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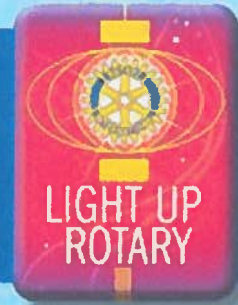
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District 5000 Newsletter July 2014



Aloha, Wonderful Rotarians of District 5000!

It's an exciting time for Rotary in Hawaii as we begin this new year of opportunity for fellowship and service. There is so much excitement and enthusiasm and energy radiating through the clubs – you can almost feel the buzz. RI President Gary Huang from Taiwan has challenged us all to LIGHT UP ROTARY this year by

- 1) **Increasing our membership** - wouldn't it be nice to say 1.3 million Rotarians worldwide?
- 2) **Involving our families** – invite your spouse and children and parents and cousins and Rotary alumni and beneficiaries to participate in projects and to join Rotary!
- 3) **Telling the Story of Rotary** – let's tell people WHY we're Rotarians, HOW we change lives, and WHAT an impact Rotary can have on their lives, too. Every Rotarian has a Story!
- 4) **And, of course, completing our number one initiative** – the Eradication of Polio! We're so close – we want to have no new cases by the end of 2015 – now that would be a reason to celebrate!

We will be visiting all of your clubs in the next two months or so. My Sweetie John will be with me right up until the start of classes at Chaminade. We're both excited about renewing old friendships and beginning new ones. And speaking of clubs – our newest Rotary e-club of District 5000 (We Rotary) is meeting online on Tuesday afternoons. Check them out! And we have a new club on Maui and a new club on Lanai that are forming and growing and will be chartered much sooner than either one expected! That's the way to LIGHT UP ROTARY! Keep looking for new opportunities for expansion – there are still plenty of qualified individuals in Hawaii who haven't been given the opportunity to join our amazing organization – remember to ASK – you might just change their lives!

Congratulations to PDG Phil and his Energizers for a year full of friendship and Service Above Self. You're a hard act to follow, but you've made it so easy for all of us to hit the ground running. Thank you for sharing your aloha! And we'd like to give a special recognition to the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay – the winner this year of Rotary International's Significant Achievement Award – for a third year! Look for their story and see what an impact a dedicated group of individuals can make on a community. Another Rotary story! Let's all find our stories and share our stories – and together we will...

LIGHT UP ROTARY!

With much Aloha,

DG Laura



District 5000 members enjoy the 2014 Rotary International Conference in Sydney, Australia

The Classroom Angel, Significant Achievement Award story

A Kilauea Student shows a classroom angel and her teacher how to use an iPad mini straight out of the box.

The North Shore of Kaua'i is a tropical paradise and home to movie stars and millionaires, but in the small local communities that nestle up to those big estates there are families that can't afford books or breakfast for their kids much less computers at home.



Some of the members at the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay recognized that as a problem, and started helping out the teachers of the Kilauea School with school supplies and volunteer effort. The results were so positive that it was adopted by the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and formalized into the "Adopt a Classroom" program.

"Classroom Angels" were asked to provide \$500 in school supplies for their class, an hour in the classroom helping out, and \$200 for a field trip that they plan and attend with the kids.

Every classroom in Kilauea School and the Hanalei School were adopted either by caring individuals or local companies that had the means and the heart to fund it.

The next year the program was taken on as a signature project by the Rotary club of Hanalei Bay and expanded to include an ambitious plan to provide mini-iPads to help the school with a computer literacy program and to enhance the learning experience.

With the help of a Rotary District grant, the Rotary club of Hanalei Bay came up with matching funds to provide 130 iPad minis. More funds were raised in the community for earphones, software, protective cases and charging stations. Community donations to the PTSA helped make it possible to put together a three month pilot program to test the effectiveness of the project and to bring in computer education software experts to help put together classroom programs that enhance education opportunities.

The money raised and spent on this program was considerably beyond the ability of the PTSA, the families, or even the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay to raise on their own. It took a community effort with exceptional help from charitable business men and women to join in the effort to make this successful.

The result has been dramatic. Kids are looking forward to class and are having so much fun learning that they don't realize that they are in school.

The teachers have been enthusiastic about the progress they see in the classroom.

In today's world it is not possible to get a job where all you have to know is how to say, "Would you like fries with that?" without knowing how to operate a computer and be computer literate.

The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay is very proud to have made this contribution to the community and very happy to receive the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award this year.

In a recent survey, the club members have voted to keep the program in the club for another year and then recommended that it becomes a free standing (501)(c) (3) non-profit organization on its own, similar to what the club has done in the past with their other two Rotary International, Significant Achievement Award winners, "Growing Our Own Teachers", which provides scholarship for local teacher candidates, and the "Rescue Tube Foundation", that puts rescue tubes on beaches where life guards are not available.

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