

Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise

Mililani Kakahiaka

March 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring!

We started April with our biggest Literacy project of the year, our 3rd Annual I Love Books Fair, and it was a successful event not only for the keiki but the whole community of Mililani! Our goal this year was to make sure every keiki in the Mililani area had the opportunity to participate and the partnership with The Town Center of Mililani was key to making it happen, so, Thank You Shelley and her crew.

In other big news, April 2024 will be marked a historical occasion for Rotary District 5000.



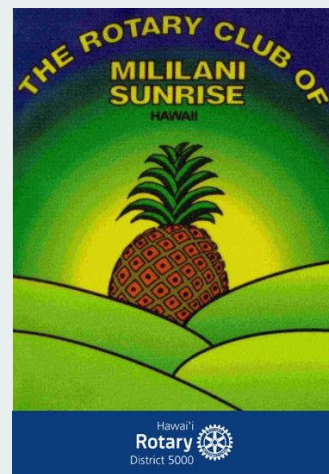
Rotary International President R. Gordon McNally, accompanied by his wife, Heather, made a special visit to Hawai'i during the week of April 15, 2024 to meet with district and club leadership on Maui, O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island. During his visit he highlighted his presidential theme of creating hope in the world and continued his global advocacy for mental health services in a series of public appearances. His appearances provided Rotary and community members the opportunity to interact with him and learn about Rotary's initiatives in Hawai'i and around the world.

"Together, with President McNally, we're igniting a renewed spirit of hope, showing the world that the aloha spirit is resilient and stronger than ever." - Mark Merriam, District Governor, Rotary District 5000. We are blessed to be a part of this amazing organization and I am honored to have you as my friends who walk beside me!

Aloha Always, Kathy

"Don't walk in front of me...I may not follow, Don't walk behind me...I may not lead, Walk beside me...just be my friend" – Albert Camus

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Vocational
Tour:
Wahiawa Value-
Added Product
Development
Center
May 15

22nd Golf
Tournament
May 30



SPRING CELEBRATION TOWN CENTER OF MILILANI





On March 23rd at the Spring Celebration at Town Center of Mililani, Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise served popcorn to the community. Led by “Pop” (Joe) and “Corn” (Kimmie), RCMS passed out 350 bags of popcorn!

Good fun and good friends made for a great day!

*peep Kehau in the picture to the left

3RD ANNUAL I LOVE BOOKS FAIR

APRIL 6, 2023



President Kathy Lum welcomed the community to the 3rd Annual I LOVE BOOKS fair.

Mililani High School Interact Members Hope and Aaralyn assist Kathy, Paul and Abbie to register guests.





President Kathy Lum and President-Elect Wendell Nekota kick off the day with Asian Lion Dance Team.

Special Thank You to RCMS Rotarian Dean Ueda who is a member of the Asian Lion Dance Team.



Read to Me International provided free books to children through a Rotary District Grant and funds collected at the School Supply Drive.

Read to Me International is a non-profit organization promoting the importance of reading aloud to children.

Created in 1996 through a partnership between the Governor's Council for Literacy and Lifelong Learning and the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise, Read to Me International is dedicated to support communities, schools and parents to read aloud to children and create lifelong readers.

A special Thank You to Executive Director Dannah Barnes for her commitment to literacy in our community.





Hawaii Literacy brought their Bookmobile and provided books for children and young adults through a Rotary District Grant and funds collected at the School Supply Drive.

Hawaii Literacy helps those with low literacy skills. Hawaii Literacy provides books, mentors and training programs to improve lives by improving reading and writing skills.

A special Thank You to Executive Director Jill Takasaki Canfield and Special Projects Coordinator Pua'Ena Burgess for supporting literacy in our community.





Building Blocks Hawaii offered free books and fun games!

Building Blocks Hawaii is a program created by Impact Change Hawaii to provide children with foundational education.

Building Blocks Hawaii helps children be ready for Kindergarten and instill the love of learning.

A special Thank You to Executive Director Corinne Yogi for her continued dedication to provide educational opportunities in our community.



Read to Dogs—K9 and Hawaii State Public Library System K9 Therapets of Hawaii promote literacy by giving children the opportunity to read to certified therapy dogs. The dogs are attentive, great listeners and are non-judgmental by forgiving any reading mistakes.

A special Thank You to Therapy Dog Handler Fay Jitchaku for providing children opportunities to read to a furry friend.



 **Hawaii State
Public Library System**
K9 THERAPETS OF HAWAII





JUNE!!



Honbushin entertained with harmonica players, Taiko drummers and hula dancers.
Indonesian Angklung players amazed us with the beautiful music made with this unique bamboo instrument led by Karin Rombang.

A special Thank You to June, our very own Taiko drummer, and Anisa, whose mother plays the Angklung.





The 3rd Annual I Love Books Fair was a success! With our four literacy partners we were able to provide books and promote literacy in our Mililani community.

It was a fun event filled with Free Books, Games, Free Popcorn , Free Shave Ice and Great Entertainment!

Mililani 5th: HAVE FUN!



Pop (Joe) and
Corn 2 (Hayden)
gave out free
Popcorn.



Wendell and Mel
made everyone smile
with free Shave Ice!



KIPAPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRANT RECIPIENT

Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise received a \$500 District Grant for the Betterment of the Micronesia Community in Hawaii.

RCMS selected Kipapa Elementary School's English Language Department to receive the grant as they serve a large Micronesia population in our Mililani Community.

Shout out to June for applying for the District Grant to support our community.



Left to Right: Mel Kumasaka, June Kasaoka, Principal Dr Jhameel Duarte, Vice Principal Rudy Domingo, Parent-Community Networking Center Coordinator Karina Castillo, English Language Coordinator Nicole Stensgaard, Paul Nakachi.