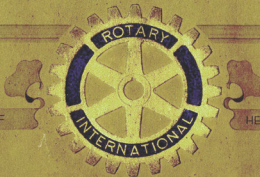


# Rotary Club of Kona



Celebrating 75 Years  
of  
"Service Above Self"



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST

This Certifies that the Rotary Club of  
**Kona, Hawaii**

having been duly organized and having agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International, which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of this certificate, is now a duly admitted member of

**Rotary International**

Club No. 6829

and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of such membership.

*In witness whereof* the seal of Rotary International is hereto affixed and the signatures of its officers, duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this seventh day of February Anno Domini 1948.



*V. Sanford Denny*  
President, Rotary International

*Philip J. ...*  
Secretary, Rotary International

Recommended by

*Harry P. Field*  
District Governor

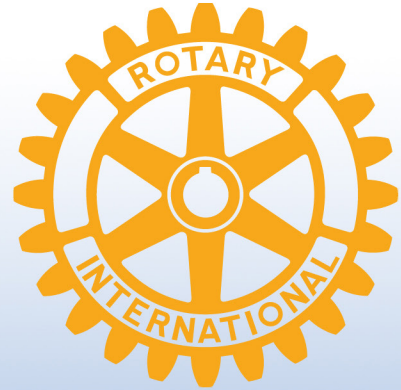


**02/07/1948**

**The Rotary Club of Kona is born! Club No. 6829**



# Rotary Club of Kona



## 75th Anniversary

Happenings  
Over the Years



04/03/1989

Alan Clark



Gerry Brewster

Dick Herschberger



04/03/1989





Tina Clothier

Barbara Bush



Gretchen Watson-Kabei



09/03/1989

Peter Mueller  
Original Aloha  
Rotary Shirt



Ken Clewitt  
Francis Kualani  
Dick Denison

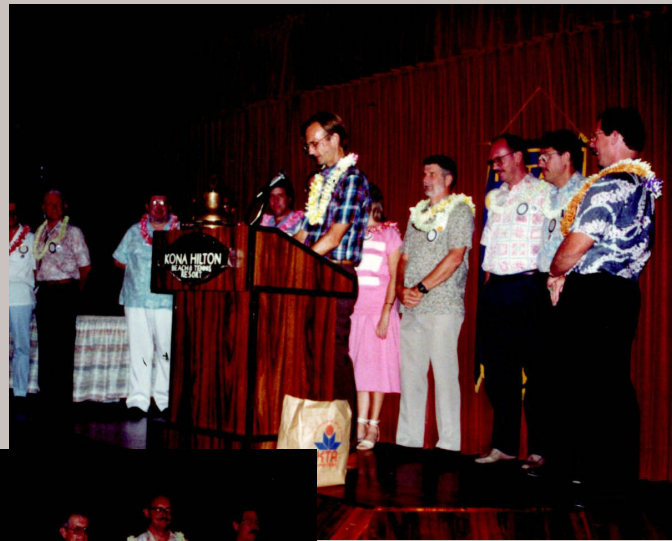
Chuck Cartwright



09/03/1989



Ken Clewitt  
Ron Liuizzi



GregOgin



Greg Ogin  
Ken Clewitt  
Terry Johnson

04/05/1990





Steve Bobko-Hilleneare  
Allan Kono



Allan Kono  
Bob Bean

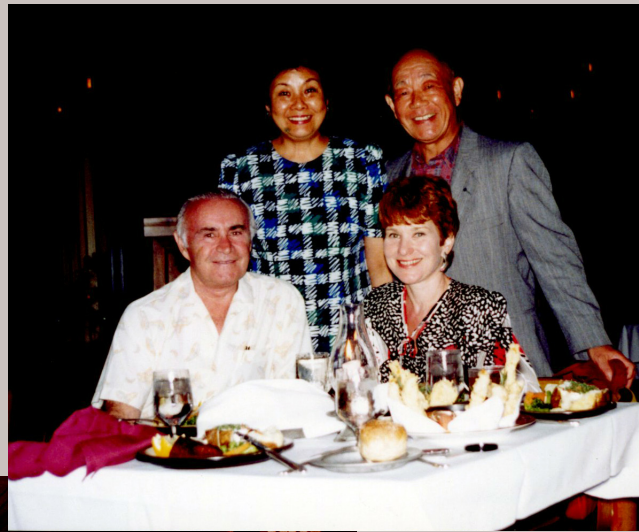


Jim Bedingfield

1990 - 1991



Steve  
Bobko-Hilleneear



Allan Kono



Jim Beddingfield  
Dick Denison

02/29/1992



Tina Clothier, Bill Brye,  
Greg Ogin, Jim Lightner,  
Alan Clark, Barbara Bush,  
Steve Bobko-Hilleneear



Dave Buehler

17/28/1997





JimLightner

DickHerschberger, BillBrye



11/11/1997



GretchenWatson-Kabei  
BillBrye



1998

Kona Crafts Bazaar



Tina Clothier & Harry Kim

Ken Clewitt, Dick Herschberger,  
Alan Pratt with members from  
Our Japanese Sister Club



In the 1990's

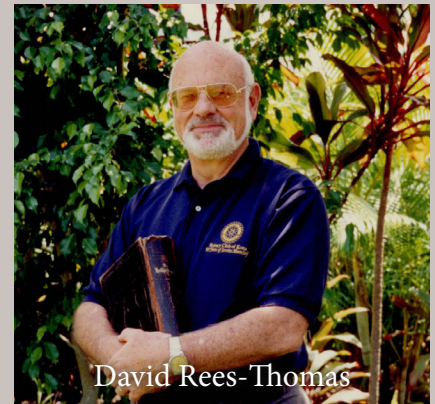




Tina Clothier



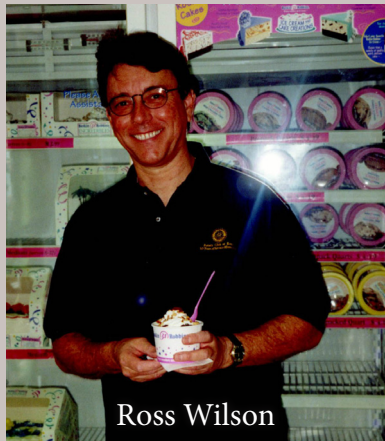
Sherrie Acerson



David Rees-Thomas



Dwayne Sluss



Ross Wilson



Cyndi Staudt

In the 1990's



**08/24/2000**

Several Rotarians participated in a “Spinathon” fund-raiser to restore and support the police bike patrol. The photo shows the stage at “The Club in Kona” where the event took place. Rotarian Barbara Bush on the right with Rotarian Rick Merschdorf, center. Kila Lee on the left.



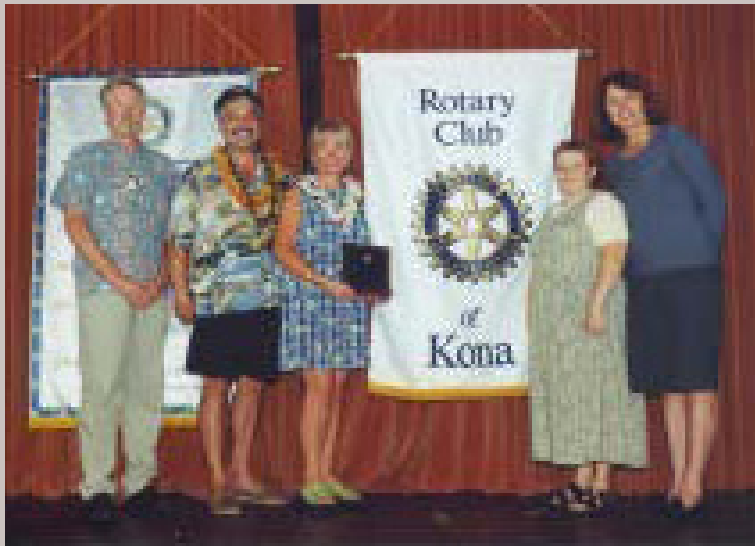
**09/21/2000**  
Kealakehe High School Interact Club





**09/28/2000**

The Rotary Club of Kona Board of Directors met with Linda Coble at Huggo's On the Rocks for committee reports, drinks and pupus.



11/23/2000

**Employer of the Year:** Body Glove Cruises Scotty and Maggie Bell are well known in the community and beloved by employees and residents alike.



**01/10/2002**

Involved as a member of the 2001 parade committee: Barbara Kossow, Dennis Krueger, Francis uailani Sr, Dan Malakie, Greg Ogin and Ken Clewett.





**02/28/2002**

Rotarians & Interactors gathered at 8:00 am to begin their road clean-up.



**03/28/2002**

Pictured to the right is Ron Hawkes awarding the Grand Prize of a Camcorder to Kimberly Kim, the amazing 10 year old from Hilo who won the Sony Digital Camcorder in the pitching contest.



**12/11/2003**

A very successful work party at the Makaeo Walking Jogging Path .







**02/19/2004**

The MasterCard PGA Tournament of Champions Volunteer Mahalo Party, sponsored by the club.



**03/18/2004**

A huge mahalo goes out to all those involved in the Malamaʻaina Day Centennial Project workday last Saturday at the Old Airport State Park.





**06/10/2004**

Alan Pratt, Club liaison to our sister club in Japan, the Kawasaki Chuo Rotary Club, and Co-Chair of the Kawasaki-Chuo and Kona Rotary Club's Friendship Scholarship.



**06/24/2004**

The Vistas Restaurant provided our club's recognition dinner with a beautifully splendid sunset. It was just the right touch to mark the sunset of President Bev's year.



**07/01/2004**

Cyndy Staudt, Gretchen Lawson, and Jim Lightner, with Richard Farnham, president of Destination Kona Coast, welcome the new cruise ship, Pride of Aloha.





**07/15/2004**

Great turnout at Maka'e'o Centennial project



**08/24/2004**

Here's a photo from the Meet and Eat Program that Rotary supported during the summer months while Interact was on vacation.



**08/26/2004**

There was a memorial service for George Francis Collins on Friday at 3:00pm at the Kona Outdoor Circle. All his freinds and fellow Rotarians were invited to attend and pay their respects.



**10/07/2004**

Rotary International President Glenn Estess, Senior has expressed confidence in a strong future for Rotary eClub One. In a meeting with Rotary eClub One President, Chris Joscelyne, Glenn Estess said that the world's first online Rotary Club is demonstrating the viability of Rotary fellowship and service online.





**12/02/2004**

This past Saturday several Rotarians, Friends for Fitness and PATH volunteers came out to help continue the beautification of the Maka'e'o Walking Jogging Path, our Centennial Project.



**12/16/2004**  
Christmas party is a huge success!



12/16/2004

Several Rotarians turned out for the Rotary sponsored golf tournament on Saturday the 4th.



# Farnham is Rotarian of the Year

SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY

Richard Hunt Farnham of Kailua-Kona was awarded Rotarian of the year at the annual Rotary Transition Meeting held this year at the Hokulia Country Club.

Farnham joined Rotary in 2000 and for the past two years has been the editor of the weekly newsletter, the Coffee Blossom. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor of the Rotary Foundation.

He and his wife Nancy have lived in Kailua-Kona for 12 years and are the owners of Alakai Publishing and Farnham Associated Marketing Solutions.



08/06/2005





**08/22/2005**  
**Dave Howell**



**08/22/2005**  
**Dick Fearing**



**07/06/2006**

Past President, Dick Hershberger & President, Bill Cliff Cordially invite Rotarians and their guests to the 58th annual Recognition & Installation Dinner.



**09/28/2006**

Our newest member Eric Mukai, his sponsor Tom Fine and President Bill Cliff at the induction ceremony last week.





**10/05/2006**  
This week: Dr. Earl Bakken



**11/02/2006**

Another successful STRIVE meeting!



11/09/2006  
Keiki Vision/Dictionary project.



**12/14/2006**

The Christmas Party was a huge success! President, Bill Cliff with Ann Goody, Rotarian of the Year, and her husband.





**12/21/2006**

Ann Goody took time out of her already hectic schedule to load up her car with books for the Naalehu Elementary School Library.



**07/12/2007**

President Diane has started a new club tradition—THE RED SASH AWARD. Larry Peckham, shown tying the sash, was the first recipient of this award. Larry was recognized for his work as Sgt. At Arms last year, and for his work on the scholarship committee.



09/20/2007

**Keiki Vision—Holualoa School September 12, 2007:** Renee Kraft testing near vision. Scott Unger testing reading vision.



11/01/2007

Shown above are the Rotarians who were hosted by Ray Marks, Life Care Center of Kona. From left to right, Pat Berry, Bill Rogers, Ray Marks, Harold Meltzer, and Bev Fraser.





12/20/2007

Kailua-Kona Christmas Parade the best ever! Rotary Club of Kona float.



**03/06/2008**

Congratulations to Cindy Hope for receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship last week. Cheryl Holdcroft, Cindy Hope, & President, Diane Ilstrup.



**04/10/2008**

Our thanks to Rotarian, Liz Zagorodney, who hosted our exchange student, Nina this Spring. Here is a photo of the two at our 60th party!



**04/17/2008**

Four of our club members were recognized last week with the Paul Harris Award for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Receiving their fifth Paul Harris award were Ray Marks and Past President, Alan Clark; joined by Dick Fearing, for his first award, and Past President, Bev Fraser, for her second Paul Harris Award.





**05/01/2008**

On Saturday, April 26, a handful of Kona Rotarians, armed with rakes, chainsaws, clippers, hedge trimmers, and various other equipment showed up at the home of Mrs. King for “Rotarians at Work Day.”

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What a wonderful Year We Had!!



**07/10/2008**

Congratulations to the July 4th Parade Committee on a job well done!



**08/07/2008**

\$50,000 Received from MasterCard! A check is presented from Kelly Fliear of MasterCard Tour of Champions and Brendan Moynahan of Hualalai Golf Club to the Rotary of Kona Foundation for their members' volunteer oversight at the MasterCard Tour of Champions at Hualalai in January.





**09/11/2008**

President Dave and Club Counselor Renee Kraft help welcome Exchange Student Martin Arias from Chile!



**09/11/2008**

Club Members Joane Henley, Gretchen Watson-Kabei, Ann Goody, Cindy Hope, Dave deYoung and Cliff Kopp help with Keiki Vision at Hualalai Academy



**11/13/2008**

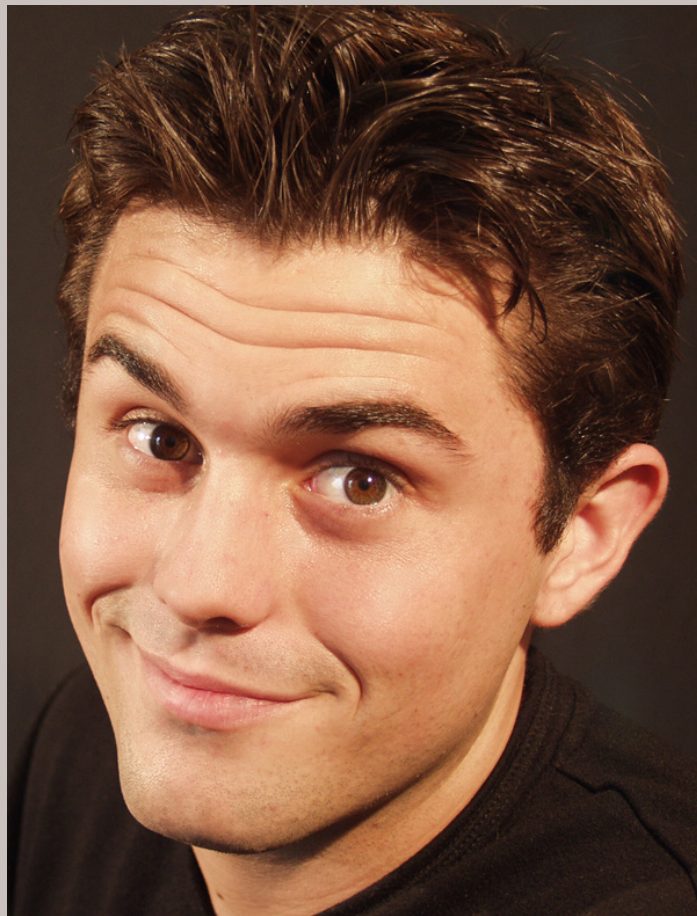
The Rotary Club of Kona presents the 24th Annual Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13, at 5:00 PM.



**12/18/2008**

WELCOME! New Rotarians were inducted into the Rotary Club of Kona December 11th by club members and District 5000 Governor Ayman El Dakhakhni. Left to Right: Steve Ybarra, Tante Urban, Janna Powell and Michael Kelly.





**12/18/2008**

This Week's Program: Filmmaker, Alex Farnham



12/31/2008

Rotary Club of Kona 50th Anniversary Party





**12/31/2008**  
Rotary Club of Kona 50th Anniversary Party



**02/12/2009**

Another fabulous project compassion event was held on Sunday night at Denny's to benefit the Growing Our Own Teachers Project of our Rotary Club.





**02/12/2009**

Higashihara Park - Rotarian Bruce Watkins shows his stuff!



**05/13/2009**  
Higashihara Park



05/13/2009  
Higashihara Park



**06/18/2009**

The Ungers, Peckhams and Ken Kjer before dinner





**06/18/2009**

INSTALLATION DINNER ENJOYED BY ALL! Outgoing 2008/2009 ROK Board of Directors



**09/10/2009**

We need volunteers to help with the upcoming Keiki Vision Project that will begin in the next two weeks.



**11/13/2009**

Governor Lingle is the guest speaker at the Club meeting.



**02/04/2010**

Thank you to all who volunteered for another successful Mitsubishi Electric Golf Championship!





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**06/17/2010**

Rotary at Work Day Update! We had a great day at the Keauhou Headstart School renovating the play-group.





**01/27/2011**

Mahalo to Everyone who has volunteered to make this year's Mitsubishi Electric Championship Golf Tournament the best ever! A giant Mahalo to Alan Clark Volunteer Chair and Kris Hazard Volunteer Co-Chair.





**03/10/2011**

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Sherry Bracken, Island Issues/Community Corner Radio Segments



**06/23/2011**

**PROJECT COMPASSION AT DENNY'S:** This Sunday Denny's, in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Kona, Kona Mauka and Sunrise, are featuring Arc of Kona at the Project Compassion.



**07/28/2011**

Rotary Club of Kona Business of the Year 2011: Starbucks Coffee Store #21013, Palani Road location.



**09/01/2011**

ROTARY & ROTARIANS AT WORK !!! We placed four way test labels in 528 student dictionaries in 35 minutes!! Then we all enjoyed pupus and beverages. It was so much fun and a true example of how with fellowship and hard work, Rotarians can accomplish amazing things.





**10/13/2011**

CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF HERE? (If not, you missed out on the fun and rewarding keiki Vision Waikoloa Screening!!)



10/13/2011



**10/17/2011**

Presentation of the Mitsubishi Electric Champions Tour Golf Tournament Check to the Rotary Club of Kona



**11/22/2011**

The venue was wonderful, the food was excellent and the company was spectacular. If you missed the Holiday Party, then you missed some great fellowship, good eats, and a special place.



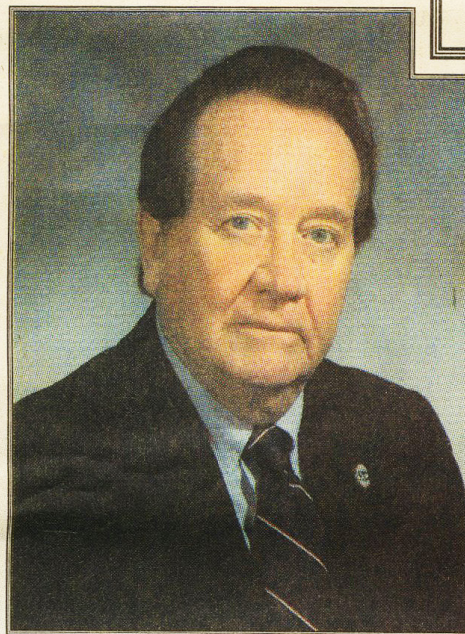


**2011**

David Rees-Thomas hosting an event.

***Alan Pratt***, beloved husband of Asako, and Kona community advocate for over thirty years, passed away on November 23, 2011 at the age of 87.

Alan was born in London, England. He attained several Engineering Degrees and also held a PhD in Business Administration. His work took him internationally to Japan, Hong Kong and England, prior to residing in Kona, Hawaii in 1979. He will be most remembered by his friends for his extensive community efforts that included his serving as Chair of the Kona Coffee Festival and as President of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Pratt was a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Kona, and lastly and most significantly, he was the Founder and President of West Hawaii Crime Stoppers.



*A memorial gathering will take place at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Kealahou on Saturday, December 17. Visitation from 1:00, funeral service from 2:00.*

*For additional information, please call 331-8191.*

**11/23/2011**  
In Memory of Alan Pratt.



**01/19/2012**

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year, but cautions the job is not yet finished





01/27/2012

At the Four Seasons Resort, Hualalai for the Golf Tournament





**02/09/2012**

This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona Diana Bertsch, Race Director Ford Ironman World Championship.



**04/26/2012**

This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona Mufi Hanneman “Campaign for a Congressional Seat.”



**05/03/2012**

Rotary at Work: With Rotary Club of Kona and Kealakehe Interact Club



**06/08/2012**  
With Gabriella Cooper





**06/12/2012**  
Liz Heiman, Rotarian of the Year 2012



**06/14/2012**

Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation Scholarship Awards. KELLEN KADOOKA of Konawaena High School received the Jim and Sis Beddingfield Scholarship. CAITLIN HOWARD-GOMEZ of Kealakehe High School received the Ken and Marge Clewett Scholarship and MEGAN VIERRA of Konawaena High School received the Ron and Kathy Hawkes Scholarship.



**07/19/2012**

At the Rotary Club of Kona, representative Cindy Evans-House District 7, Legislative Update



**07/19/2012**

“Higher Education in West Hawaii—Palamanui Campus”



# Blitz Build Blessing

*"My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes,  
in undisturbed places of rest" Isaiah 32:18*



## ***The Work is Done!***

*Join us on Saturday, September 22, 2012*

*for the House Blessing for our La'i 'Opua Blitz Build Homes*

*74-5129 'Aheahua Way Kailua-Kona, Hawaii*

*11:00AM—1:00PM*

*Volunteers—Wear Your Blitz Build T-shirts or Bring Your T-Shirt Ticket*

Please RSVP to [pr@habitatwesthawaii.org](mailto:pr@habitatwesthawaii.org) or call (808)331-8010 by September 21, 2012.



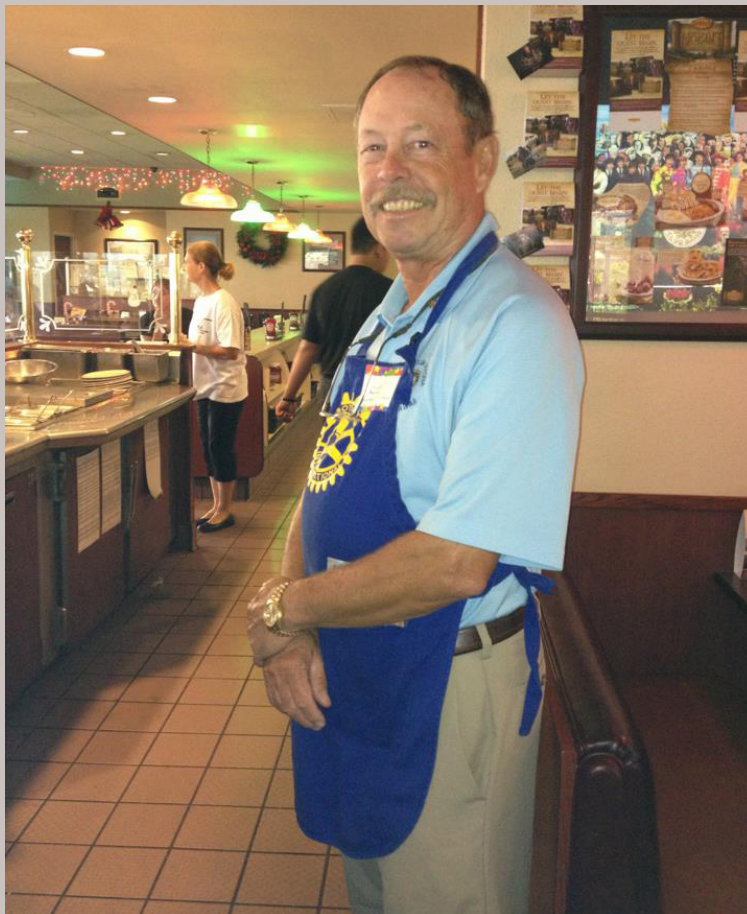
**09/21/2012**

The Habitat Blitz Build is nearly done - Five homes in 10 Days. The Rotary Club of Kona was there.



**10/25/2012**

Rotary Club of Kona member, John Simmerman, Finishes Ironman in Kona.



**11/04/2012**  
Alan Clark at Denny's



**11/15/2012**

Our Dictionaries have arrived and last week Thursday and we had our annual Keiki Vision Screening at Waikoloa Elementary School in Waikoloa. Check out the pictures.





**12/03/2012**

Keiki Vision testing time again. Today at Innovations Charter School.



12/13/2012

Check Presented to Rotary Club Of Kona by Mitsubishi Electric for the Golf Tournament Fundraiser



12/18/2012

Menehune Food Drive. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors for a really successful food drive. Over 10,000 pounds of food and about \$20,000 to the Food Basket. Still waiting for the final tally as donations are still coming in.



**02/21/2013**

From Alan and Wendy: "We made it to India! Yesterday, we took it easy and did a little sight seeing in Delhi. Went to the Red Fort which was built in 1639 to 1647 by Shah Jahan, the same Emperor who built the Taj Majhal.





**05/02/2013**

This Week At the Rotary Club of Kona Pastor David Rees-Thomas. “Experiencing the Expanding World of Rotary by Making Up.”



**06/04/2013**

Kona Rotary Clubs were recognized tonight for their contribution to the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build.



**06/15/2013**

Alan, Pastor David, Todd and Cheryl enjoy the evening



**06/16/2013**

This Week At the Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians, Todd & Cheryl Holdcroft, talk about their Japan Trip / Tsunami Damage.





**06/15/2013**

President Alan Clark, Loren Hickey, Miss Hawaii USA, and President-Elect, Tom Daniel.



07/11/2013

Rotary Club of Kona and District Governor Phill Sammer welcoming Jeff Craft, Bank of Hawaii, to the Rotary ohana. Please take a second to welcome Jeff.



07/11/2013

District Governor Phil Sammer presenting Tom Fine with the Energizer Award at today's luncheon. Way to to Tom!!!



**07/29/2013**

Liz Zagorodney and Todd Holdcroft at Kona Airport with newly arrived Rotary exchange student, Ela Seier, from Germany.





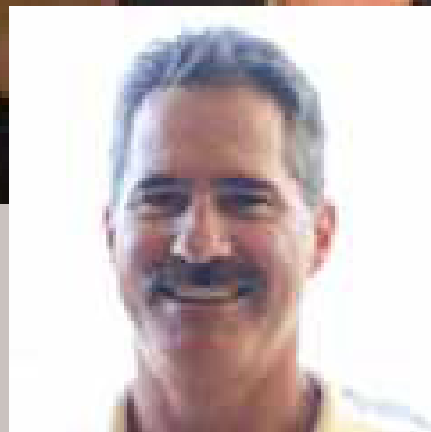
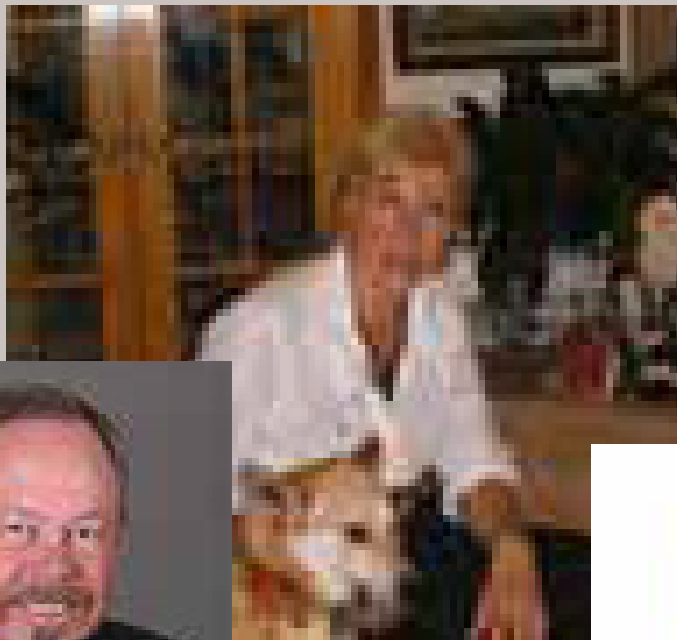
**08/01/2013**

Join us this week and meet four of our Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians. We will hear from Cheryl Holdcroft, Todd Holdcroft, Chrys Yamasaki and David Rees Thomas. They'll each have about 5 minutes to tell us a little about how they became who they are and what impact Rotary has had on their lives.



**08/10/2013**

Mahalo to all who attended tonight's going away party. A hui hou Cheryl and Todd.



**08/15/2013**

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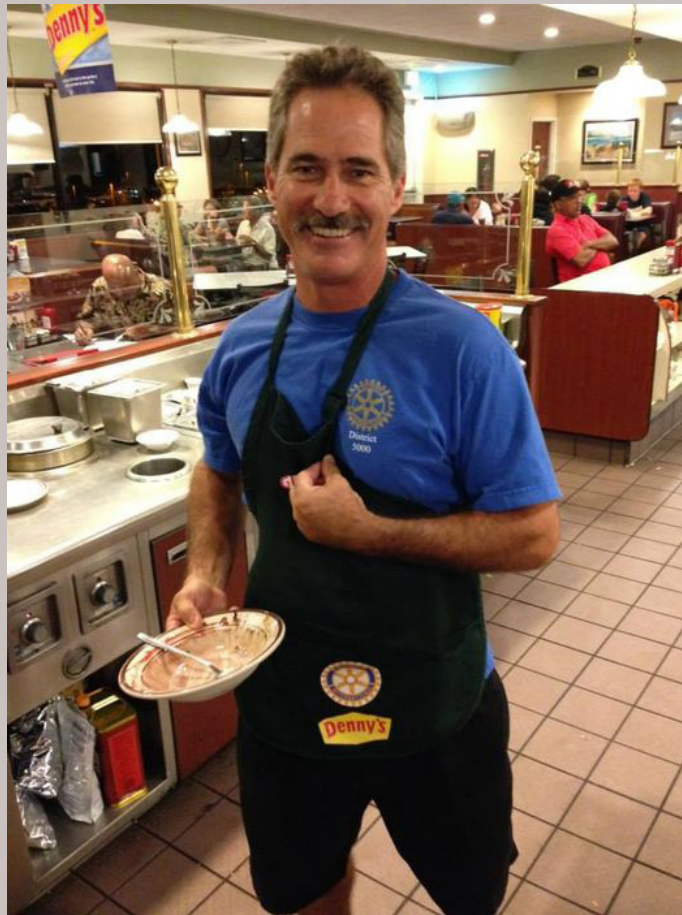
**08/30/2013**

Welcome Kimber Deverse, Chemist, to the Rotary Club of Kona ohana. We look forward to serving together.





**10/5/2013**  
Mitsubishi Electric Tour of Champions Golf Tournament Volunteers.



**11/21/2013**

Scott Unger at a benefit sponsored by Denny's.



**02/13/2014**

Welcome Peter Schonberg as Rotary of Kona's newest member. Mahalo Liz for your constant devotion to the growth of our club. Please share in the aloha and welcome Peter to our Ohana.



**02/20/2014**

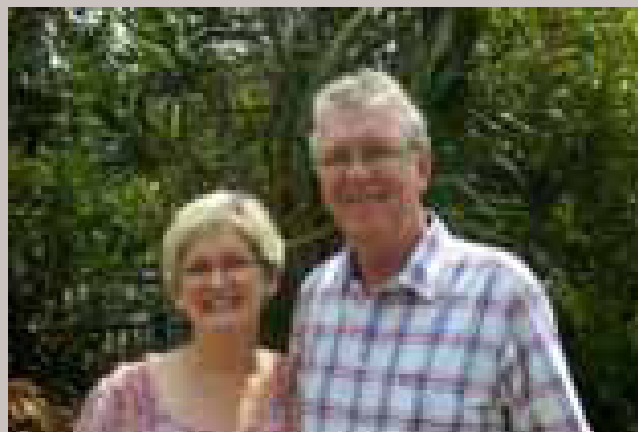
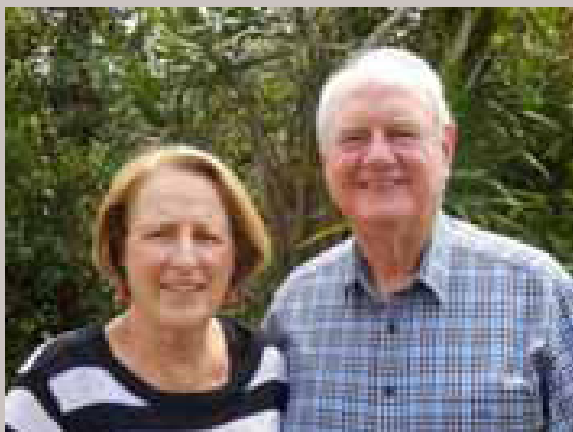
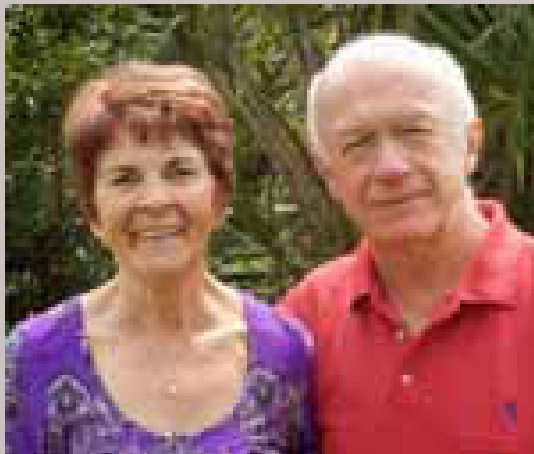
In addition to reaching the second grade classes, the CCF team goes to the Waimea Keiki Fest and do a Salad Tasting Station. Reaching hundreds of kids and some parents we help children learn to enjoy garden greens and fresh vegetables.





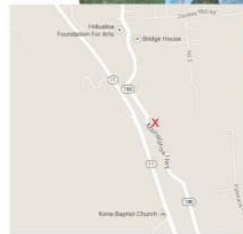
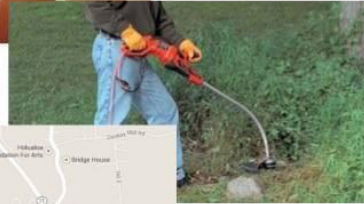
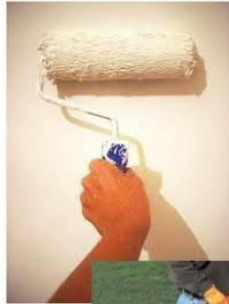
**04/06/2014**

Jana Powell going away party. (Before the tears) A hui hou Jana. You will be missed.



**04/10/2014**

Australia D9640 Friendship Exchange Team Visiting Hawaii April 26—29, 2014: Reg (Team Leader) & Pauline Scout Symons, Don & Frances Hall, Wendy Mackay & Dan Robinson, Chris Wheelahan & Bev Wheelahan.



## ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY



### **Rotary Club of Kona**

New Humane Society Building  
Clean-up

78-6767 Mamalahoa Hwy.

Saturday, April 19

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
(7:00 a.m. for yard work)

[www.RotaryClubofKona.com](http://www.RotaryClubofKona.com)

**04/18/2014**

Rotarians at Work in benefit of the Hawaii Island Humane Society. Lots of great happenings and plenty of need. Please come give the time you have. Food, Drinks, and puppy love provided.



**05/24/2014**

2014-2015 Rotary Club of Kona Board Meeting. Mahalo President Elect Liz Heiman for your hospitality.





**06/22/2014**  
Installation Dinner 2014-15



**07/4/2014**

Enjoying Rotary Fellowship at the 23rd Annual Great Rubber Duckie race. A benefit for United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii. Great job Steve Schwartz, GM Kings' Shops for hosting this fabulous community event. James Resor.



**07/12/2014**

Preston Crowl, Mr Community Service guru, showing President Liz how to work the griddle. What a team!!! Habitat For Humanity, Hawai'i Island.





**07/18/2014**

Mahalo to Harold Meltzer for donating over 200 Archie Comics to the Holualoa Elementary School reading program. How many of you learned to read using comic books?





**08/17/2014**

Rotarians Liz, James, Lori and Karri donating time for the Mele Murals Project.  
Lori Haynes and 3 others at Kona Pub and Brewery.



**08/18/2014**

What won't I do for Rotary Club of Kona? Helping make Mele Murals, a zero waste event.  
Liz Heiman at Kona Pub and Brewery.



**08/21/2014**

Laura Guluzzy and 4 others  
at Humpy's Big Island Alehouse - Rotary Means Business

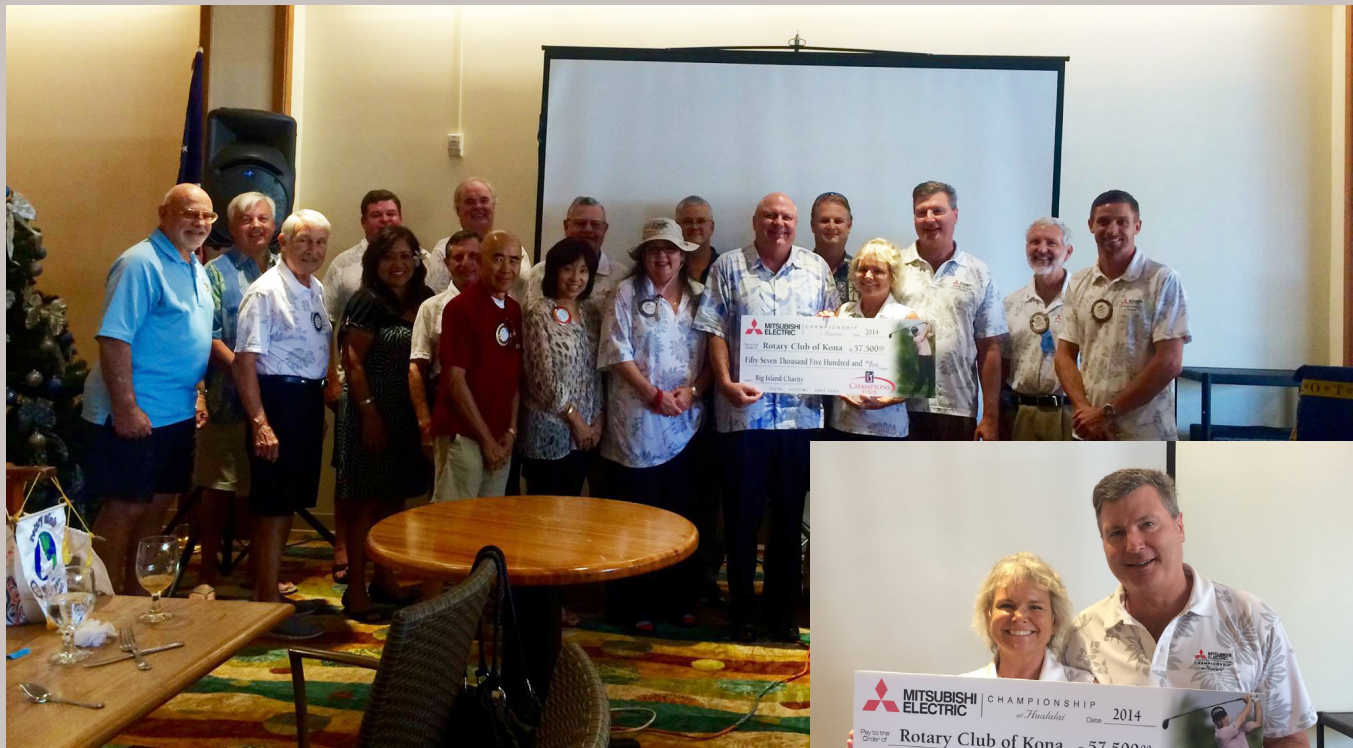




11/09/2014

Looking good...and those volcanic mugs are great.





12/11/2014  
Receiving the check for the 2014 Golf Tournament.



**12/12/2014**

Please join us in welcoming Lynn Jenx as the newest Rotary Club of Kona member. Lynn is new to Rotary but not new to giving service above self. We are excited about having another quality member.



**12/18/2014**  
Rotary Club of Kona Christmas for the Keiki



**12/20/2014**

David Rees-Thomas at the Salvation Army Bucket





**01/15/2015**  
At the Golf Tournament



**01/15/2015**  
At the Golf Tournament



**03/29/2015**  
Supporting Therapeutic Horsemanship.





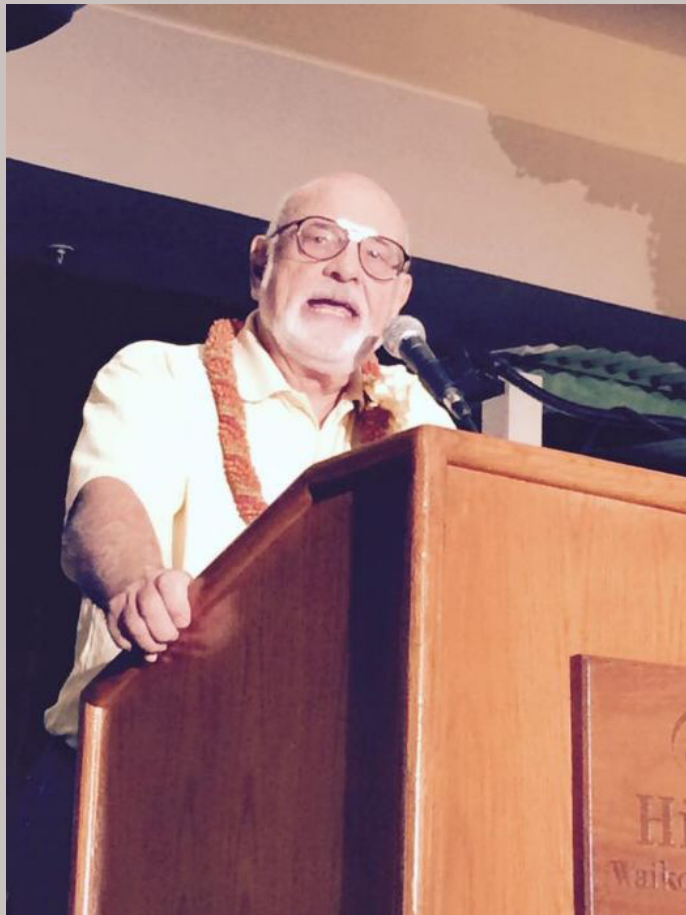
**04/23/2015**

At the meeting last week, the club presented Community Service Awards to four very special people. GLORIA BLUM—Vocational Arts and Culture Service. MARNI HERKES—Vocational Lifetime Community Service. DELBERT SMITH— Vocations Services Employee of the year 2015.





**05/23/2015**  
Kona Rotarians at the District 5000 Conference.



**05/23/2015**

The Reverend Rees-Thomas has us in stitches as the MC for the District Conference.



**06/11/2015**

From the D5000 Conference, Left to right: Kona Rotary Club of Kona Rotarian David Rees-Thomas, Master of Ceremonies, Laura Steelquist, District Governor and Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman in the world to lead a Rotary Club, she is a past President and a past District Governor.



**07/10/2015**

This week's speaker, Ironman Coordinator Diana Bertsch and RCOK President, James Resor.





**07/31/2015**  
 Rotarian Tom Fine (42 years of service) sponsors new a Rotarian.



**09/10/2015**

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona, I want to thank everyone who attended Saturday's social to Aloha Performing Arts Center. It was a great time and made better with great friends. I look forward to many more opportunities to come. Mahalo Lui Noa, James Resor.



**09/10/2015**

Ranger Chris, RCOK President James, Ranger Jon, Vocational Chair Laura Guluzzy, Big Boy (with Laura) and 2 others, at Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park.





**10/08/2015**

A big Mahalo to Ron Hansen Owner of Mokulele Airlines who personally called us Saturday night when he heard the Kai Opua ladies were in need of a flight back home and helped set up a flight for us.





**10/08/2015**  
At Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.



**11/15/2015**  
At Denny's (75-1027 Henry St, Kailua-Kona, HI).





**11/24/2015**  
Passing out dictionaries at Makua Lani Christian School.



**01/07/2016**

While most of us were enjoying our Christmas with family and friends, Rotarian Cliff Kopp was preparing for his walk of the Big Island. Starting his Journey on Christmas Eve and finishing it January 2 averaging 25 miles a day. Thank you Cliff Kopp for keeping the Spirit of Service Alive around the Holidays!





**01/19/2016**

PATH and West Side Rotary Clubs first Queens Lei's Project meeting. Rotary is thrilled to be serving along side Ironman to complete the first mile to all to enjoy. More exciting news coming.



**02/25/2016**

Surfs Up Big Island: Surfers Rejoice. The Eddie is a Go. After days of massive waves in Hawaii, some reaching 50 feet high and washing over roads and homes, organizers gave the nod Thursday morning to begin the Eddie Aikau big-wave surfing competition.



**03/03/2016**

Every Member of the Rotary Club of Kona is encouraged to make a donation of at least \$10 each year to the Rotary Foundation. Art Auction Photos.





04/07/2016

Rotary International gains another friend in service today. Mahalo Jenaya for your commitment to serving the community of Kailua-Kona and the people of the world.





**05/25/2016**

Proud Rotary moment...welcoming our exchange student Patricia Sanchez de Molina and her family to our meeting!



**06/11/2016**

Kenji Kuroshima of Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens will lead efforts to complete the year-long bamboo thinning project.



**07/07/2016**  
Induction of New Member, Marci Goldman





**07/14/2016**

Presidents of the 4 West Hawaii Rotary Clubs. Left to right - Dennis Rast, Sunrise Club; Lori Burgoon, Kona Club, Sharon Taylor, Mauka Club, Donna Hiranaka, Asst. District Dir.





**08/05/2016**

Proud membership moment and big smiles...Assistant District Governor, West Hawaii, Donna Hiranaka, presents her thanks and acknowledges James Resor for his hard work as past president!



**08/11/2016**

President Lori and Membership Director Tom thank Nia Lovell, Assistant Vice Principal at Kahakai Elementary School for her visit today at Rotary Club of Kona. Nia was our visiting speaker to educate us about the heat conditions of the school's playground and basketball court and the need for shade.



**08/25/2016**

Last week we had an exciting membership moment when we awarded 14 of our Club members with the Paul Harris Fellow designation. Left to right: Alan Yamamoto, PP James Resor, Linda Jane Kelly, and PE Herman Heimgartner.



**08/27/2016**

A warm welcome to our newest member of our Club, Nicole Lowen!





**09/29/2016**

2017 MEC Championship at Hualalai. Registration now open.



10/06/2016

President Lori Cowher and fellow Rotarians on their way to volunteer at the IRONMAN Parade of Nations earlier this week. Among our awesome volunteers is past President James Resor, who will be racing the prestigious IRONMAN World Championship this Saturday. Way to make Rotary proud!



**11/03/2016**

Rotary Gives Back to Cliff Kopp's Family. Cliff Kopp gave a tremendous amount of his time, energy and money to improving the lives of the people of Hawaii Island. Every day I hear of "Cliff stories" of projects--big and small--that he did around our community.



12/22/2016

Boys to Men Mentoring Network of Hawaii Kahaluu, HI. Caleb Milliken and 2 others t Keauhou Shopping Center.





01/11/2017

Another year, another check. Mahalo, Mitsubishi, from the Rotary Club of Kona.



**01/26/2017**

It's a sticker party! Rotarians in action preparing the student dictionaries in a flash! Mahalo to Jenaya and helpers for organizing this project.



**03/15/2017**

What's next for TMT ? Four months after it began, and after 44 days of oral testimony involving 71 witnesses, the hearings regarding the TMT, the CDUA Contested Case officially concluded on March 2.

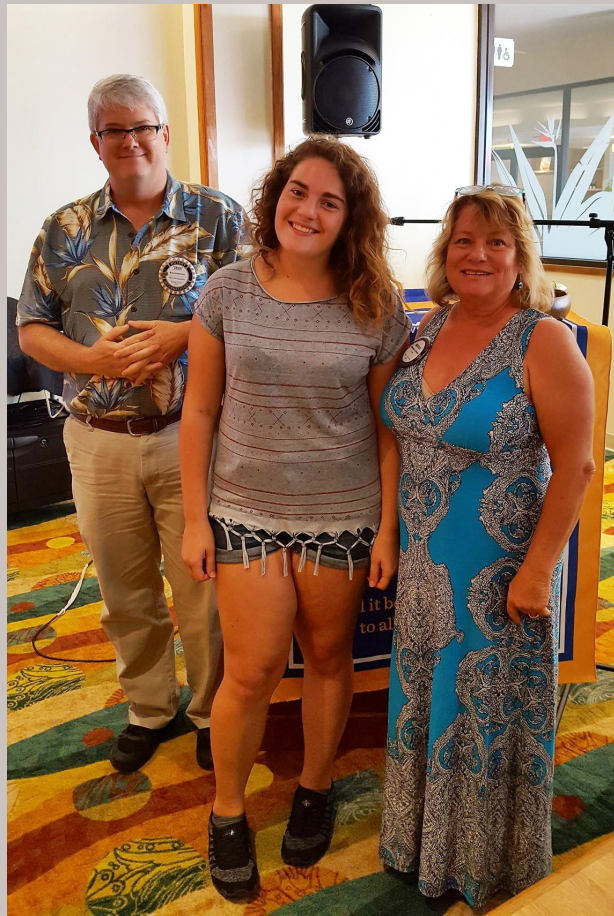




**04/20/2017**

This week's speaker is Sylvester Orosco, Hawaiian Monk Seal Response Manager, Marine Mammal Center (Ke Kai Ola).





**05/18/2017**

Today we learned a lot of fun facts about Belgium from our lovely Rotary Exchange Student Iris. Iris completed a rewarding year of learning and exploring with 3 different Rotary host families. Who knew that Belgium invented the popular french fries and exports much more than (delicious) chocolate and



**05/25/2017**  
**Polio Plus Champions**



**06/01/2017**  
Rotary Club of Kona awards 3 Scholarships.





**06/09/2017**

Celebrating more of our club's Polio Plus champions and Paul Harris fellows! Mahalo for all you do!





06/23/2017

2017 greets 2018...outgoing president Lori greets incoming president Hermann. Thank you Lori for your dedication and leadership. Here is to another successful year at Rotary with Hermann!



**04/17/2017**

First Hawaiian District Governor Rotary District 5000, Nalani Flinn with Barbara Kossow ,Deputy Managing Director, County of Hawaii/Office of the Mayor & David Rees-Thomas, Past President of the Rotary Club of Kona, Kailua-Kona.



**09/07/2017**

A double warm welcome to our two new Rotary club members Andrew Delaney and Lt. Jose Santiago!  
We love new members who are interested in improving our community.





**08/30/2017**

Rotary at work! All four Rotary clubs of West Hawaii are coming together to help with the Habitat For Humanity Hawai'i Island Blitz Build. We will build 10 homes in 10 days with volunteers from our community and all over the US.





09/14/2017

Be sure to Welcome new Rotarian Kianna Leometi



**09/14/2017**

**ROTARIANS AT WORK !** Thanks to our many generous Rotarians, Mokulele Air-lines owner Ron Hanson and Rotarians from two main-land clubs are getting much needed relief to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Here are photographs of Ron's Mokulele plane being loaded to fly to Texas.



**09/14/2017**

From back left, KC Mahoney, Cynthia Hope, Laura Kniffin, Heidi Bogert, Bev Fraser and Barbara Kossow, Dick Hershberger, Nalani Flinn, Annie Kaninau, David Rees-Thomas and Tina Clothier gather for a photo during the “30 Years of Women in Rotary” afternoon tea held April 25 at Hulihee Palace in Kailua-Kona.





**10/19/2017**

Ironman Parade Tuesday, October 10. Thank you to all who attended.





**11/3/2017**

We keep growing! Welcome to the club, Rome Ianniello and Hobbs Lowson, our newest installed members of Rotary Club of Kona! Interested in becoming more involved? Let us know!



**02/18/2018**  
Mitsubishi Golf Tournament - Mahalo Party



**02/18/2018**  
Mitsubishi Golf Tournament - Mahalo Party





05/31/2018

ROTARY CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS





**09/20/2018**

Bus Pull 2018. Saturday September 15.



LEADER AT -17			
1	TOM LEHMAN	-17	65
2	DAVID TOMS	-16	70
T3	BERNHARD LANGER	-14	67
	JERRY KELLY	-14	67
CHARLES SCHWAB CUP			

01/19/2019

Mitsubishi Golf Tournament - Tom Lehman & Volunteers





01/19/2019

Mitsubishi Golf Tournament - Tom Lehman & Kelly



**07/11/2019**

At the Club - Induction Ceremony, June 28, 2019, Kona Vistas





**07/25/2019**

Tom Bierlein presents David Rees-Thomas with a check donation to his church, Calvary Community Church of Kona, for generously allowing us to use their kitchen to prepare the induction dinner.



**08/17/2019**

In the Community - Surf for Special Needs Event on Aug 17. Tom Bierlein dropped in to visit with our new friends at Surf for Special Needs. He took a few photos of the event.



08/23/2019

Another successful Keiki Vision - August 23rd, Kuleana

# Profiles in Rotary – George Francis Collins, 1921 – 2004

**EARLY DAYS - Excerpt from The Manoa Gang, published 12/15/2014**



Our first house was on Lanihuli Drive at the top of Punahou Street in Mānoa. I remember a large bank of Mexican creepers (flowers) on the street side of the house. On the other side of the house was a lane with the Mānoa tennis courts just beyond. The Mexican creepers were full of bees, so of course I learned at an early age that bees sting!

My first recollection of a happening, even before I went to Miss Maxwell's preschool on Kewalo Street, was my being thrown out of a car, through the windshield, as the result of an accident on the corner of Punahou and Wilder Streets. I was in my mother's lap, my father driving, when Dick Razier's sister, who was intoxicated, drove across the street and banged into us. No safety glass or seat belts in those days. Dr. Alsup picked glass out of my head and wrapped the whole top of it up in gauze. The accident occurred at night and I could hardly wait for the next day to go out and show off my bandaged head to the neighborhood.

09/05/2019





09/12/2019

Installation of Our Newest Member - Jennifer Heimgartner



**09/12/2019**

Catching bad eyesight at a critical time.



09/12/2019

Tom Bierlein past President recognition by his wife, Stacy.





**08/29/2019**

Alan Clark, Rotary State Rep and Past President, Past President, Tom Bierlein, Current President, John Spicer  
Tom Fine, Past President and chairman of membership committee.





**08/29/2019**

**Janice Gustin honored as Rotarian of the Year!**



**10/17/2019**

The Thursday, October 10, 2019 weekly meeting was held at the Hawaii Community College Palamanui Campus. The Rotary Club of Kona and the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation presented a check for \$35,000 to the campus for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Physics classroom.

## Costume Contest Winners



Pirates



“Poison Ivy”

10/31/2019

At the Club - October 31, 2019 - Halloween Fun





# DENNIS AUSTIN KRUEGER

1951-2019

Dennis Krueger of Kailua Kona passed away on September 27, 2019.

Dennis was a well-recognized and respected attorney in Kona with the Law Firm of Jewell and Krueger. Dennis practiced 30 years in Kona and 12 years in Southern CA. He began his practice in Hawaii with Carl, Smith and Ball; then Ashford and Wriston and finally with partner, Matthew Jewell.

Dennis graduated from Damien High School and Saint Mary's College in CA. He earned his Juris Doctor from Western State University.

Dennis was active in the community. He served as a member of the West Hawai'i Advisory Board for the American Red Cross; a past president of the Rotary Club of Kona from 1995-1996 and as a member from 1989-2003. Dennis helped form the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and was a recipient of the Habitat for Humanity Kokua Ohana Award. Dennis was also active in the Hawaii State Bar Association and the West Hawaii Bar Association.

His passions were family, golf, wine, gadgets and his dogs.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 45 years, Chris Krueger; son Brendan Krueger; their two dogs, Lola and Chica; 7 brothers and sisters, Kevin (Pat), Kathy (Jim), Jim (Monica), Brian (Pam), Terry, Peggy (Lou), Bobby (Sally), and numerous nieces and nephews.

**A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019  
at St. Michael's Church, Kona at 10:00am.**

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to:

**The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge Hawaii**

In memo: In memoriam of Dennis Krueger

American Cancer Society Hawaii field Office,  
58 Kinoole Street, Suite 104, Hilo, HI 96720

10/31/2019



# At the Club – Dec 12, 2019 – Kelly Fleir, Mitsubishi Golf Tournament Check Presentation



12/12/2019



12/13/2019

Big Island charities get big bucks from Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai



# At the Club – Annual Christmas Party



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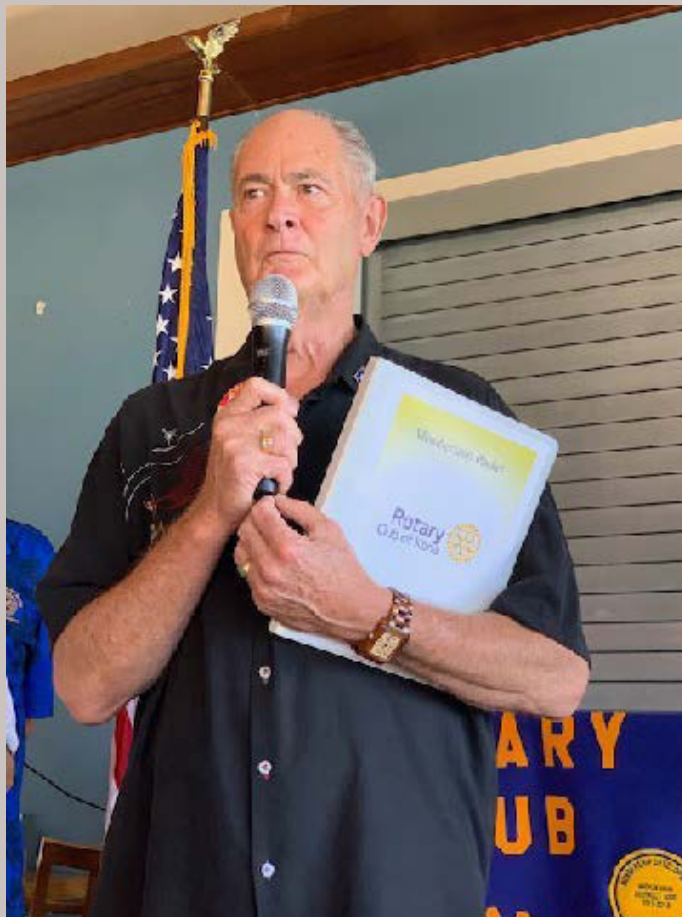


12/12/2019

Around Town - Parade

THE ROTARY SPONSORED CHRISTMAS PARADE. FIND THE ROTARIANS!





**01/09/2020**

The club welcomes new member Mahlon Whittle.



01/09/2020

Presentation to Larry Webb for his service at the 2019 Pro-Am.

Around Town – Rotarians Volunteer at Mitsubishi



01/09/2020





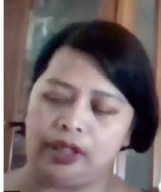
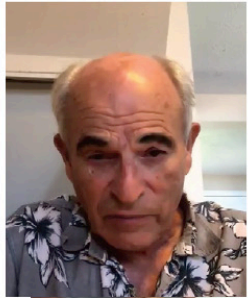
02/27/2020

Around Town - Welcome District Governor, Eric Kaler



# At the Club –President John Addresses the Club Online

By all accounts the first online meeting of the Rotary Club of Kona was a great success. President John led a lively discussion on how the Club can best serve the needs of the Kona Community during these tough times. About 20 members attended via Zoom, using computers, tablets and smart phones to connect.



04/09/2020

## At the Club – Mayor Harry Kim– Covid-19 Update



Mayor Harry Kim joined us via zoom to provide an update on how the county is handling the Covid-19 Pandemic. He indicated that we are currently in Phase II of our Covid-19 Strategy. Unfortunately he was unable to give any exact dates as to when things would be back to normal. He informed us that as of late May, 81 people on the Big Island have been infected with the virus. Of those, one has been hospitalized and 76 have recovered, There have been no deaths so far. He suggested that the official count may be low as it appears that up to 80% of those infected have few, if any, symptoms.

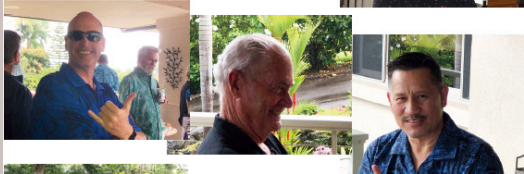
### **A Message from Mayor Kim:**

Let's strive to be a community of trust based on transparency, excellent communication, and collaborative problem solving. Please stay tuned as we integrate more ways to be involved and to address the challenges of our island home together.

We live in one of the most beautiful and pristine places on earth. Let's plan our communities together wisely to protect the environment and plan for the future of our kamali'i (children).

05/28/2020

# At the Club - Transition Party - Saturday, June 27, 2020



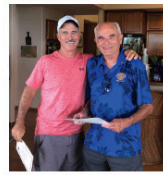
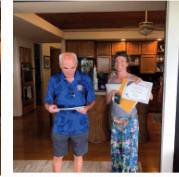
Outgoing President  
John Spicer



Incoming Presidents  
Becca Hamar/Peter Schonberg



Rotarian of the Year  
Hannah Unger

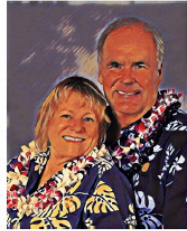


07/02/2020



## Meet and Greet – Sandy Matsui & Nestorio Domingo

Several members of our club attended a wonderful Meet and Greet at the home of Rebecca Hamar and Peter Schonberg. Guests of honor were Sandy Matsui, District 5000 Governor, and Nestorio Domingo, Assistant Governor for West Hawaii.



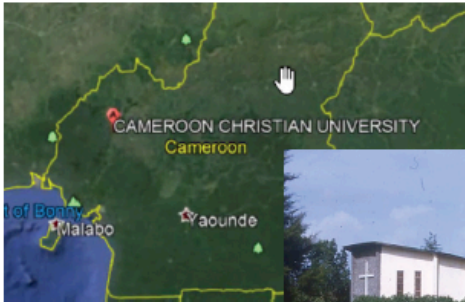
07/15/2020



# Just Last Week – Tom Daniel – Peace Corps Experience in Cameroon 1964–66.



Tom gave a fascinating presentation about his time in the peace corps in Western Camaroon in the sixties. After completing intensive training with 60 other volunteers, he was posted to Cameroon Protestant College (now Camaroon Christian University) where he taught Physics and other subjects to Camaroon students. Tom noted that he has never seen a student body so interested in education and so willing and ready to listen and learn.



07/16/2020

# At the Club –Rotarians Helping Rotarians

Some of you remember the great time we had helping DC clean out his garage!

Well the fun continued! DC has been doing a lot of work on his house. After he had some friends help fix the rotten wood on his lanai he got some more help painting the railings. On Saturday July 11 and again on the 18th, about a half dozen Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians pitched in to make the railings shine.



07/23/2020

# Just Last Week – Meeting in Person at Old A

For the first time in several weeks, the club had a real meeting. We met at Old A where we sat on beach chairs and ate bag lunches and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity for real fellowship. About a dozen members attended.



05/28/2020

## Rotary Works – New Tuesday Meet N' Eat



08/20/2020



## Rotarians Around Town

Monday night at Humpys-Fellowship at its best!



11/12/2020

## Rotarians Around Town

Repainted a bench rotary installed at the Old A's Walking Path way back in 2008!



Rotary has been improving the path for years!

2004



2005

Dick Fearing, Ron Scott,  
Jerry Cotner



Joanne Henley



Tom Fine &  
Preston Crowl



Preston & Nancy



11/19/2020

*In the News* (reprinted from West Hawaii Today)

## Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign Continues Amid Pandemic



The familiar Salvation Army bell ringing and red kettles will still be at stores this year, although at fewer locations. Salvation Army Kona Corps Lt. Raghel Santiago said there will only be three Red Kettle sites in Kona to make in-person donations this year even though the need is greater than ever amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that's strangled the local economy, putting thousands out of work. KTA Super Stores in Kailua-Kona and Keauhou along with the Kona Walmart will be the only locations hosting the annual Red Kettle Campaign in Kona, and volunteer bell ringers are still needed.

"Last year, we raised \$64,000," she said. "Prior to COVID we used to give out 90 to 120 bags of food a week. Since COVID hit we have been giving out about 560 bags each week. Our kettle drive will help us to continue and sustain this program." No amount of donation is too small, because it all adds up and helps to fund food drops, Christmas for the less fortunate and other programs.

12/03/2020



12/17/2020

From Jim & Janice Gustin: Jim and I would like to thank all those who helped us fill all our bell ringing slots! It was a fun week and again it was inspiring to see who donated and fun to hear the stories of "why" they donate.



# Rotary Works

Becca, Linda Jane, and Jenaya put together 40 boxes of delicious holiday treats that were delivered to Rotarians around town. Your editor was one of the fortunate recipients and is a bit embarrassed to admit that the two devine cupcakes featured in the box, with an assortment of delicious cookies, never made it into the house. Sorry Hun!



01/07/2021

# Rotary Works

Some pictures taken from yesterday when the members came and dropped off water and sodas from the PGA at The Salvation Army. We are thankful for the blessings and their help to drop them off to the corps. We will use these for our homeless feedings. Mahalo, Raghel



## At the Club

Chris's Pierce's moment of induction into the Rotary Club of Kona at the home of David Rees-Thomas. "Zooming Into Membership!" Our first Zoom induction. Way to go!!!!



02/04/2021

## At the Club – Eliane Rees-Thomas Passes



It is with loving hearts we bring news of the passing of Eliane Rees-Thomas. she passed away peacefully in her home with her loving family at her bedside. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Rees-Thomas family at this sad time.

02/11/2021

# Rotarians in Action – Tom Daniel

## KONA RESIDNET [ROTARIAN] HONORED FOR SUPPORT OF OTEC TECHNOLOGY (Article by West Hawaii Today)



Kailua-Kona's Tom Daniel is the recipient of the distinguished third annual Uehara Prize for his contributions toward the development and support of Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion. OTEC is the technology for producing energy by harnessing the temperature differences between warm ocean surface waters and cold deep ocean waters.

Daniel recently received the distinguished award during the 8th International OTEC Symposium held virtually by the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Cancun.

The Uehara Prize was established in memory of the late OTEC pioneer, Professor Haruo Uehara of Japan's Saga University. Uehara was a repeat visitor to Kona's Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's (NELHA) Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology (Host) Park, long the world's premier location for OTEC research.

Daniel served as the scientific/technical director for NELHA 1982 to 2003 and collaborated with Uehara and other energy leaders in the development of NELHA's many OTEC projects.

02/25/2021



# Rotary at Work – Cooking for Tuesday Meal at Kealahou



03/04/2021

## Rotary at Play – Monday Night at Magic's



03/04/2021



**04/29/2021**

Rotary Works - Distric Wide Rotary Work Day



# Just Last Week – Back at Lava Java!



Photos courtesy of  
David Rees-Thomas



Guests Yvonne  
& Keith Norman  
from Opelousas,  
Louisiana.



05/31/2021





**01/17/2022**

The gears never stop turning at the Rotary Club of Kona, not even during a pandemic. Hometown Heroes: Rotary Club of Kona feeds the community



# Rotary at Play – Christmas Party –



Mahalo to David Rees-Thomas,  
Becca Hamar, & Hannah Unger for  
the great pics.



12/16/2021



# Just Last Week – Past Presidents Appreciation Day



David Rees-Thomas  
1982/83



Tina Clothier  
1997/98



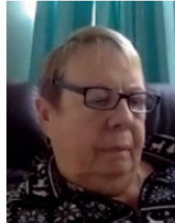
Mike Zola  
1998/99



Alan Clark  
2004/05



Dick Hershberger  
2005/06



Diane Ilstrup  
2007/08



Cheryl Holdcroft  
2010/11



Alan Clark  
2012/13



Tom Daniel  
2013/14



Liz Heiman  
2014/15



Tom Bierlein  
2018/19

To see entire  
presentation:  
[http://surfhawaii.  
net/clients/Rotary](http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary)

01/06/2022





**01/17/2022**

Co Chairs of the wonderful effort every year by Rotary Club of Kona to organize the volunteers. PGA TOUR and MEC donate monies ... lots over the years to the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and other charities.



**01/17/2022**

That's Alan Clark, 2nd from the left. Alan was president of the Rotary Club of Kona and has been involved every year including a few years when he had Alan Clark Island Motors and they provided courtesy cars. I remember Tom Watson enjoying that gesture.





01/27/2022

2022 Mitsubishi Golf Tournament

## Rotary Works -2022 Mitsubishi Golf Tournament

We were honored to be part of our club's main fundraiser last week. Many of our club members came out to help with one of the signature events on our island, the Mitsubishi Electric Championship. Larry Webb and Kris Hazard from our club were volunteer chairs, and in their very effective way led a large group of dedicated people who filled the many jobs it takes to make the event happen. It was a great joy to be with so many people who took the time to put service above self. Of course, there was work involved, and many hours were dedicated to making the tournament a success. There is something about getting into the trenches that helps build a great team, and we will always share wonderful memories of those who stepped up. It was a very classy event! We are especially grateful to Larry and Kris who work under a lot of pressure to make it look smooth and flawless. *Mahalo!* - Peter and Becca

More Pics from David, Peter & Mahlon

<http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary>



01/27/2022



# Just Last Week – Valentines Day



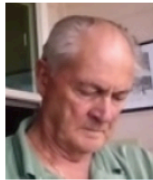
Ben: "Sona has a great sense of humor."

Sona: "Ben is so kind (and handsome)."



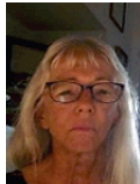
Becca: "I will build you a new house, and it will be perfect."

Peter: "It takes a special kind of person to put up with my crazy life."



Mahlon: "We met when I spilled wine on her."

Sona: "It was not love at first site."



Jan: "We met at a *Foster Freeze* ice cream parlor."

Jim: "It was love at first site."



Richard: "I proposed to my bride 30 years ago, exactly, on Valentines Day."



Alan: "We've been married 42 years, and it's gone well."

02/17/2022

## In the District

The rotary Club of Kona Sunrose joined the Daifukuji Soto Mission for the “Rotary Peace Pole.” Peace-building—Founder, Al Jubitz, was in Kona for this heart-lifting Peace Pole Celebration. Many helping-hands and happy hearts made this a successful event.



05/05/2022

## Just Last Week – New Members Inducted



**David Rees-Thomas presided over the induction of three new members into the club.** To see entire presentation:



Rebekah  
Hill



Michelle  
Romo



Tony  
Bonnicci

05/12/2022



05/26/2022

At the Club - From the President - District Conference





Anne Van Brunt & Jyness Jones with  
Hawaii Keiki Museum Accept Donation

06/09/2022

## Just Last Week – Senior Rotary Highlights Over the Decades

Last week a few of our friends and long time Rotarians talked story and shared some special moments in their Rotary lives. David Rees-Thomas was slated to speak, but he was unable to make the meeting. He is currently in the hospital. We all wish him the very best, and sincerely hope that he has a speedy recovery.



06/16/2022

## Just Last Week – President Elect Scott Unger & Wife, Karen

Scott and Karen took to the podium and dispensing with a traditional talk, they opted for a Q & A where each member present was invited to ask a question about the couple, the president elect and his lovely wife.

Questioners discovered during the Q & A that Scott never actually proposed to Karen, so an impromptu proposal ended the delightful interaction.



## Just Last Week – New Member Induction – Victoria Morse



Victoria Morse was welcomed as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Kona. She was sponsored by Jim and Janice Gustin.

06/16/2022



## At the Club – Transition Epic Gala – June 25, 2022

What a Beautiful  
Setting for an  
Epic Gala Transition!



Corn Hole Anyone?



Lots of  
Good Fellowship!



Passing the Torch!  
from Becca to Scott!



Alan Clark and  
Tom Daniel Receive  
Lifetime Achievement  
Awards!



## At the Club – Transition Epic Gala – June 25, 2022



Scott & Becca  
Congratulate  
Larry Webb as  
Rotarian of the Year!



Becca Thanks Outgoing Board Members with  
Classy Rotary Club of Kona Polo Shirts.



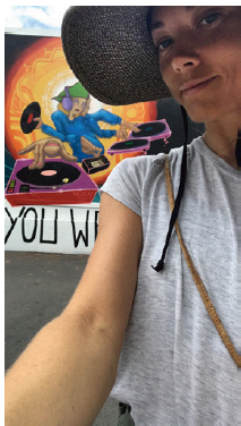
What Rotary  
is All About!



07/07/2022



## Musings – “Shifting Tides” by Victoria Morse



*Creating new patterns, riding new waves, in my soul, in my heart, with each passing day. I want to be free from these limiting beliefs ingrained inside, but freedom is learned through the changing of patterns from which you hide. Stay patient sweet girl, your timing will come. Chopping wood and carrying water isn't always fun. Discipline is necessary for the freedom to shine. For without discipline will come misery that will surely bind. Pressing into the friction - for my teacher is there. Waiting for me to learn the lessons, I have nothing to fear.*

07/12/2022

# Just Last Week – New Members, Rebekah Hill & Tony Bonnici

## Rebekah Hill



Rebekah, formerly Rebekah Tui, was born on the Big Island of Hawaii at Kona Hospital, 1 of 5 children. Her dad is from Tonga and her mom is from New Jersey. She was raised on a coffee farm (Tui Farm) in Middle Keii.

She went to college at Chico State, CA, where she met her husband Chuck. She lived and/or worked in San Jose, Sacramento and the Bay Area before returning to Hawaii. Chuck currently works remotely for a CA company. Rebekah and Chuck have one daughter, currently attending Kona Pacific Academy. She considers herself very lucky to live in Hawaii.

## Tony Bonnici



Tony hails from Rohnert Park, California. His dad is from Malta and his mom from Sweden. He currently lives in Kailua Kona, Hawaii with his wife of 21 years, Amber.

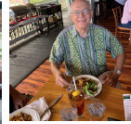
Tony and Amber have two sons. Sage is a free diver and has reached the impressive depth of 120 feet. Tony has managed to reach a depth of 65 feet. Brodie is a rock climber, following in the “footholds” of his mom.

Tony has been an entrepreneur for over 30 years, working in varied fields including building exotic cars in Marin, CA. His early emphasis on “making lots of money,” caused him to “lose track of self.”

After 6 years, he recently completed a book despite having Dyslexia, ACD, and OCD. Once an olympic athlete in Judo, and is currently working as a consultant. He now practises and teaches the importance of balancing work, life, body, and God.

**08/12/2022**

## Just Visiting



Rian Biallas  
Kailua Kona

Visiting Rotarian  
Claremont, CA  
Kimo Becker  
North Hawaii



Aaron Draine  
Kailua Kona

## At the Club – Welcom to New Member, Jeremy Mich



Jeremy Mich, sponsored by Richard Farnham, is welcomed to the Club by Membership CoChairs Darlene Daboling and Maverick Malech.



To see the presentation:

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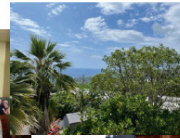
## At the Club – David Rees – Thomas lifetime Achievement Award

To see presentation:

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## At the Club – Afternoon Tea at David Rees–Thomas's



08/25/2022

# Just Last Week – Max Unger – Scott's Nephew

Maxwell McCandless Unger is a former American football center who played in the National Football League for 10 seasons. He played college football at Oregon and was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft. Unger was the starting center for the Seahawks in Super Bowl XLVIII.

(West Hawaii Today - 9/16/22) Kailua-Kona's Max Unger, a 10-year NFL veteran with the Seattle Seahawks and New Orleans Saints, talked story with the Rotary Club of Kona Thursday afternoon at Island Lava Java. The Hawaii Prep grad showed off his Super Bowl XLVIII ring and answered questions about his current approach to fitness, most influential teammates, and what mental preparations he made to be productive over a decade in the NFL. While Unger was deferential when asked who was his favorite quarterback - Russell Wilson with the Seahawks or Drew Brees with the Saints - he heaped praise on some of his most influential teammates including NFL Hall of Famer Walter Jones and Marshawn "Beast Mode" Lynch. "That's my guy," Unger said of Lynch. "One of the best teammates I've ever had." (Tom Linder/West Hawaii Today)



9/22/2022



# Ironman 2022 – Rotary at the Parade of Nations



10/13/2022

# Ironman 2022 – Mahalo Party



10/13/2022



11/23/2022



# Just Last Week – Raghel & Jose Santiago – Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Ohana Keiki Preschool



At the Club – Ola Brew Tour – December 5, 2022



12/08/2022



## Musings – Victoria Morse



### Discounts and Deals

*Have you ever tried to get a discount? Maybe tried to make a deal? What does it say about the person's product I ask, how might it make them feel? If everything is vibration and money is just a tool, what does a discount accomplish but to play the merchant a fool. Think of the energy of a sale, it carries a urgent state. It makes you believe that there's no time to wait, consumerism's favorite bait. Hurry or else the opportunity might pass, BUY NOW and quickly, the emails harass. Yet I'd rather choose contentment with what I already own, and heres a reminder of what's already known. That what I need will come at just the right time without frill, for I won't let my decision to buy be persuaded by trills. So I pass on this cheap deal you offer me, and in return I maintain my sanity.*

### Intentions

*Did you consider your intentions when making that post,  
Was it clear to you that you were trying to boast?*

*Sweet girl, it's not a bad thing to want to be seen,  
But if you just looked inside, you would find that queen.*

*What do you really seek from others, may I suggest its approval?  
I can't blame you, for the world has left you bamboozled!*

*Your failed attempts to get someone to notice,  
Putting yourself out there, your beauty the focus.*

*But look in the mirror and awaken to the beauty inside,  
Divine love can, and wants, to be your pride.*

## At the Podium – Larry Webb, Renee Kraft

Larry will be giving us an update on the upcoming Golf Tournament.



Renee will be telling us about this year's Christmas Parade.



12/15/2022

## Just Last Week – Renee Kraft, Larry Webb, Kelly Flear



**Renee told us about this year's Christmas Parade.**



**Larry and Kelly gave us an update on the upcoming Golf Tournament.**



01/05/2023

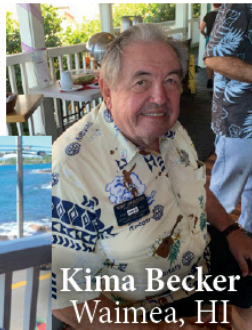
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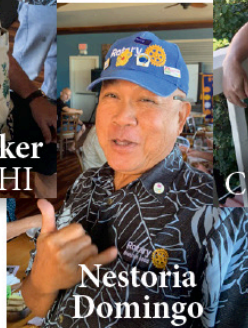
**Sam Johnson**  
Kona, Hawaii



**Lisa Folder**  
Kona, Hawaii



**Kima Becker**  
Waimea, HI



**Nestoria Domingo**



**Annalisa Parent**  
Summea  
Claremont, NH



01/12/2023

# Just Last Week – Hawaii Keiki Museum



01/26/2023



## Just Visiting



## Rotary Works - 2023 Mitsubishi Golf Classic



02/02/2023

# Just Last Week – Cheers Tapas Bar



Short Video

<http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary>

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02/09/2023

# Valentine's Day Poetry Cafe – February 9, 2023



## The Inspiration

### What Time is This? by Richard Farnham

What time is this,  
At which we find ourselves,  
Long near and seldom far,  
Yet needing not the distance?

If time has weight,  
Then let us weigh  
The time we shared,  
The time we shall.

Less weight to times of  
sadness,  
More to times of joy,  
Less to anxiety and ire  
More to hope and care.

To judge the worth of life,  
Of what is real and what is  
pretense,  
Requires only knowing who,  
if any,  
Are better for our being here.

My reality is being near to  
you,  
In times both near and far.  
I am better having cared for  
you,  
And better for the caring.

My hope is that you wish to  
be with me.  
In times both far and near.  
And care for me, and having  
done,  
Are better for the caring.

The time is now,  
At which we find ourselves?  
Long near and seldom far,  
And needing not the distance.

### When You Come Into View by Ryan Biallas:

When you come into view  
I would be as a breeze to your  
open meadow

Once I feel your pull  
I turn into a river seeking  
dissolution in your ocean

If I'm able to hear you call  
Let me be the silence and also  
the response

A day spent searching for you  
A banquet for my hunger  
A fresh spring for thirst

### How Do I Love Thee? by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me  
count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and  
breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when  
feeling out of sight  
For the ends of Being and  
ideal Grace.  
I love thee to the level of every  
day's

Most quiet need, by sun and  
candlelight.  
I love thee freely, as men strive  
for Right;  
I love thee purely, as they turn  
from Praise.

I love with a passion put to  
use  
In my old griefs, and with my  
childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I  
seemed to lose

With my lost saints.—I love  
thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life! —  
and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better  
after death.

## The Inspired



### And I Love It by Mahlon Whittle

I hear you asking for atten-  
tion....  
And I love it.

I hear you thank me...  
And I love it.

I hear you talk to me...  
And I love it.

I see you come to me...  
And I love it.

### Let Me be the Silence by Scott Unger

Let me be the silence,  
and also the response.

In this crazy cluttered world,  
let me be the silence when  
you need it most.

A look, a whisper, a hug, and  
the silence becomes your  
comfort.

In your times of silence and  
hurt, let me be the response.

Thoughtful, intuitive, caring,  
and raising your spirits like  
only God and I can.

Till death do we part, let me  
be the silence, and also the  
response.

### For McKayla Mae by Becca Hamar

Building love,  
childlike love,  
innocent love,  
universal love,  
never ending, all  
encompassing, baby love.

### I Am Better Having Cared by Peter Schonberg

I am better having cared for  
you.

Could I have known when  
small, that you would be  
the one for me?

We both knew, but had to  
search first, and finding  
you is what I needed.

Love Peter

### What I Love by Richard Farnham

I love my house.  
I love my spouse.

I must confide,  
That I love my bride.

There's no debate,  
I love my mate.

My fervent wish is  
To keep my Mrs.

Call me crazy,  
But I love my lady.

I'm not a martyr,  
But I'd die for my partner.

Let's make it clear,  
To me, she's dear.

It's no laugh,  
She's my better half.

Let there be doubt,  
Let me shout it out.

I love my wife.  
I love my life.

02/16/2023

## Just Last Week – Melody Euaparadorn – Fire Ant Lab



Melody Euaparadorn is an extension technician with the Hawaii Ant Lab, a program of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the University of Hawaii.

Her presentation showed the Club how to control Little Fire Ants (LFA)? She outlined the best practices for controlling LFA around your home, which baits are available and most effective, and how best to apply them for long-term results.

She imparted a wealth of information and brought several informational flyers, brochures, and test kits so Club members could determine if they might have an infestation at home.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary> Click on 021623.mp4

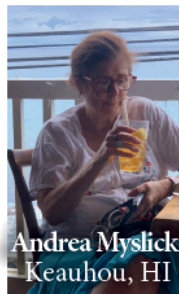
## Just Visiting



Wendy Clark  
Alan's Wife



Tami MacAller  
Kailua Kona, HI



Andrea Myslicki  
Keauhou, HI



Todd H.  
Pismo Beach, CA

02/23/2023



## At the Club – Brunch with the Distric Governor

On Saturday, Linda Jane Kelley's home was the location for a wonderful Brunch, with special guests including District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart; Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Shirley Grace; Reginal Rotary Major Gifts Officer, Jon Teich; and Director of the Nevada Chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation, John Williams and his wife Ivy.



03/02/2023

## Just Last Week –



First up, Becca Hamar and Larry Webb received Paul Harris pins. both members have attained multiple Paul Harris status.



Then “Kainoa Sharp told the story of an unlikely local boy getting a scholarship to the prestigious Parker School, thanks to President’s Scott’s mom.



Finally Pomai Freitas told us about his multi-year struggle trying to rid The Big Island of gorse, an invasive species that is destroying indigineous plants and much needed grazing land. His non-profit organization, Yaa Yada Yada, is now instrumental in helping with the eradication, or at least the amelioration of this pest.

## At Interact – Mural Painting

Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians help the students at Kealakehe Interact paint an Interact themed mural at the school.



03/09/2023

## Musings – Janice Gustin



### FOR THE CHILD

*For the child who was so shy, lonely,  
And withdrawn,  
So afraid of people and had few friends.  
You felt loved by only a small select group of people  
who seemed to come around so seldom.  
There were those who tried to force you to make friends  
But to no avail.  
Then you were introduced to a group of people  
that would change your life.  
You would find people who valued you  
And loved you.  
You blossomed and grew.  
Your course changed from hiding in your room,  
To blooming and beaming in front of a large crowd.  
Then you met someone special  
who loved you for who you are.  
Life became special,  
And you are now so grateful  
For all the many friends that you have,  
Who value you and love you.  
But if one pays close attention,  
You can still see that  
Shy girl beneath the confident  
Happy woman.*

03/16/2023

## Just Last Week – Talmadge Magno – HI County Civil Defense



Talmadge Magno is a graduate of Hilo High School and the University of Hawaii at Hilo with a B.A. in Geography. He is a retired National Park Service Ranger with 30 years' experience providing emergency response and law enforcement throughout the United States and Hawai'i. The last 8 years of Talmadge's National Park Service career, he served as the Chief Ranger at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. He joined the County Civil Defense Agency as the Administrator in 2017 under Mayor Harry Kim who served as the Civil Defense Administrator for 24 years before becoming Mayor.

Thus far Talmadge has commanded the County through 2 eruptive events, several tropical storms, and a multitude of other natural events that affect the County.

Talmadge's talk was primarily about the recent eruption of Mauna Loa, however he also touched on the previous eruption of Kilauea rift zone that destroyed much of Leilani Estates in Puna.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary> Click on 031623.mp4

## Just Visiting



## At the Club



Tony Bonnicci receives a pin and certificate in honor of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

03/23/2023



## In the Community – Rotary at Lavaman, 2023



03/30/2023

# Musings – Victoria Morse



## ***Everything Has Its Time***

*Everything has a cycle, yes, everything has its time. So let go of the grip on which you think your life is defined. Start with your opinions- which can bind you so tight, recognize that just maybe not every thought you have is right. Work up to material items- letting go of the clutter you often try to hide. Drive it over to the thrift store, it will be sure to be a freeing ride. Then let go of the grip you have on others and even your own life. And as you refine yourself through acceptance, you will breathe deeper and feel more alive.*

## Just Visiting



Glen Markham  
Toronto, Canada



Nancy Charle-Parker  
Waikoloa, HI



Steve Chapple  
Del Mar, CA

04/06/2023

## Just Visiting



Ross Cooper  
Powell River, BC



Silvie Bibeau,  
Kailua Kona



Glen Markham  
Toronto, Canada

## Musings – Glen Markham



Take me to the sea  
Take me to the waves  
My toes to press the sand  
The sun upon my legs  
Let me hear the restless surf  
The wind caress my face  
Take me to your ocean

Bring me home

04/20/2023

## In the Community – Rotarians & Interactors

On Saturday, April 22, Rotarians and Members of the Interact Club got together to paint picnic tables at Kealahou High School. The work day was followed by lunch provided by Brian Asbjornson.



## Just for Fun – Richard Farnham – I'm an Addict

I admit it. I'm an addict! Believe me, I've tried to quit. I've tried and mostly failed.

I'm usually OK if I don't get my fix first thing in the morning, although I usually do. I can complete my morning poo (pardon my french), walk the dogs, and even have my morning coffee and english muffin; and not experience significant withdrawal.

I get up early so I've been without a fix for nearly 6 hours by 10:00AM, and that's when I start to get the jitters. It becomes progressively more difficult to concentrate, my mind begins to wander, and I start thinking about the fix that I didn't get today. I remember how great it feels, when I do it just right, and the high that can last all day.

By noon, I am getting a bit frantic. I tell myself that eating something will probably help. It doesn't! The food has little taste, and the tea is bland, even with a splash of lilikoi. I'm really beginning to regret that I chose today to try again to "Just Quit."

By bedtime, I am truly a basket case. I am sweating profusely, and it's not just the 85 degree temperature and the broken air conditioner. I know sleep will escape me, and I'll spend the whole night wishing I had just done it, and wondering why I hadn't.

Many would say it isn't all that bad, to give in to the desire, that need which started as a mere whim. "Let's give it a try," I said to myself, "How bad could it be?" "After all the first one is free." "Heck, they're all free." But they're only free if you don't count the cost of wasted time and a diminished life.

As midnight approaches, my life passes before my eyes. I think about the opportunity missed, the challenge avoided. Why didn't I just do it? I know I won't last. I know I'll lose my resolve. My willpower is just not strong enough.

Of course, tomorrow I will give in to the addiction, as I have so many times before. Tomorrow, I'll get my fix, first thing, like I have most days, since the beginning. But my life will never be the same. I missed today's wordle, and now it's gone forever.

04/27/2023



## Musings- Victoria Morse



What heals you?  
What gives you peace?  
What are you doing when you have an emotional release?  
What makes you cry?  
What makes you laugh?  
If you have found your inner smile- You are on the right path.  
Did you slow down today and take time to notice your belly rising with your breath?  
Or what about all that tension you've been carrying in your chest?  
Now relax your face... Yes, now you are more approachable. With this relaxed face you might even become more sociable.  
Start practicing this today,  
start right now!  
For when you do, your body will say "woooooowwwwww"

## Musings- Glen Markham

Tickle

Loki rides my horse this night.  
Loki drives my car.  
Loki's found a sweet spot  
And now drinks at the bar.

Loki's mind is quick  
Loki's touch fulfills  
Loki's laugh is light  
Loki is the thrill

He doesn't need a hammer  
Nor gloves of laser beams  
This god of tricks

He only needs release  
Those desires  
We keep deep.

04/27/2023

## Just Last Week – Lee Ann Heeley–WH Community Health



**DR. LEE-ANN  
HEELY**

Dr. Lee-Ann Noelani Heely is the Director of Health Equity Department at Hawaii Island Community Health Center. Lee-Ann holds a Master of Education in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership. The Health Equity department supports the spectrum of community health providing upstream and midstream preventive education, community outreach and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) support through a team of Community Health Workers, Community Health Educators, and SDOH Case Managers. The goal is to work with marginalized and vulnerable populations to reduce health disparities, increase health literacy, increase access to healthcare, and link patients or community members with community-based organizations that support the social determinants of health.

Video of the presentation:

<http://surfhawaii.net/clients/>

[Rotary/Presentations](#)

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05/04/2023

## Just for Fun – R. Farnham

Well, I blew it **On Mother's Day**. For my wife I created a lovely card with an original poem, to give her a smile. She cried. Then, to make it worse, when she asked me NOT to buy her flowers, because she had so many. I DIDN'T.

## Just Visiting

Val Hadley  
Kailua Kona



## Musings – Victoria Morse



Sometimes I wonder if my sister is my friend or my foe? As I look for her acceptance sometimes I have no where to go.

This constant competition comes at a cost, and before you know it the relationship is lost.

Can we break these patterns our mother gave? I know if it's up to me I'll work hard at it until my grave.

I won't let the cycle repeat, these unhealthy patterns we both shall eventually defeat.

But I have to slow down to change my ways, meditation my tool- to elongate my days.

For when I rush from one activity to the next, I can't possibly see the damage I've left.

The ripples of these toxic habits get heavier with time, trust & remember they can only be broken by the DIVINE.

For when you live unconsciously the burdens will grow and in your body it will start to show.

You'll walk around with your eyebrows down, and without even knowing it you'll be wearing a frown. People will avoid you but you might not know why, these habits have cost you the sight in your third eye.

Blind to you is the reflection in the mirror, your mother staring back at you, crying "look what I've passed on, my dear".

But it's not too late to wake up and see, the mother to your children you are striving to be. Be willing to hear what your critics see, the honesty hurts...but the advice will set you free.

## On Mother's Day

What can we say, On Mother's Day,  
That hasn't been said before?

That moms care for us, and feel they must  
Be there for us, safe and sure.

That moms advise and make us wise  
Teach us how to seek, learn and explore.

That moms comfort, when we hurt,  
Help to make things like before.

That moms teach us, and make a fuss  
Being both a teacher and a monitor.

That moms can feel and help us heal,  
Help fragile egos to restore.

That moms defend, and bring an end  
To all thoughts of evening the score.

That moms are strong and seldom wrong,  
Providing support and so much more.

That moms are great and never late  
To offer love and loving care.

What can we say, On Mother's Day,  
But say again, what's been said before?

## At the Foundation – Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation is pleased to announce the award of the following scholarships for 2022:



- Ken and Marge Clewett Scholarship awarded to Kianni Dodson a graduate of Kealahou High School
- Jim and Sis Bedingfield Scholarship awarded to Ryli Sasaki a graduate of Konaheena High School
- James Lightner Scholarship awarded to Ciara Blaber a graduate of Kealahou High School
- Ron and Kathy Hawkes Vocational Scholarship awarded to Braelyn Kauhi a graduate of Konaheena High School
- Palamanui Scholarship awarded to Kelana Crane



In all a total of \$20,500 in scholarships were awarded this year. Major funding for the Foundation comes from the PGA each year. The Rotary Club of Kona manages the volunteers each year at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in January for the PGA Tour Champions. Other individuals and organizations may make donations to the Foundation. The funds are in invested and the proceeds from the investments are used for funding the scholarships each year. The Foundation also funds community projects that are managed by the Rotary Club of Kona.

## Rotarians at Play – Lisha Spicer Performs

Her friends and several Rotarians enjoyed the exquisite Jazz interpretations of Lisha Spicer, last Thursday at Sam Choy's Restaurant in Keauhou.



05/18/2023



At District 5000 – Annual Conference



At District 5000 – Annual Conference



05/25/2023



## Just Last Week – Kealakehe Interact Club – Projects



Six members of the Kealakehe Interact Club and their advisor joined us for lunch and gave an excellent summary of several projects they have completed over the past few years. Some of the projects are pictured here, including the Mural Project and the Picnic Bench Project completed with members of the Rotary Club of Kona.



06/01/2023

# Just Last Week – Janice Gustin – Cruising on Loke Lani



During 6 years of cruising with Jim on their sailboat, Loke Lani, every few months Janice wrote a short story about their experiences. For this meeting she read the first one she wrote.



**Debra Simonson**  
Redmond, OR



**Wolfram & Dons Foerster**  
Wagenfurt, Austria



**Stephen Johnson**  
Kailua Kona, HI



Just Visiting

06/08/2023

## Just Visiting



Barbara Kossow Nestoria Domingo  
Kailua Kona, HI Kailua Kona, HI

## Sadly, Leaving



Raghel & Jose Santiago  
Relocating to Oahu



## Musings – Victoria Morse

### NEW BEGINNINGS

The buds are all opening, creating a magnificent bloom.

A new beginning is near, and it comes with a different tune.

Eyes are straining from the fresh insight.

Hoping for more meaning, hoping for more delight.

We call upon our inner child, they've always known the right way to go.

Show us now what needs to happen to make this Rotary Club grow.

Not just in numbers, but in purpose and compassion.

Bless our members with even more energy, aloha, and passion.

Let our deeds have a lasting impact on those they touch, and let our giving be secret.

May the smiles be genuine and the conversations deep.

May we reap what we sow and nothing more, as we close one chapter and open a new door.



06/15/2023



## At District 5000 – Year End Transition Party



06/29/2023

Installation Dinner for new president, Brian Asbjornson





**Commemorative Glass etched by Kona Impact, courtesy of Brian Asbjornson**



**06/30/2023**

**Rotary Club of Kona President for 2022/2023 - Scott Unger**