



Kona Nightingale

The Newsletter for Rotary Club of Kona Mauka
Chartered in 1967

September 2017

President's Message

Laura Kniffin

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

What a great month. Got to surprise my daughter at her first baby shower in Myrtle Beach, thank you Larry Kniffin for covering for me at Rotary. Got a new baby girl, Biscuit, a Brazilian Mastiff puppy and last but not least an outstanding multi club event. I was lucky to organize this with Volcano Winery owner Marie Bothof, who happens to be a member of the Hilo Bay Club.



Some of us from Kona Mauka and Kona Sunrise took advantage and came up on Friday with the guys playing golf Saturday and Sunday. Then the actual event with 5 clubs represented. Hilo, Hilo Bay, Kona Mauka, Kona Sunrise and Volcano. Met some great folks and shared lots of ideas. One of them being a monthly blast letting all the clubs know events that are going on. We will start working on that. One of the guests attending was Randy Hart, ADG for the East side.

But another proud moment was when I read the article on page 15 of this months Rotarian magazine. 2. United States. Please take a moment to look it up. Hawaii is mentioned as visiting over 300 first grade students and reading Dr. Seuss books. You might remember some of our own club members were involved with that with their great "Cat in the Hat" hats. Great job y'all!

Speakers

Door Prize

September 5

Dr. Alexander Rosenstein,
Orthopedic Surgeon
Mary Kay Rovelstad

September 12

Off-Site Meeting

Ke Kai Ola Hawaiian Monk
Seal Hospital & Education
Center (@ NELHA)

September 19

Peter T. Young
President Hookuleana
Bob Schaible

September 26

Charmaine Kamaka
Parks & Recreation
Annu Shionoya

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??)



**THIS IS A CHANGING
WORLD; WE MUST
BE PREPARED TO
CHANGE WITH IT.
THE STORY OF
ROTARY WILL HAVE
TO BE WRITTEN
AGAIN AND AGAIN.**

PAUL HARRIS 1935

Welcome New Member!



Name:

Patrick Getchius

Vocation:

Financial Planning

Sponsor:

Dave Hiranaka



Scholarship recipient Cole Branham attended a meeting and thanked the club for the \$1,000 Grandma Teshima award.

One of the Many Benefits of Being in Rotary:

The opportunity to meet friends from across the country (and globe!)



President Laura exchanging flags with a visiting Rotarian from Kapolei, Oahu



Gabriella had a chance to meet some wonderful people while doing Rotary make ups in Austin during her recent travels

Tree Watering



Kona Mauka Rotary members have been helping to water several of the trees along Queens' Lei walking/running path. Even though the trees we adopted are doing well with the TLC they've been receiving, we've been pitching in to help some of the others that are struggling during this dry spell. The planting of these 100 trees were part of our Centennial Project.



Guess Who??

Did you guess
Kent
Nakamaru?

If yes, you're
right!!



SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

September's Rotary Theme: Basic Education & Literacy



Hawaii Rotary featured in September's issue of The Rotarian magazine!!

Did you see the September issue of the Rotarian magazine yet? Our Dr. Seuss literacy project is featured loud and proud! Local Rotary clubs collaborated with the Department of Education and First Lady Dawn Ige to read 5 million words to first graders in the span of one week!

Kona Mauka read to students at Honaunau, Hookena, Konawaena, and Holualoa elementary schools. We then gifted each classroom with books and Dr. Seuss pencils.

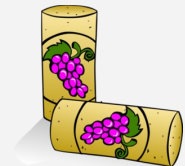


HOW ELSE DOES KONA MAUKA PROMOTE LITERACY & EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY?

- Our club wrote a grant to help fund the Kona Literacy Council. This is a local agency with trained volunteer tutors who provide free, one-to-one, small group, basic literacy and ESL services to adults at the Kailua Learning Center.
- Each year we provide dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in our school district.
- \$23,900 in scholarships were given in the spring. We have long been known for our support of local students reaching their academic goals through our scholarship program.
- This year we will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner with all proceeds going directly to Kahakai Elementary School.
- We participated in the 5 million word campaign in which we read to 7 first grade classrooms. We then presented each class with a book and Dr. Seuss pencils.
- We participate in Konawaena High School's Parent Night in order to inform parents and students of our scholarship opportunities.
- Each year we donate \$500 towards the Keiki School Supplies drive
- \$1,000 scholarship to SKEA (Society for Kona's Education & Art)



What happens when you combine 5 Rotary clubs, 40 Rotarians,
a winery, and a barbeque?
A HECK OF A GOOD TIME!!



VOLUNTEER



Lisa Jacob of Kona Literacy Council thanked us for the Rotary District Grant that supplied computer equipment at their new location. Kona Mauka Rotarian Larry Kniffin volunteered his IT services to connect the computer system.

Kona Literacy Council offers one-to-one tutoring on basic reading and writing skills to English-speaking adults free of charge.



Justin Finestone, Hawaii Island Film Commissioner, spoke to the club. Did you know the Big Island is the only island that has 11 of the 13 Climate Zones? This makes it so easy to create film sets that replicate many climates and terrains across the globe right here in Hawaii!!

Police Chief Paul Ferreira visited with the club.

Ferreira joined the Hawai'i Police Department in July 1982. During his career he worked as a patrol officer and a detective and held several positions in the Administrative Bureau. He led a good discussion about Big Island issues.



Susan Kim, Governor Ige's liaison, spoke with the club about government issues. Several issues were raised throughout the presentation which she will relay back to the governor's office.



Leroy Washington with Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) led the club in a lively discussion about many issues we face today, leaving the members with the message that we can all, individually, do our part to make changes - one issue at a time.

"All of us who are part of the criminal justice system must become agents of change. Ultimately, we all have a stake at preserving our society, and that means we need to educate ourselves."

Pau Hana for Polio Plus



KC Mahoney, Kona Sunrise president, is hosting a monthly Pau Hana to help raise funds for Polio Plus. Several Kona Mauka members attended this fun event, which included great food, an informational Polio Plus video, and great Rotary camaraderie for a good cause! She raised \$300 in its first outing!

Malama the Aina...

RI President Ian Riseley wants each of our 1.2 million Rotarians to plant a tree this year



President Laura Kniffin, along with Kona president Hermann Heimgartner, planting a kukui nut tree at West Hawaii Civic Center

Let's focus on our environment. RI president Ian Riseley challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on July 1 and Earth Day on April 22, 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself." He makes the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Have you planted YOUR tree yet?

Send me a picture and hopefully all the newsletters from now until Earth Day will be filled with photos of Kona Mauka Rotarians doing our part!



Kona Rotary Clubs Partnering with Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build!



Have you signed up to volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity's BLITZ BUILD, which will be taking place September 13—23, 2017

All four Rotary Clubs in West Hawaii are coming together to help with the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build - yes, we will be building 10 homes in 10 days with volunteers from our community and all over the U.S. This project is located at La'i 'Opua (right across from Kealakehe High School).

Hawaii West
Rotary
District 5000



Two important things to remember:

1. Volunteers are needed all 10 days. They have many needs including construction, medical, registration, meals. Please consider volunteering as many days as possible (you choose the times).
2. **Thursday, September 21 will be 'Rotary Day'.** Please make every effort to include this in your schedule.

We will host a BBQ style lunch for approximately 500 volunteers.



- To sign up for our Rotary team, go to:
- <https://www.giveeffect.com/teams/6023-west-hawaii-rotary-clubs>
- Select: "Volunteer by joining this team" and follow the prompts

This is such a rewarding and worthwhile project, we all walk away knowing we have made a huge impact in our community AND working side by side with fellow Rotarians really helps to strengthen our clubs and Rotary as a whole.

WE'RE GEARING UP FOR OUR ANNUAL VALENTINE'S WINE TASTING EVENT!

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. Our Silent Auction has a history of offering premium items for our bidders to enjoy. Did you know that we once again have a trip to Africa 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.



Navigating Together to Change Lives



Support HRYF (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation) and Help Provide Scholarships to Hawaii Students



The BEST and EASIEST way to give to HRYF is at Foodland during the "Give Aloha" campaign September 1—30, 2017. Your gift will be matched so that a \$20 donation becomes approximately \$24, a \$40 gift would increase to around \$48. The match comes from Foodland (up to \$250,000) and Western Union (up to \$50,000). Based on past years, the matches have provided at least an additional 20%!

How?

- 1) When you shop at Foodland show your Maika'i Card and make your tax deductible donation to HRYF (up to \$249 per person) at any Foodland, Sack N. Save or Foodland Farms checkout from September 1-30, 2017. Please check to make sure that the HRYF name appears on the receipt.
- 2) Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match all donations up to a total of at least \$300,000 for all organizations combined.
- 3) Give a copy of the receipt to your Club Donation Rep or email a copy to hryf@hawaii.rr.com. Please be sure to include your name and club for credit to your HRYF contribution account.

WHAT IS HRYF?

The Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation was founded by Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan (founder of Foodland) during his year as Rotary's District Governor in Hawaii, 1976-1977. It was Sully's desire to assist Hawaii's high school graduates realize their potential by attending a college or university of their choice here in Hawaii or on the mainland United States.

DID YOU KNOW??

HRYP gives a \$5,000 scholarship award to each of the 50 participating clubs!

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

HRYP programs are financed by contributions from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, individuals and various foundations. Donations can be made through your Rotary Club representative or made directly to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation.

Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program, was created in 1999 to honor Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continue his legacy of giving back to the community.

Ian HS Riseley

One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every language. It's a lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together.



That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighborhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun. If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: The deadline for discounted early registration (there is an additional discount for registering online) is 15 December.

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at riconvention.org – and find Inspiration Around Every Corner at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.







ROTARY CONVENTION
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
23-27 JUNE 2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

September

Literacy & Basic Education Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Bill Jones Birthday	2  Gary Rovelstad Birthday
3	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY	5 Dr. Alexander Rosenstein Orthopedic Surgeon	6	7	8  Don & Sharon Taylor anniversary	9 Foundation & Membership Seminar @ WHCC
10	11	12 Off-site Mtg: Hawaiian Monk Seal @ NELHA	13  Adam Reugh Birthday	14	15	16
			Habitat Blitz Build Sept 13-23			
17	18  Vicky Koehler Birthday Sept 19	19 Peter Young Local History	20	21  Habitat for Humanity	22	23
24	25	26 Charmaine Kamaka Parks & Rec	27	28	29	30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 9:	Foundation & Membership Seminar @ WH Civic Center
September 12:	Off-site Meeting: Ke Kai Ola Hawaiian Monk Seals (NELHA)
September 13-23:	Blitz Build: Habitat for Humanity
September 21:	Rotary Day at the Habitat Building Blitz Build
October 2:	Keiki Vision Screening & Dictionary Project (Kona Pacific & Ehunuikaimalino)
October 4:	Keiki Vision Screening & Dictionary Project (Ho'okena & Honaunau)
October 5:	Keiki Vision Screening & Dictionary Project (Konawaena)

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka 2017-2018

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