

District 5000

District Governor Laura Steelquist



February is World Understanding Month!

How are you as a Rotarian helping to promote world understanding?

These next three months we have Rotarians from District 5000 going on National Immunization Days to India, participating in Friendship Exchanges in Taiwan and Japan, supporting projects in Cambodia, Thailand, and Romania, attending District Conferences in Japan, attending and leading a peace symposium – and inviting many, many sister clubs to visit Hawaii. Do these activities promote world understanding? Of course they do!

How are you helping to promote world understanding? Let us know what your club is doing. Let us know what you as Rotarians are doing. We'd like to have a record of all the current sister club relationships – when you went there last and when they're coming here. We'd like to know how many of your club members are visiting international projects. Let us know how many short-term exchanges are going on with sister clubs.

Tell your story...

so we can share it with the world. We need to let people see what Rotary is doing to promote world understanding and peace. Another story I might not have already shared with you:

John and I were participating in our first National Immunization Day in Mumbai, India – I think it was 2003 – with a group of Rotarians from District 5000. I remember I was thrilled that the President of the Rotary Club of Mumbai that year was a woman – a woman highly respected by her club members and community. We were in a small fishing village section of Mumbai – a floating small city surrounded by the teeming masses of people that make up Mumbai. We administered the drops – and yes, you do really feel like you've done something very, very special. But the highlight of that trip which has stayed with me to this day is that the group from Hawaii wasn't the only team working with the Indian Rotarians and public health workers that day. When we had a chance to pause and meet the other group we were astonished to discover that they were from Pakistan – at that time India and Pakistan were engaged in open hostilities. Two countries at war, but Rotarians from each working side by side to save the children of Mumbai, India. At that moment I suddenly realized as never before that there is hope for peace and understanding in the world – through Rotary.

So – it's FEBRUARY! February 23rd is the 110th anniversary of Rotary International. Find a way to promote world understanding – or community understanding – or family understanding - and share that story with friends and potential Rotarians. We have Five more months this Rotary year to make a difference in someone's life! Five more months to change your own life! Five more months to ...

Light Up Rotary!!!

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



Camp RYLA transforms student leaders

Over 60 Maui students attended the 14th annual Camp RYLA sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Maui, January 23-25, 2015 at the YMCA Camp Ke'anae.

"Camp RYLA was a fabulous opportunity for all of the students who attended to expand our networks and become better leaders," KSM sophomore Sky Chun-Matsukawa said. Though it rained for almost the entire duration of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp, that didn't stop campers from having fun indoors and out.



At Camp RYLA, campers are put into "ohanas," or groups, that have two to three senior facilitators. This was the first year that the camp was primarily student run. "We made the decision last year to increase the number of student facilitators and decrease the number of adult facilitators so that the students had a chance to teach and be the role models," said Joanne Laird, Rotary Youth Service Chair for District 5000. "It is the most powerful thing I have seen in my 8 years of doing Camp RYLA." Three of the 27 student facilitators were from KS Maui: seniors Sarah Reyes, Brandy Takiguchi and myself. "It was really cool to be a part of the first student-run RYLA," Reyes said. "It made me more confident as a leader and allowed me to grow into my leadership positions."

The purpose of Camp RYLA is to train future leaders and offer the skills and tools to make a difference in the world. On the first night, campers, as well as facilitators, participated in ice breakers to get to know one another. This allowed campers to switch out of their "ohanas" to meet other people. On top of that, each group performed a skit that correlated to one of the 15 Nuggets of Leadership, which are leadership rules to live by. Among these rules are things such as "trust is a must" and "group thinking is better than individual thinking." Campers took these leadership nuggets and incorporated them into activities over the entire weekend.



On Saturday, the students were divided into two large groups to do community service at two different lo'i kalo, or taro patches. The reason for this was because at last year's camp, students said that they would have enjoyed more community service. "Aunt

plant in, but, of course, it's not a day at the lo'i without a mud fight.



Once everyone was showered and back at the YMCA, it was back to team-building exercises indoors and out. Inside, students learned about the 4-Way Test; a test that all Rotarians judge their actions by. The 4-Way Test states: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build

goodwill and better friendships? And, will it be beneficial to all concerned? The 4-Way Test can be applied to all situations to help one make the right decisions. While outside, campers played soccer and ultimate Frisbee and participated in leadership activities that involved effective communication. That night, campers got into groups and talked about their "sparks." Facilitators explained that a spark is something one is passionate about and wants to do something about to make a difference. Once everyone shared their sparks, they wrote them down on a pieces of paper and put them on the "spark wall."

The group also got to watch a performance by aerial dancer Lexi Justus, the daughter of the YMCA Camp Ke'anae owners. "It was one of the coolest things I've ever seen," Takiguchi said, "and she's only 13!" On Sunday there was a Leadership Speed Dating activity where Rotarians from the community came to share their experiences and give advice to the future leaders, the campers. "My favorite part was meeting the various RYLA club members and asking them questions relating to their successes," Chun-Matsukawa said. "They are living proof that we can and will make it." After that, each attendee was given a certificate and a RYLA pin in a graduation ceremony. "Go out and make a difference. Take the skills, take everything, and go change somebody's life," Laird said. Article written by Maile Sur, news editor, Ka Leo O Na Koa a student at Kamehameha Schools.

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LAUNCHES FEBRUARY 15TH**

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



**Boots, Jeans & Cowboy Hats
Foundation Dinner
January 31, 2015**

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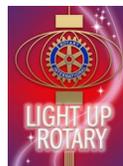
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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Celebrating Rotary's
110th Anniversary
February 23, 2015**



It's time to register for the...

HAWAII DISTRICT 5000 CONFERENCE
Hilton Waikoloa Hotel, Kona Coast, Hawaii
May 22 through May 24, 2015

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND OF FRIENDSHIP, NETWORKING, AND TRAINING ON THE STUNNING KONA COAST! You don't want to miss this extraordinary opportunity to "Talk Story" with Rotarians from all over Hawaii's District 5000! Bring the whole Family! This year, our conference is over Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-24. You can stay at the beautiful Hilton Waikoloa Village for only \$139 per night!! The rate is good for 3 days before, and 3 days after the conference. Come for the conference, stay for a little vacation time in one of Hawaii's most incredible resort properties. Space is filling up quickly, so don't delay!

To register, and for more information, go to:
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