

NEWSLETTER May 2015

District 5000

District Governor Laura Steelquist



May is the month we look forward to CELEBRATING the joys and accomplishments of our Rotary year with the amazing projects that clubs have accomplished in our local community and in our international community. We celebrate the new friends we have made in the form of new members. We celebrate our Foundation giving – knowing that every dollar will go towards improving the lives of men, women, and especially children in Kakaako, Waianae, Palolo, Chinatown, Pahoia, Waimea, Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal, South Africa..... the reach of Rotary is limitless.

One way we celebrate is through our District Conference. I once had a friend tell me that he finally understood what Rotary was all about after he attended his first District Conference. It's a chance for Rotarians and guests to mix and mingle and share ideas and share food and – yes, TALK STORY!

Our Conference this year is May 22 – 24th at the beautiful Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort on the Kona Coast. We have an incredible room night rate (\$139) which the hotel has agreed to honor until the hotel is sold out! What great partners we have in the Hilton Waikoloa Resort hotel management! We also have some first-class speakers – PDG Sylvia Whitlock – the FIRST woman in Rotary – and the reason the rest of us are allowed to be here. We have Kaimana Barcarse of the Hokulea to share his experiences, John Keawe, Danny Akaka, Nathan Grace and Kimo Hoopina to entertain and educate us, and Past RI President Rick King to inspire us! Our RI President's Representative is PDG Harry Fields from Chattanooga, Tennessee, I know he will share stories that will truly make us glad we came. So come join us on the Kona Coast! Register now online – get your meals – sign up for golf – get ready for Kona vs Kau coffee tastings! Let's have fun – let's get energized! Let's...

Light Up Rotary!!!



DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



Rotarians at WORK

April 25, 2015



Graffiti busters from the Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu and the Rotary e-Club of Hawaii! Painting at Central Middle School. Gotta get rid of the not so awesome art work (aka Graffiti) on the schools walls.



Waikiki Rotarians and LaPietra Interactors who arrived bright and early on Saturday morning to set up a water station for thousands of "March for Babies Walk" walkers. Congratulations to the March of Dimes staff and volunteers for making this a record breaking event raising over \$800,000 for Babies in Hawaii.



Maui Rotarians, Family & Friends participated in a Successful Food Drive for the Maui Food Bank



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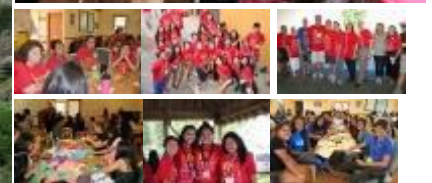
OAHU-Camp Erdman

Rotary sponsored RYLA Camp (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for 63 students at YMCA Camp Erdman April 3-5, 2015.

Many thanks to the Camp Staff and Rotary Volunteers who brought this program together to assist in developing leadership skills for high school students from all over Oahu.

Also thanks to the Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and individuals who sponsored this program.

David C. Livingston, RYLA Coordinator for Oahu



DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Humanitarian Mission to Myanmar

By PDG Steve Yoshida, We Rotary E-Club of D5000 Hawaii

At the Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii



January 2013, Nobel Peace Laureate Aung Sang Suu Kyi (Daw Suu) appealed to Rotarians to help her country of Myanmar.

On 16 May 2014 RI announced the re-establishment of the Rotary Club of Yangon, active from 1929 until it was closed in 1977. The club held its charter ceremony in February, 2015.

Dr. (Eddie) Lim, a Burmese living in Honolulu, Hawaii, joined the Rotary E-Club of D5000 Hawaii (We Rotary). The three Burmese Rotarians with the support from their club put out a call for a humanitarian mission to the Rakhine State, where the family name of Dr. Saw Mra Aung is well known & respected.



Dr. Eddie recruited doctors, dentists and a pharmacist from the US (Hawaii, California), UK, Australia, and New Zealand; We Rotary engaged Rotarians from the US (Hawaii, Alaska, California), Taiwan, Australia, and Hong Kong; and Tin May and Uzin Blue organized the mission near Sittwe and Mrauk Oo in the Rakhine State.

In January 2015, 15 Rotarians and 25 medical volunteers from 8 countries answered the call. They came prepared for water, health education, English teacher training, dental, medical and solar panel projects.

The local people had never seen so many foreign volunteers. The regional chief monk and local officials held an elaborate opening ceremony to welcome the visitors. The national speaker of the house came by helicopter to attend. The solar lighting equipment donated by the Rotary club of Taipei Twins and other Rotary donations were on display. Dr. Eddie described the projects and thanked the government officials and Buddhist monks for their cooperation.

Over 3000 villagers came to Sittwe and Mrauk Oo to be served by the 16 medical doctors, 4 dentists, and 5 students with prescription medicine, dental clinics, and medical consultations. The mission was open to people from all religious and cultural backgrounds.



Rotarians conducted training classes for English teachers, held health education and dental fairs, purchased desks for schools, distributed solar lamp systems to schools, fitted patients with prosthetic hands, funded water lines and bridges, and designed water catchment ponds and filtration systems.



The mission was a great success. The volunteers formed a close bond with each other and the people they served. They are eager to continue their work and return again to help the needy people of Myanmar. Daw Suu must be pleased at Rotary's response to her plea. Rotary is bound to return to its former prominence in Myanmar as the number of Rotarians and projects in Myanmar increase. This is just the beginning.

(more) Rotarians @ Work Highlights

Rotary Club of Hawaii Kai
Garden project at Lunalilo Home for the elders with Kaiser Interactors who maintain the project during the year



Sierra House Garden Box Project
Sierra House is halfway house for homeless. Joint Rotary Club Project Windward Sunrise, Hawaii Kai, Diamond Head, and Windward Oahu Clubs



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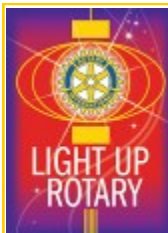
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DISTRICT CONFERENCE



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 attend the District Conference and "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:

<http://www.d5000conference.org>

District Assemblies

The purpose of the District Assembly is to prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office and to build their leadership team. It also gives the incoming District Governor Del Green, the incoming Assistant Governors and District Team the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship.



Oahu **May 2**
East Hawaii **May 9**

It is essential that each club send their Director or Avenue of Service Chair to the Assembly for the entire day. If that is not possible, please ensure that someone attends each session whether or not there is a specific person with that responsibility in your club.

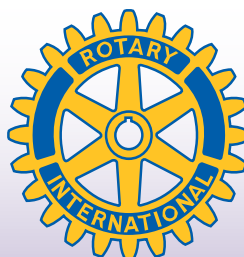


Rotary International Convention

June 6-9, 2015 | Sao Paulo, Brazil

Register Early at

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