



Aloha, Wonderful Rotarians of District 5000!

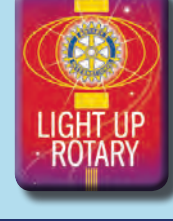
September is Youth Services Month in Rotary – a time when we celebrate the joys of working with our young people in all of the programs of Rotary. Rotaract, Interact, EarlyAct, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Youth Literacy projects such as the Dictionary Project and Keiki Vision – all are ways that Rotarians interact with young people and help improve their lives and engage them in helping our communities. Check out the messages below from Youth Services Chair Joanne Laird, Literacy Co-Chair Gale Warshawsky, Youth Exchange Officer David Hurd, and Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation. PDG Linda Coble also offers suggestions for how Rotarians and youth can work together in the newly rebranded We Vote Hawaii campaign.

By the time you read this, we will have had official DG visits with 44 clubs, including participating with PDG Phil and the Rotary Club of South Hilo (sponsor) in the Charter Ceremony for the new Rotary e-club of District 5000. The club, informally known as We Rotary, was chartered on June 30, 2014. Great way to end the year, PDG Phil! And congratulations to Charter President Kat Haber and the 21 new Rotarians in District 5000. What an amazing experience the club visits have been. I knew our clubs were active but have been blown away by the number of projects accomplished and planned by all of our clubs. And clubs are embracing the proven idea that clubs with lots of projects and lots of parties are strong, successful clubs!

Mahalo

Rotarians in District 5000 have epitomized Service Above Self in your response to the needs of the East Hawaii communities damaged by Hurricane Isele. A special thanks to the Hawaii Island clubs for their immediate response with water and manpower. The \$4,000 food shipment which was sent when the Hawaii Food Basket was out of food and the need was greatest was fully funded by generous donations from our clubs, Club Foundations, and individual Rotarians. I'm PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN in District 5000!

With much Aloha,
DG Laura



Interact



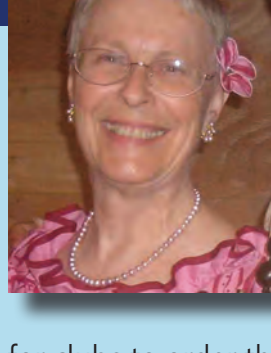
GREETINGS FROM YOUR YOUTH SERVICES CHAIR
Joanne Laird



**It's NEW! It's EXCITING!
It's INTERACTIVE!**

Coming to your part of D5000 is the One-Day Interact Workshop. Five One-Day Interact workshops will be brought to a location on your island between October 4 and 10. These workshops are being held during Fall Break (kids are off school!) and the purpose is to bring together Interactors to learn leadership skills and meet their Rotary Club sponsors. The final outcome is for the Interactors and Rotary Clubs to plan a community service project they can complete together! All of the details are on the Youth Services, Interact link on the D5000 website. Information has been sent to your club president with how YOU can get involved. Time to have some fun and show the Interactors how we all help to "Light Up Rotary"! Questions? Contact your club president or email me directly at: mamalrd@jps.net

Literacy



It is back to school time in Hawai'i nei and our wonderful clubs are involved in literacy projects to benefit youth. Some Rotary clubs in our District have held Back to School Supply Drives collecting much needed school supplies for needy students some of whom live in Homeless Shelters. Also many clubs are involved in the D5000 Dictionary Project. Our goal D5000-wide is to give a new Dictionary to each student in 3rd grade in every public, private, and charter school in our state. The Order Form for clubs to order the Dictionaries and for clubs to order the Four Way Test labels are available on the D5000 Literacy Website. Go to www.rotaryd5000.org. Then scroll down on the left side of that page and click on Literacy. That takes you to the D5000 Literacy website. From there, click on Dictionary Project. There you will see that the first 2 file links to click on are for the Revised Dictionary Project Order Form and for the Four Way Test Labels Order Form. Note that the dictionaries are sent to Hawai'i via Media Mail and it takes eight weeks or longer for them to arrive in our state.

Youth Exchange



What is Rotary Youth Exchange? A Rotary academic year high school exchange student (Long Term exchange student) travels abroad & attends school in the host country for a full year. They participate in camps, meetings, & trips in their host country & surrounding countries (some are optional). They will be immersed in the language & culture of their host country. Your student ambassador will be hosted by a local Rotary Club in the exchange country and will be hosted by one to four families approved by Rotary. The host Rotary Club will issue a monthly stipend in the foreign currency. This is an enriching experience for the student & an opportunity to develop lifelong friendships. Universities recognize the value of greater self-reliance & social maturity students acquire during their year abroad.

Visit the Rotary Youth Exchange page on the D5000 website for more information
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60108/SitePage/youth-programs/rotary-youth-exchange-1>



Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)
In 2014, 47 scholarship grants for a total of \$245,000 were awarded to deserving Hawaii high school seniors to assist in their college educations. To date 1,562 scholarship grants with a total value of \$5,611,313 have been awarded to Hawaii high school seniors and this is only possible with donations from Rotarians and other.

September is the best time to give to Hawaii **Rotary** Youth Foundation because when you donate during Foodland's *Give Aloha* campaign, your donation may be partially matched by Foodland, for instance a \$30 gift could turn into a \$35 donation!

Show your Foodland Maka'i card to the cashier at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm and make your tax deductible donation to our organization up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Email a copy of your receipt to hryf@hawaii.rr.com for credit to your HRYF account.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program



Aloha Rotarians!
KIDS VOTING HAWAII HAS BEEN RE-BRANDED TO "WE VOTE HAWAII"
TO BETTER REFLECT THE AGE DIVERSITY

Feedback from students wanting a more inclusive look and name for the on-line voting experience for K-12 student voters statewide resulted in a name change and logo contest for the new We Vote Hawaii brand. As you know, Kids Voting Hawaii began as a project of the Rotary Club of Honolulu in the 1996 General Election and quickly evolved into a statewide Rotary effort involving our members staffing student polling stations at adult voting sites throughout Hawaii. This volunteer-driven experience in democracy is now on-line, and in the 2012 General Election, 120,000 students logged on with their personal passwords to cast ballots.

As we face the 2014 General Election, We Vote Hawaii needs your help to raise awareness of the name and logo change among youth in Public, Private, Charter and Home schools statewide. Rotarians are encouraged to engage family, Interact and/or Early Act students, teachers and Principals in the schools in their communities, and to offer support to bolster student turn-out and school participation. A phone call or visit to schools offering your club's support and encouragement, assistance in distributing passwords, organizing voting days at school computer labs, rallies and mock debates, creating WVH posters...the opportunities are endless!

September: Teachers are asked to distribute personal voter passwords to their students. On September 22nd, the We Vote Hawaii Practice Ballot will be available on-line for students and their families to explore. October 20: WVH on-line voting goes live, mirroring the adult walk-in voting period. Students can use their passwords to cast their votes for candidates and student issues until 6 pm November 4th, General Election day. We Vote Hawaii Results are announced immediately after the last adult polling place closes.