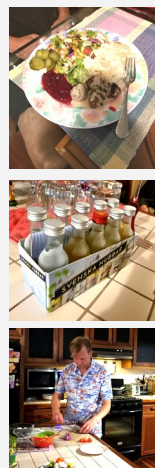
Otto and Michelle having lunch in Honolulu while holding a picture he had of her from 2001.



Drs. Otto Nelson and David Hiranaka in Dave's operating room



Otto cooked a delicious Swedish meal, complete with Swedish schnapps so he could teach some drinking songs!, for some of his Hawaii friends.



President Adam with Otto Nelson and Justin Wiley, our incoming and outgoing exchange students in 2001



Otto is from Malmo in Southern Sweden



November is 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 Dakhkni

Tree Watering



Kudos to **Bill and Rowena Jones** for continuing to water the trees that Kona Mauka Rotary adopted along the Queens' Lei multi-use path.

They should start looking a bit healthier now that they have been treated for their bug infestation.



Rotary



What Must Be Done to Create a World Without Polio

By Barry Rassin, President of Rotary International; Dr. Adhanom Ghebreyesus is Director-General of the World Health Organization

Thirty years ago, the world united under a bold promise: a future free from polio.

In the decades since, organizations from across the world have worked alongside dedicated governments and health workers to make good on that promise. In addition to developments like improved access to clean water, vaccination efforts like those led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have yielded an incredible drop in wild poliovirus cases: from 1,000 a day in 1988, to 22 in all of 2017. If we finish the job, polio will become only the second human disease, after smallpox, to be wiped from the face of the earth.

But the road to eradication has been longer and harder than expected. While last year saw a record-low number of wild polio cases, we have fallen short of stopping the disease completely. One child affected is too many, and so far this year there have been 20 children paralyzed by wild poliovirus.

At the same time, there have been outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio, which occurs— in rare instances when the weakened virus in the oral vaccine mutates to virulence, and can spread easily in large, unvaccinated populations. These outbreaks have occurred in high-risk countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Papua New Guinea, Somalia and Niger, and indicate that we are failing to reach enough children.

No matter the setting or viral strain, these challenges share a common cause: barriers to reaching every child. In Afghanistan, for example, nomadic populations, cross-border movement, insecurity and difficult terrain mean that many vulnerable communities remain inaccessible to polio vaccinators.

Though where we do gain access, the impact has been profound. In Pakistan and Nigeria — which, along with Afghanistan, make up the world's three final polio-endemic countries, down from 125 countries in 1988 — we are steadily reaching more children and the number of polio cases is dwindling, showing what is possible when we gain new ground.

For the children and families affected, contracting polio is a tragedy. For us, every new case is also a lesson — pointing to where we need to intensify our efforts and reminding us how quickly polio can come surging back if we aren't vigilant. For every paralyzed child, there are an estimated 200 others who carry the virus without any symptoms. This is why, even as the world sees just a handful of cases, we must reach millions of children each year to prevent a massive resurgence of polio. If these vaccination efforts ceased, the consequences would be catastrophic. Within 10 years, polio could be back on every family's doorstep, paralyzing as many as 200,000 children each year.

We understand that delivering vaccines is no simple task. Polio has taken refuge in some of the most complex and dynamic environments in the world. But over time we've learned how to deliver health services in the face of extreme adversity, even in areas with almost no infrastructure.

We proved this in 2016, when the virus resurfaced in Nigeria after two years without a case. A critical front in the response was Lake Chad, a massive body of water that borders Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and Niger. Health workers painstakingly mapped the many islands that dot the lake and traveled hours by canoe, reaching hundreds of settlements for the first time. Solar-powered refrigerators they brought along kept the vaccines cool.

Today, there are still parts of Nigeria where we can't reach children or properly track the virus, due to a combination of inadequate infrastructure, population movements and insecurity. But while we remain cautious, we have yet to see another case of wild polio since the 2016 outbreak.

Our partnership has also demonstrated its capacity to operate strategically, despite insecurity. Last year in Syria, after conflict led to blockades that prevented health workers being able to reach cities, we responded quickly and effectively to an outbreak of vaccine-derived polio. We vaccinated fleeing children at transit centers and camps, and we partnered with local authorities to quickly administer vaccines during windows of safety — strategies we have used in conflict zones worldwide. As a result, Syria has seen a year without another child paralyzed.

We have also worked globally to strengthen local health systems and respond to community needs beyond polio vaccination. In Karachi, for example, Rotary International is working with local partners to install water-filtration systems in at-risk communities. Similar projects — including delivering bed nets, nutrition supplements and vaccines against measles, meningitis and tetanus — go on every day, anywhere that we fight polio. And this infrastructure will not disappear with the last poliovirus, but can be repurposed to fight other diseases and accelerate progress toward ambitious global goals like universal health coverage long after polio is eradicated.





Convention countdown

THE GERMANY YOU DON'T KNOW

When people think about traveling to Germany, certain images may spring to mind: Oktoberfest in Munich, dramatic Alpine landscapes, the Romantic Road with its medieval towns. But as those who attend the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg from 1 to 5 June will discover, there's another side to Germany that is equally captivating.

Home to Europe's second-largest port, Hamburg is known for its cosmopolitan outlook. The city offers enough canals and bridges to rival Amsterdam; two inviting lakes in the heart of the city; and easy access to nearby North Sea and Baltic beaches that stretch for miles.



You're not likely to run into any lederhosen-clad polka dancers in Hamburg, but you can visit a world-class concert hall; you might not find Wiener schnitzel on the menu, but the seafood is fresh and abundant; and any thoughts of castles on the Rhine will be forgotten when you catch sight of the huge ships plying the Elbe.

Of course, some stereotypes of Germany do hold true, even in Hamburg: The public transportation system, for instance, is efficient, clean, and easy to navigate. Convention goers will find it even easier to use, thanks to an all-access transit pass that will be included with registration.

Register for the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg at riconvention.org.

November

One early June, more than 30 years ago, I had a business trip scheduled to Las Vegas. I had been a Rotarian for about six years, and I thought of myself as an active member: I attended every meeting, I'd served as club secretary, I knew everyone in my club. But for me, Rotary was very much a community organization. It connected me to Nassau and perhaps even to the Bahamas — but no farther.

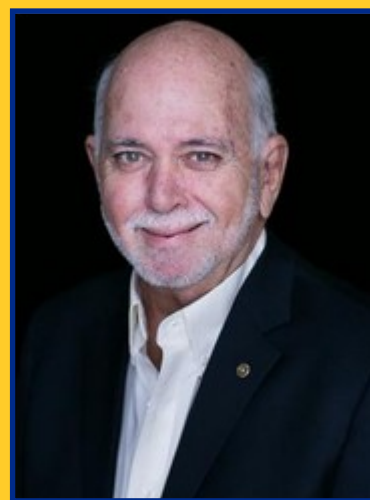
I had never given much thought to Rotary beyond the Bahamas, and it had never crossed my mind to travel to a Rotary convention. But that spring, I realized that my trip to Las Vegas would coincide with the Rotary International Convention and thought, why not? I sent in my registration and paid my fees, never suspecting that the experience would change my life.

When I walked through the doors of that convention, I was stunned. It was one thing to know that I was part of a global organization with over a million members around the world. It was something else altogether to stand there in the middle of it. I went to every general session, looked in at every booth at the House of Friendship, and learned about projects that I hadn't even known you could do in Rotary. That convention didn't just open my eyes. It opened my mind. It inspired me to completely change the way I saw Rotary, what Rotary could do for me, and what I could do through Rotary. That inspiration has stayed with me ever since — and is renewed every year, at every Rotary convention.

In June 2019, Rotarians from all over the world will converge in Hamburg to Capture the Moment at the 110th Rotary International Convention. Many, like me, will have been coming to conventions for years; many others will be coming for the first time. Whether they're looking to connect with old friends, to find inspiration for a new Rotary year, or simply to see what Rotary is all about, each of them will find their own moment in Hamburg.

Hamburg is a port city that connects Germany to the world and that has been an economic and cultural hub for centuries. It's a wonderful place to visit — to stroll the shores of the city's lake, take a boat trip on the Elbe River, dine out, hear great music, and explore fascinating museums. It's also the ideal place to kick off a European vacation.

If you're a regular convention goer, you absolutely won't want to miss out on the friendship and inspiration you'll find in Hamburg. And if you've never been to a convention, please consider this my personal invitation. Register at riconvention.org by 15 December for the best rate — and let this convention *Be the Inspiration* for your Rotary journey.



BE THE INSPIRATION

What's Happening in Rotary This Month?

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November Rotary Foundation Month

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11  Adam & Heather Anniversary	12  HAPPY VETERANS DAY	13 Pau Hana Social Fish Hopper's	14 Valentine Planning Mtg	15	16	17 Cancer Center Benefit Concert
18	19	20 Lisa Miura County taxes	21	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Billy Smith Craft Brew	28	29	30	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 13: Pau Hana @ Fish Hopper's: bring your spouse and/or prospective member

November 14: Valentine Planning Meeting @ Gabriella's home

November 17: Kona Hospital Cancer Center Fundraiser:

Kahulanui Hawaiian Swing Band Benefit Concert

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2018-2019

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