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# Kona Coffee Blossom

## Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### *At the Podium* - CHRIS J. KANAZAWA, Parker Ranch, Inc.



Chris Kanazawa brings to Parker Ranch more than 23 years in the real estate industry. Kanazawa, a graduate of the University Lab School, had his own real estate consulting firm on Oahu. Prior to starting his own company, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Coldwell Banker Commercial Pacific Properties from 2000 to 2002. Kanazawa also held positions at AMFAC/JMB for seventeen years, four of which he served as President of the Real Estate Division. Kanazawa obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Business Administration degree in accounting and finance from the University Of Southern California Graduate School Of Business.

Kanazawa has been involved in numerous community and professional organizations including the State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation, Urban Land Institute, Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council, Land Use Research Foundation and the Diamond Head Theatre.

Kanazawa's extensive experience, coupled with his skills in formulating land use strategies, master planning and consensus building between community and business interests will assist the Ranch as it continues to diversify its business operations.

Chris and his wife Mae reside in Waimea.

### *At the Club* - PASSING OF THE TORCH, Richard Farnham

It is with a great sigh of relief and not a small of bit regret that I pass the torch with this, my last issue of the Coffee Blossom.

My clients will appreciate that my Wednesdays will once again be available for productive work and no doubt my wife and partner will be glad to see income producing hours returned to the business, but I will miss the opportunity to keep up with the many projects and personalities of our club and the chance to share a bit of information and humor with my friends and fellow Rotarians.

I understand that incoming president Dick's wife Arlene will be taking up where I leave off and I hereby offer my condolences and support. Good luck chasing down the president for his weekly column. I suspect you might have some leverage I wasn't privy to with president Alan.

In any case, it has been a privilege to serve the Rotary Club of Kona as bulletin editor, and I look forward to serving our club in other capacities in the years to come.

### *Rotary Prayer*

Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary, keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean, our spirits humble and our thinking straight. Amen.



Service Above Self

*This Week*  
July 14, 2005  
Royal Kona Resort  
Alii Surf Room

Program: CHRIS J.  
KANAZAWA,  
Parker Ranch, Inc.  
Greeter: Stephen Bobko-  
Hillenaar  
Door Prize: William Moore

### *Coming Up*

Greeters:  
Roger Brasel 07/21  
Barbara Bush 07/28

Door Prize:  
Rick Merschdorf 07/21  
Rich McDowell 07/28

Birthdays  
Rick Merschdorf 07/12  
Preston Crowl 07/14  
Tom Fine 07/17  
Laura Guluzzy 07/19

Anniversaries:  
Ken Clewett (Marge) 07/10  
Jeanette Evans (Mark) 07/13  
Diane Ilstrup (Duane) 07/15

Programs:  
KYLE ONOMA 07/21  
Dept of Agriculture,  
"Got Coqui?"

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## Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### President's Position



Fellow Club Members:

I am looking forward to our coming year of

fellowship and "Service Above Self." I have big plans for our club which I will be outlining for you in the weeks ahead.

Be assured, I am honored to be your new president and I will do my best to shepherd our club into next century of Rotary.

Please feel free to give me your feedback as our year together progresses. I look forward to serving you and the Rotary Club of Kona.

President Dick

### In the Community - NEW UH PROGRAMS FOR WEST HAWAII

UH Manoa College of Education is recruiting for three programs to be offered for West Hawaii residents via the UH Center, West Hawaii. The three programs are the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education program 2006, the Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education program 2006, and the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Special Education program 2006.

All three programs provide eligibility for initial teaching licensure. A public information session for these three programs is scheduled for Friday, August 12 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the UH Center, WH, Building 4, Room 3. in Kealahou. Dr. Darlene Martin, on site Kona Coordinator for UHM COE with representatives from College of Education will provide additional information.

Interested applicants may contact the UHM Office of Student Advising Services at 808 956 7849 for application materials and check the COE web site for additional information: [www.hawaii.edu/coe/departments/outreach](http://www.hawaii.edu/coe/departments/outreach). Prospective students are encouraged to apply immediately.

### At RI - STENHAMMAR RI PRESIDENT FOR 2005-2006

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, the first RI president of Rotary's second century, took office on 1 July, against the backdrop of a successful centennial year marked by worldwide celebrations of the ideals and initiatives that have driven the organization's expansion into 168 countries.

Going back to the basics, Stenhammar said, can help clubs and districts embrace the challenge and opportunity presented by Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, which also is the 2005-06 RI theme. The new RI president called upon Rotarians to join him in continuing to sponsor projects based on the presidential emphases of education and literacy and water, hunger, and health concerns, as well as those directed at public image.

"I believe in continuity," he told RI News in a 30 June interview. "Past presidents Majiyagbe and Estess have both been involved in literacy and education, and then President Estess added water. Monica and I have always discussed at home what is most important for a human being to live a decent life. I said literacy, and she said water. I think both are dependent on one another. To me, it was very natural to continue these emphases." Noting that the United Nations, a longtime partner of Rotary, has chosen water and literacy as part of its goals through 2015, Stenhammar said that clubs and districts can achieve much more if they cooperate with other organizations.

"I also believe in cooperation, because all of the emphases that we work with are so huge that we cannot as an organization do it ourselves. We cannot do it overnight," he said. "So if we can work with others like we've done with PolioPlus and the United Nations, over time, we can achieve much more together. It's a big puzzle, and we have to see to it that our piece in that puzzle becomes as large as possible." Stenhammar emphasized that Rotary's top priority is still "to finish our PolioPlus [program]. It may take a little longer than we had expected, but we will do it." He also encouraged clubs and districts to invest in the future and reach out to the new generation through increased sponsorship of the Youth Exchange program.

At the new RI president's initiative, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International starts a new century of service with its first female trustee, Carolyn E. Jones, of Anchorage, Alaska, USA. Believing that involving women at all levels of Rotary leadership makes good business sense, he also has appointed female Rotarians to chair the Membership Development and Retention Committee, Literacy Resource Group, and Public Image Resource Group.

A food broker, Stenhammar is the former owner of Gust. F. Bratt AB and has been a member of the boards of several companies and chair of the board of a local private school. A Rotarian since 1974, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden. Stenhammar has served RI as district governor, committee member and chair, task force general coordinator, and director.

### You Can Say That Again

"Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience.  
Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence." Hal Borland

*Just for Fun* - MOISHE GLICKMAN

A man walks into the street and manages to get a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Moishe."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Moishe Glickman. There's a guy who did everything right. Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Moishe every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Moishe. He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something, huh?"

Cabbie: "He had a memory like a computer. Could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole neighborhood blacks out."

Passenger: "Wow, some guy eh?"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams, not like me, I always seem to get into them"

Passenger: "Mmm, not many like that around"

Cabbie: "And he knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good and never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Moishe."

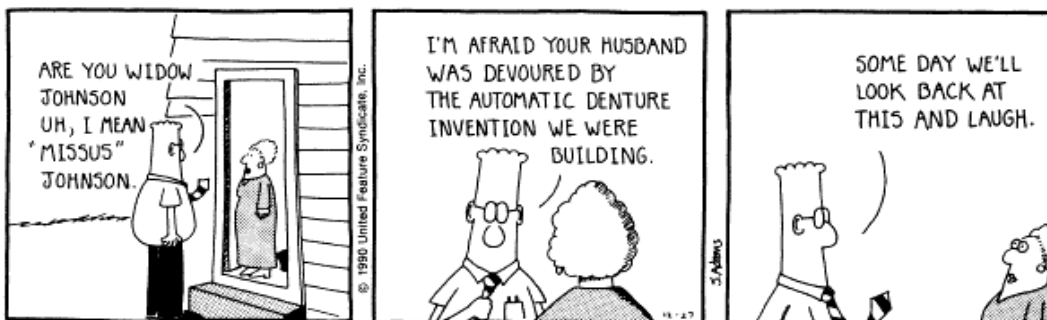
Passenger: "Then how do you know so much about him?"

Cabbie: "I married his widow."

*Rotary  
Calendar*

*Community  
Calendar*

Aug 12, 2005, Fri, 7:00P  
NEW UH PROGRAMS  
Event: Public information session  
on Certificates in Education.  
Place: UH Center WH, Kealahou  
Price: Free  
Includes: Information, Q&A.  
Contact: UHM Office of Student  
Advising Services -  
808-956-7849.

*Let's Keep in Mind*

"By going back to the basics, clubs and districts can embrace the challenge and opportunity presented by Rotary's motto, 'Service Above Self.'"





Service Above Self

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SERVICE Above Self

## Island Clubs

Hilo Bay, Wed, 6:45A  
Nanioloa Hotel

Hilo, Fri, 12:00N  
Nanioloa Hotel

Kona Mauka, Tue, 12:00N  
Teshima's Restaurant

North Hawaii, Wed, 11:45A  
Daniel Thiebaut's Restaurant

South Hilo, Tue, 12:00N  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Volcano, Thu, 6:45A  
Kilauea Lodge

## On the Road

Whether you're traveling to another island, another state or another country, you can still attend a Rotary Meeting at one of the thousands of Rotary Clubs worldwide. To find a meeting, log on to: <http://www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.html>

## Submissions

Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Dick by Tuesday, 12:00N. All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## Back Issues

Current and back issues are available on the web site: [www.RotaryClubofKona.org](http://www.RotaryClubofKona.org)

## At the Helm



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Rotary Founder



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## The Four-Way Test

Is it the truth? • Is it fair to all concerned? • Will it build good will and better friendship?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned? 'Oia 'i o i keia o' lelo • Kupono ia ka kau  
Kukulu lokomaika'i a me pilialoha maika'i a'e • Pono ia ka kou

**THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM**  
**THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA**

**21 JULY 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM: Some of Hawaii's Recent Alien Arrivals**

Singing Frogs, Stinging Caterpillars, and Little Fire Ants

By Chris Jacobsen and Arnold Hara

University of Hawaii Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences

Chris Jacobsen has worked for the University of Hawaii for more than eight years as a Research Associate for Dr. Arnold Hara. Much of that time has been spent developing control strategies for alien arthropod pests in Hawaii's nurseries and landscapes.

**JUST LAST WEEK BY DR. BILL MOORE**

"When asked about my horseback riding, I reply that since I have been at Parker Ranch for only a year the cowboys won't let me near any live animals. My background has been in real estate development." Thus began CEO Chris Kanazawa's presentation to the club. He went on to discuss the present and future role of Parker Ranch following the rules of the trust set up by Richard Smart before his death in 1992. The four beneficiaries of the trust are: Parker School, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, North Hawaii Community Hospital and Hawaii Community Foundation. All decisions made by the trustees must be approved by these beneficiaries. While livestock should be a part of business and a key part of Waimea lifestyle, there is a shift to looking at "ourselves" as a land company with over 180,000 acres of land. Some of this land is "core" land essential to the Parker legacy with livestock operation and preservation of historical vistas. "Non-core" land can be diversified into other uses that are stable and produce long term income to support the beneficiaries. He pointed out that cattle breeding poses typical commodity risks; that Parker Ranch has 18-22 thousand cattle; that steers are shipped at 6 months of age to 2 co-ops on the mainland for further growth; that the ranch is the largest grass fed calf producer in the islands; that the ranch is thus also in the business of growing grass. During the Q&A period he confirmed that Parker Ranch grass fed beef is not readily available since the beef calves are sent to the mainland; he is in consultation with a mainland firm to supply this beef locally after processing on the mainland; that a "retail center" is a possibility "outsourced" to experts with the proviso that such a center must support Parker Ranch style; that affordable housing is a strong need for workers in Waimea who often face long commutes and is under serious consideration by the Trustees.

**COMING UP: 7/28 CLUB ASSEMBLY WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS YEAR?**

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 HEARTS PURE, OUR LIVES CLEAN, OUR SPIRITS HUMBLE AND OUR THINKING STRAIGHT. AMEN**

**PARDON OUR DUST**

The very next time you see Richard Farnham or Chrys Yamasaki, give them a warm hug and tell them what wonderful people they are. Your e-mail submissions for the Coffee Blossom should be sent to [arndi@mac.com](mailto:arndi@mac.com). We're sneaking up on the new Coffee Blossom and hope to have the all new, but perhaps not improved version to you next week. Please stand by...

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

- Dues are due. Please see Barbara Bush.
- There will be a regularly scheduled Board of Director's Meeting this afternoon at West Hawai'i Today. 4:30 PM. All club members are welcome at Board Meetings.
- Have a program you think the club should be aware of? Contact Bev Fraser.
- Meet 'n Eat is coming to Kealakehe Intermediate School 7/27/05

**MILESTONES****BIRTHDAYS:**

Alan J. Pratt 7/21

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Tom & Cindy Whittemore 7/22

Cliff & Megumi Kopp 7/23

**SERVICE TO THE CLUB****GREETER:**

7/21 Roger Brasel

7/28 Chukkar Cartwright

8/04 PP Alan Clark

**DOOR PRIZE:**

7/21 Rick Merschdorf

7/28 Ray Marks

8/04 Janet Lum Won



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## **THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA**

**4 AUGUST 2005**

### **AT THE PODIUM: CLUB ASSEMBLY**

WOW Workplace Wellness Program Creating a Culture of Wellness at Work

*A project of Friends of the Future Vivienne Aronowitz M.P.H., R.D., Program Leader.*

**PLUS:** How many members of our club have been members for over 25 years??

### **JUST LAST WEEK BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Opening her presentation with quotes from Pres. Lincoln "...government of the people, by the people and for the people" and Gogh "The best of all governments teaches us to govern ourselves", Carol Christianson, Executive Director of Community Enterprises went on to inform the members of this recently developed non-profit organization dedicated to "Correct governance through an informed populace". The goal is to arrange monthly meetings that will bring together and inform the "shakers and movers" of issues and concerns of our community. With such meetings she hopes to change the triangular paradigm of top down selected flow of information from government to citizens (an uninformed populace is much easier to manipulate) to an upward flow from an informed populace who would "run" the government. The first meeting is scheduled for September 13th. As it will be the dinner hour she promised "heavy" snacks and a challenging program that would last no more than 2 hours.

President Dick closed the meeting with a Club Assembly whose highlights included a report from the Treasurer that the club was solvent; new member badges would cost \$5 and replacements \$15; a weekly door prize of at least \$35 in value was expected of members in rotation. ISC chairman Bill Cliff reported that the mechanical soybean milk "cow" joint project with Kona Mauka and Waimea clubs was being actively pursued; that Kobe West's contribution of \$1000 would be put to use this year; that a more active relationship would occur with our sister club in Kawasaki, Japan; that other projects dealing with nutrition or safe water were being pursued in accord with RI President's desires. Club Service reports that meals would remain the same or improve. The Vocational program with Kealahou was alive and progressing. Community Service continues the "Meet and Eat", holiday parade, Children's Justice Center, sailing scholarship and development of a skateboard park with the Skate Board Assn. programs. President Dick then outlined his agenda for the year: "Not For a Minute" educational program insuring that parents did not leave children unattended in parked cars in Kona's heat; "Read to Me" program for seniors in Senior Centers: a joint venture with Kona Mauka and Waimea clubs to spot test vision and hearing and provide dental hygiene education in public schools; a fresh water project to provide low cost testing kits for families using catchment tanks.

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### **NINE DAYS IN JAPAN; VISIT KOBE WEST ROTARY CLUB**

In attendance at last week's meeting was Professor Ted Minakata from our sister club in Kobe, Japan. What a great reminder to join President Dick and wife Arlene on an exciting tour of Japan. Our sister club, Kobe West, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. We'll spend the evening with them and share trans-pacific fellowship. Tokyo. Kamakura. Kawasaki. Kyoto. Details are forth coming. Don't miss this adventure. Contact Dick at 989-4140.

**FROM YOUR EDITOR**

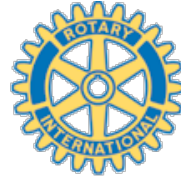
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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Ron Hawkes 8/02

**MILESTONES****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Robert & Pat Weiss 8/04

Richard & Ellen Fearing 8/05

**GREETER:**

8/04 PP Alan Clark

8/11 PP Ken Clewett

8/18 Bill Cliff

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### **AT THE PODIUM: KEEPING THE THEATER ALIVE**

This week our speaker will be Marylei Drake, Chairwoman of the Kona Theatrical Preservation Society.

The KTPS is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 to empower the community through performing arts, cultural exchange, and educational and wellness programs. Although the organization has been around for 10 years, the group is now refocusing it's efforts to target at risk children by building self esteem through the performing arts.

Marylei will be speaking about the KTPS - it's past, present and future as well as the positive benefits this group provide to the community

### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Stating that West Hawaii's employees have high rates of obesity, diabetes and strokes; that 14.5% work 2 or more jobs (3X the national average) yet have the lowest per capita income in the state; that they have long commutes to and from work; and that they have little time to spend on wellness programs, Vivienne Aronowitz, WOW project leader, went on to discuss Friends of the Future's Workplace Wellness Program with club members.

Through quarterly one day conferences and follow-up monthly meetings to train and support employee "Health Champions" WOW's goal is to educate, encourage and support the workers of Hawaii to value and adopt healthier behaviors and lifestyles. Similar programs in Boeing, Coca Cola, Traveler's Insurance nationally and First Hawaiian Bank, Times Markets and Hawaii Prince Hotels locally have demonstrated that benefits to employers include reduced absenteeism, lower or stable worker's compensation and health insurance premiums, reduced use of high cost medical procedures, and low unemployment rates. Benefits to employees, many of whom represent an aging workforce at some resorts, include improved morale, support for healthy lifestyle and work behaviors, increased motivation and production, and lower cholesterol levels. The best employee health programs today have increased management support, frequent contact with target population, more aggressive programs on health and offer more menu-driven or choice-oriented agendas. She concluded by outlining how such a wellness program would encourage healthy cafeteria choices, nutritious products in vending machines, walking and stretching classes, ergonomics (safe equipment, proper posture training, pre-work stretching exercises), motivation (leadership by example, team and buddy approaches) and "Health Champions" (key dedicated employees who would facilitate and cheerlead wellness activities).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: LYLE ANDERSON RECOGNIZED**

Lyle Anderson, of Oceanside 1250 Partners and Hokulia, was recognized by PP Alan Clark as 2004-05 Employer of the Year. He was given a certificate noting his contributions to the community and for following the principles laid out in the Four Way Test.

**A THOUGHT: EVERYDAY EACH OF US ENCOUNTERS CHOICES OF SERVICE. ROTARIANS,  
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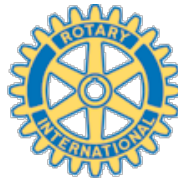
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## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

### 25 AUGUST 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** The Big Island Skateboarding Association was created in January of 2005, by a group of skaters wanting to bring a better skateboard environment to the Big Island of Hawaii. Our goal is to develop parks and promote skateboarding all over the island, from east to west and Kohala to Ka'u. In order to actually achieve this goal, our island needs to stand as one skate community. The Big Island Skateboarding Association was created for this exact reason. Imagine going on a weekend road trip around the island that included stops at the Kona skate park, followed by camping and a session in Kawaihae. Then hitting a mega-ramp in Hilo, before one last skate jam in Captain Cook. This fantasy is what we hope to make a reality. In much the same way that surfing allows the youth to rise above the poverty and drug addiction that holds down many of our citizens, skating can as well. The biggest difference is that the ocean is, well, everywhere! We're on an island! But there is a serious lack of skateboard facilities on this island. Skateboarding is the third most popular sport among 6-18 year olds, yet there are more "No Skateboarding" signs in the Wal-Mart parking lot than there are skate parks on the whole island! It's time to do something about this grave insufficiency, and the BISA is here to do it.

Our first project is the Kailua-Kona skate park project. It is a very ambitious project, as we are hoping that the park will be among the best in the world. As the second most populated city on the Big Island, and the foremost tourist destination, we feel that our park should reflect just that, and be something that the residents of Kona, and the whole island, can be proud of. Where Waimea has a 7,500 square foot skate park, our goal is for a 30,000 - 35,000 square-foot skate complex. Complete with a world-class skate park, large covered half-pipe, shaded areas, as well as water fountains and restrooms. The design itself will also take into account the beautiful scenery Kona has to offer and has plenty of flora incorporated into it to "blend in" with its surroundings. A park of this magnitude will certainly do a lot to alleviate many of the problems between skateboarders and the community.

**JUST LAST WEEK:** Deepa Alban, co-owner of Kona Joe's coffee farm and processing plant came to inform the members of a town hall format meeting at her farm for an informational session regarding the PLK Air Services, LLC proposal of a processing facility for coffee and Macadamia Nuts and the accompanying request for a Special Purpose Revenue Bond. She expressed her concerns about the future of Kona Coffee and invited concerned citizens to bring questions and comments to the Friday morning meeting to be held in Kainaliu.

**ROTARY LOSES A FRIEND:** We note with great sadness former District 500 Governor Clarence McIntosh. He was DG from 1977 to 1978. For many years he was the President of the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation and was a tireless worker on behalf of that trust. Mac was a true Rotarian and he will be missed by his many friends.

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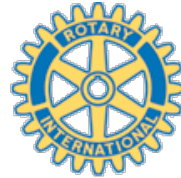
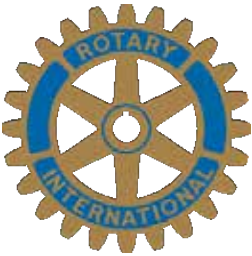
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#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Matt Martin, head of the recently formed non-profit BISA group promoting the development of a skate board park in West Hawaii and an avid board skater since the age of 13, outlined the proposed state-of-art park on land at the old airport presently owned by the County. Board skating is the 3rd most popular sport among children between 6 and 18 years. This \$650,000 seamless concrete (half of all skateboard injuries occur on irregular surfaces) park would cover 30,000 sq. feet and contain not only half-pipes and bowls but also commonly skated street structures such as rails and stairs; would be attractively landscaped with trees and foliage; would get skateboarders off streets where they hassle pedestrians and shop owners; would be open and available to all skaters during daylight hours only and under police surveillance for vandalism and drug trade at night when the gate to the old airport is closed as is the case for this area now; would require no supervision or injury waivers since it is on county land and falls under the same law that covers county beach parks. During the Q & A period, Matt stated that the budget income proposed would be raised through fund raisers, sponsorships of local and national businesses (he named Quiksilver as one interested sponsor) and private donations; that maintenance of the concrete structure was minimal for at least 5 years and then need only surface repair; that professional national skateboard organizations might want to use this facility (it would be the premier park at present in all the U.S.) for annual contests much like the Ironman and produce TV income. Several members expressed an interest in offering advice on fund raising and cost sharing with local concrete manufacturers.

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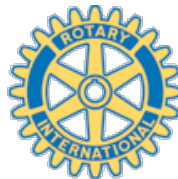
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#### AT THE PODIUM: AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN KONA

Is affordable housing possible in Kona? Joining us at the podium this week is Alan Dickler, President of Westpro Holdings. Alan will be presenting an update to the club on FAST (Factory Assembled Steel Tract) housing facility that recently opened in Kona, producing affordable and market price housing. This facility is only the second of its kind in the United States, and will employ 50 people at the onset with the anticipation of expanding to 100 employees once production hits full stride. Join us to learn more about this company and their plans for affordable housing in Kona!

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Approaching the podium for her presentation, the inimitable DG Roz Cooper was greeted by a playing, not of "Hail to the Chief", but her favorite song, "I'm so excited I just can't hide it!" She then went on to enlighten and entertain the members first with such facts as: 1 Rotarian cannot change the world, but 1.2 million can, and have made, "miracles" throughout the world; what we do today is due to an expansion of what was done yesterday; today the world needs Rotary much more than in 1905; faces of needs have changed due to changes all the world. She then noted that RI President Stenhammar's choice to return to "Service Above Self" accentuates the fact that unlike other service clubs Rotary gives "above self". It is his, and DG Cooper's, intent to focus on service in four projects: Literacy; Clean water and water management; Cooperation and togetherness with other worldwide organizations e.g. WHO in health issues; and the growth of membership. To illustrate areas of these service needs, she pointed out that 2 billion people (1/3 of world's population) worldwide today are illiterate; 600,000 die daily from thirst or waterborne diseases such as polio; that while there are big obstacles to PolioPlus they are slowly but surely being overcome with the help of WHO and UNICEF; there are 1.2 million members of Rotary today--the same number as 18 years ago. Rotary needs to grow and RI President Stenhammar has set a goal of adding 1 member per club this year. "Rotarians provide help and hope. Let's share the fun of Rotary" by involving as many of our community members as possible. "Rotary is like a great party--no Rotary, no "party"" She concluded by asking club members to 1) Support our President 2) Support the club by participating in all Community Service projects, assisting as greeters, serving in its operations 3) Spend our grant money--and when that's used, spend some other club's 4) Support the Rotary Foundation 5) Sponsor a new member this year 6) Obey "Roz's Rule"--have fun, laugh at all times, particularly when you are active in a service project. She promised her year would feature the best District Conference this millennium then stirred the rapt audience with a reading of an inspirational poem that she promised to allow me to print next month.

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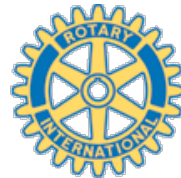
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WEDNESDAY 6:45  
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**AM**  
**DANIEL THIEBAUT'S**

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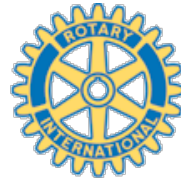
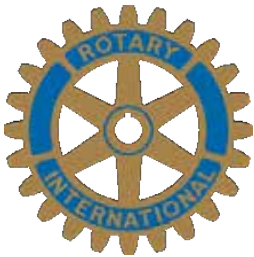
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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA**

**22 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM:** The rumor is that there will be a program on a local man's ascent of Mount Everest. Maybe not. Why don't you come and see for yourself.

**JUST LAST WEEK:** You'll all be relieved to know that the economic outlook for the next year or so is GOOD! Celebrate now. These guys have always been right in the past!

**SOME FISCAL NOTES:** Ron Hawkes has informed President Dick that we can anticipate final payment for January's Mastercard Tournament that will have net us approximately \$41,000 for our foundation and service projects. Way to go volunteers!

Laura Guluzzi dropped an e-mail that your generosity at the meeting on 8 September raised over \$1500.00 that will be forwarded to one of the agencies in the gulf region for relief efforts performed on behalf of victims of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you!

**FROM THE RI WEBSITE:** "We're getting calls from Rotarians throughout the U.S. and even Central America asking how they can help," said Alford. "What we need most are funds right now." District 6200 Governor Donald P. Chauvin, located in Abbeville, Louisiana, echoed these concerns. "Our most pressing need is feeding these people and giving them water. But at this point, it's much easier for Rotarians to send us funds so that we can buy water locally and distribute it where the greatest need exists, rather than for them to ship us product," said Chauvin. Funds can be sent to Rotary International District 6200 Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 44365 Lafayette LA 70504.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE BEING FORMED:**

Applications are now open for the positions of Group Study Exchange Team Leader and Team Members. A team leader must be a Rotarian and team members (4) are non-Rotarians who are young professionals (25 - 40 years old) in the community. District 5000 has partnered with District 2090 (Albania/Italy) for the exchange. The group is scheduled to depart for Italy on May 30, 2006, returning back to Hawaii on June 30, 2006. President Dick has the GSE brochure for more information, along with the Team Leader and Team Member application forms for your convenience. Deadline for all applications is October 15, 2005. Please make sure that the announcement for this wonderful educational, vocational and international opportunity is shared with your club members. GSE is an experience that will last a lifetime; and traveling to Italy??? You can't beat that.

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**BE AKAMAI WITH YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING:** Aloha Makekau from Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation reminds us that when you give to HRYF before the end of September through Foodland's 2005 Give Aloha program your charitable gift will be matched dollar for dollar when you use Code 77199. Then send your receipt to HRYF for credit to your Sullivan Fellowship Account.

**A NOTE FROM KOBE:** Aloha Dick and Arlene. Our Kobe West Rotary Club has 78 members including three ladies. Wives are welcome to attend at the celebration dinner. But at present we don't know how many of them will be there. It will be clear in the beginning of the next month. The ceremony will be held 6:15pm 2nd November at Heiann-no-ma (1F) in Hotel Okura. The celebration dinner will take place from 7:05 to 9:00 at the same place. I'll register Dick & Arlene, Bill & his wife (four in all) on behalf of you. I am looking forward to seeing you in Kobe. Mahalo! 9/19.Ted Minakata

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### **MILESTONES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

9/18 Linda Lanning  
9/26 Dick Hershberger

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

9/11 Kathleen & Gus Damon  
9/24 Tom & Jan Fine  
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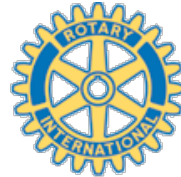
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9/22 Dick Denison  
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**29 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM:** Paul Kealoha will be speaking on behalf of The Hawaii County Police Department

**JUST LAST WEEK:** Opening with that well-worn morticians' joke, "People die to meet me", Susan Gillespie went on to enlighten members on West Hawaii's only full service funeral home, A Hui Hou, and her role as founder and Hawaii's only female mortician. Born and reared in a small rural Oregon town where she was valedictorian in her high school class of 17, Susan took up a graduate career in mortuary science for several years before coming to Kona a year ago after learning during visits here that West Hawaii had no funeral home. A Hui Hou is unique in that it can meet any of the needs that people have in funeral services. "We want to take care of our clients as though they were family," said Susan, offering counseling, planning and follow up visits with families for one year after a loved one's funeral. During Q & A Susan stated that her faith is very important to her and guides her business philosophy. She urged members to plan well; that the most precious gift they can give their family is to have end-times details planned including such essentials as wills, death certificate completion, personal wants for funeral, etc. She said that today cremation or burial expenses approximate \$3000; that her firm offers an "insurance" like plan with regular payments that will pay the full benefit should the insurer die before the entire amount is paid; that expenses can be paid in full if desired before death; that "trusts" set up by funeral homes benefit the funeral homes only.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE BEING FORMED:** At least one of our members has requested an application for the GSE Team being formed for a trip to Italy and Albania. Deadlines are soon. This is a chance to see these countries through the eyes of the native people. If you know a young businessperson with an interest in studying Italy or Albania, have them contact President Dick today!

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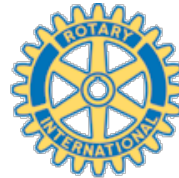
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### 6 OCTOBER 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** This week many of our members will be honoring their valued employees as part of our Vocational Service month activities.

#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Lt. Paul Kealoha, District Commander of the Community Policing Staff for the Kona District gave a PowerPoint presentation to club members whose salient points included the recently developed Mission and Vision Statements as well as a table of organization. One of the biggest problems facing the Police department is lack of personnel. While there is funding and authorization for 59 uniformed officers, at present only 36 positions are filled. This staff has to handle from 1200 to 1500 calls per month in an area extending from Oceanview to Pu'u Wa'a Wa'a. Barriers to hiring more officers include stricter background checks, higher cost of living compared with the Pacific Northwest, lack of public support of police/public partnership, reluctance of officers to expand their roles and lack of resources. He went on to say that crime was a triangular relationship with criminals, opportunity and victims as the three elements; remove any one of these and crime does not happen. Organizations such as Hawaii Security Assn and Business Security Watch (retail stores in Kailua) greatly reduce "opportunity" particularly for white-collar crime. He expressed the need for the community to be proactive; to assist in arresting burglars; to address root causes. The Q & A period provoked some interesting discussions. For example, it is up to the legislature to set laws regarding riders in pickup truck beds; crimes against property have increased while those against people have decreased; white collar crime, particularly credit card theft, has risen considerable; 5% of the community take up 95% of police time. While there are an average of 36-40 burglaries per month, August saw 72 of which 50 were committed by 3 burglary rings, now in custody. 90% of property crimes are due to drug use, particularly "ice". As to the "ice" epidemic, it is a social problem requiring public education as well as police work. Neighborhood Watch and Kona Aloha Patrol are worthwhile community activities. When asked what else the community could do to help, his response: "Identify people who would be good police officers!".

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**A NOTE FROM KOBE:** Aloha Dick & Arlene. I would like to ask you concerning to our 50th anniversary of Kobe West Rotary Club.

1. May I request you to make speech at the beginning of the ceremony as one of our guests? Please make it within 3 minutes and it might be great, if you do it in Japanese. When you do it in English, I have to translate your speech into Japanese, so, please send the full sentences of your speech by E-mail beforehand.

2. We are pleased to invite you (6 people including your family) to the ceremony ( 18:10~ ) and the Dinner Party(19:00~ ) on 2nd Nov. at The Hotel Okura Kobe. Please let me know full names (first name & family



name) of attendants in your early convenience. (Names of Bill Cliff & his wife were already informed by mail.) See you in Kobe. Mahalo! 4th October 2005. Ted Minakata.

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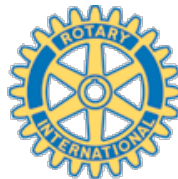
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**A NOTE FROM PP KEN CLEWETT:**

Good Evening, Dick: Several of us Rotary Club of Kona members (perhaps even a strong majority) are at least curious, if not quite concerned, over the fact that an opening prayer no longer is provided at all regular Rotary Club of Kona weekly meetings (but used only intermittently). When, why and by whom was this decision made? Since up to this year an opening prayer has been an integral part of all regular meetings during the 50+ year history of the Rotary Club of Kona, is almost universally included in Rotary club meetings worldwide, and we are living in tumultuous times when prayer certainly is needed, it would seem to us that the practice of having opening prayers at all of our regular Club meetings should be continued. We will much appreciate receiving your views and explanation. Thanks very much; and may you have a great Tuesday. Ken

**PRESIDENT DICK HERSHBERGER RESPONDS:**

Aloha Ken! I would like to take this opportunity to discuss openly the concerns that you have raised on behalf of yourself and several Rotary Club of Kona members.

Perhaps you missed the meeting at the beginning of the year when it was announced that it had come to the attention of the Board of Directors that there are members of our club who don't happen to be of the Judeo-Christian belief system. In an effort to celebrate our diversity of beliefs and be inclusive, the BOD decided that the appropriate ecumenical process would be to occasionally substitute the traditional prayer with a thought expressing an alternative religion or point of view.

I acknowledge that these are trying times in the world. These times have come upon us, in part, because of the lack of understanding of other people's cultures, including their religious beliefs. It is my desire that we grasp this opportunity to share. Being an educator, I am sure that you would want your students to develop the skills and desire to think their way through a process as opposed to having a single view point force fed to them.

And so it is with our Rotary club. You and I want a club willing to share a world of understanding and diverse thought. You and I want a club that is willing to help others without the need for categorizing according to some narrow perspective. You and I and the vast majority of members want a club that will be tolerant of all whom it benefits in its service to the world and our community.

In answer to your questions: At the beginning of my elected term, the BOD made the decision to be inclusive based on popularly used procedures at a multitude of clubs throughout the Christian and non-Christian Rotary world. I directed the Kona Coffee Blossom Editor to include "thoughts" that would represent a broad spectrum of idealistic thought interspersed with the traditional prayer used by our club in the past, as it is in the current issue.

I was raised in a Christian household and the most important tenet gleaned from that upbringing was to "Love My Neighbor". The teachings of my childhood were race, religion and color blind. We were taught to love everyone, inclusively. I know that you and the others for whom you speak share this principle or you wouldn't be members of Rotary.

It is my desire to see this experiment in tolerance through to the end of my term as President of The Rotary Club of Kona.

Yours in service to the world, Dick

## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

**13 OCTOBER 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM:** The future is now as members of The Kealakehe High School Interact Club, IC of the year for District 5000 three years running, will be here to let us in on their plans for the year. **DON'T FORGET YOUR PENNY JARS!!**

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

The program was devoted to Vocational Service and recognition by various club members of their "Outstanding Employee". These included employees of Life Care Center of Kona, West Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, The Salvation Army, Farnham and Associates, Regency at Hualalai, and the YMCA with lengths of service ranging from 2 months to 16 years. Each employee was greeted with a lei and an ovation from the members. President Dick then presented the "Service Above Self" medallion to Eric von Platen Luder for his many years of service to the Rotary Club of Kona and the community of Kona. Ann Goody closed the meeting with a discussion of the possible establishment of a "community" Rotaract club. Such clubs are usually associated with college campuses but the local UH students appear indifferent whereas youths working in the community expressed a definite interest. She went on to point out that Kona Rotary Club presently sponsors the Kealakehe Interact Club, best in state for 3 straight years, and RYLA but there is no Rotary service program between high school and the usual age (30 years) when business people enter Rotary.

**THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER:** Be prepared for our annual Rotary Gives Thanks program at Kona Crafts. The Kona Association of Retarded Citizens will be having their Craft Fair at the facility above Konawaena High School. Our help is needed in setting up and helping out. President-elect Bill Cliff will even be working in the kitchen.

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**A NOTE FROM KOBE:** Aloha Dick & Arlene It's my pleasure to inform you that Mr. Yoshida (whom you saw in Kona last January) will invite you (6 people) at 6 :00 pm Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) at a Tempura Restaurant near Hotel Okura. Please be kind enough to let me know whether you can attend or not. If you are not fond of Tempura we'll change it to another kind of restaurant. Mahalo! Ted Minakata. 8th October.

**AN INTERESTING PIECE OF LIFE SAVING INFORMATION OF PAGE 3**

Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, most gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE."

**MAUKA ROTARY PLANNING WINE TASTING**

Stay alert for information about The Roatry Club of Kona Mauka's wine tasting fund-raiser to be held at Drs. David Hironaka and Joan Greco's beautiful glass house over looking Kailua Village. Cost is \$75.00 per person and last years event was a sell out. A promise of great food and a fun time to visit with Rotarians from the Mauka Club.

**OCTOBERFEST 2005**

The Waimea Town Hall had all of the ambience of a German Bierstube except the stein wielding frauleins for last weekend's North Hawaii Rotary's annual fundraiser. GREAT German food, President Dick said it as just like his Grossmutter used to make. Put this event on next years calendar and get your tickets early. The DG even flew in for it.

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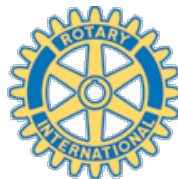
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## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours.

### RECOGNIZING A STROKE - A true story

Susie is recouping at an incredible pace for someone with a massive stroke all because Sherry saw Susie stumble - - that is the key that isn't mentioned below -and then she asked Susie the 3 questions. So simple - - this literally saved Susie's life - - Some angel sent it to Suzie's friend and they did just what it said to do. Suzie failed all three so then 9-1-1 was called. Even though she had normal blood pressure readings and did not appear to be a stroke as she could converse to some extent with the Paramedics, they took her to the hospital right away. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. **\*Ask the individual to SMILE.**
2. **\*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**
3. **\*Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** eg. It is sunny out today.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks,

**call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.**

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's Annual Meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage. A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people, you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

**BE A FRIEND AND SHARE THIS ARTICLE WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE, you could save their lives.**

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**20 OCTOBER 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM:** Destination Kona Coast's purpose is to:

- Establish greeting programs to welcome visitors to Kona.
- Encourage positive visitor experiences.
- Educate visitors about Kona's beauty, history, culture, attractions, and aloha spirit.
- Insure that all visitors go home satisfied, happy and glad they came to Kona.

The members of Destination Kona Coast invite you to experience Kona, a very special part of Hawaii. Kissed by the sun, caressed by the sea, an unspoiled paradise, warm with aloha, steeped in history, rich in ecology, and ready for fun.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

President Dick turned the meeting over to Ron Hawkes and a rousing ovation from the members as he accepted a check for \$41,454 from the management of the Mastercard Golf Championship held at Hualalai golf course this year, along with their sincere appreciation for supervising the volunteers and the announcement that this year's 10th anniversary tournament promises to be an even bigger draw. Ann Goody, Chair of "New Generations", reported that Yanna Lewis, advisor to our Interact Club, had expressed a strong interest in directing the Rotaract club Ann had discussed at our last meeting. She then introduced this year's Kealakehe High School Interact Club (KHSIC) President, Michael Dubois, who announced that for four years in a row the Kealakehe IC was awarded club of the year honors by the Rotary District 5000. Michael then introduced his fellow officers for their short presentations. This past year KHSIC's **150** student members continue to support two orphanages in India to the tune of \$6000 and to raise \$9000 for Hurricane Relief (they are presently corresponding with a sister Interact Club in the Gulf Coast Area to ascertain their needs). Ongoing and future programs included a goal of \$10,000 for the Indian orphanages, "Meet and Eat" meals for needy; Kealakehe Parkway cleanup and recycling; WaveRider discount cards; "Friendship" bracelets; Innesbrook subscription program (through which they raised \$1500 this past year); a sweetbread and orchid sale booth at the Kona Coffee Festival and an Ironman aid station --all good fund raisers and activities. Members of the Kona Rotary club were urged to attend at least one KHSIC meeting, held each Wednesday from 10:15 to 10:45, as an enjoyable learning and fellowship experience--and to continue their "Penny Jar" collections. A short student recruiting video was also shown. At the end of their presentation, President Dick awarded a "Service Above Self" medallion to KHSIC President Dubois on behalf of his entire student membership.

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Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948

**GET A MASSAGE; MAKE A DONATION:** New member Sarah Brewer and soon to be member Nicole Grab have partnered up for a Katrina relief Fundraiser. You go to The Spa at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October and they'll donate the day's proceeds to The American Red Cross. Everybody wins! Now, that's SERVICE!!!





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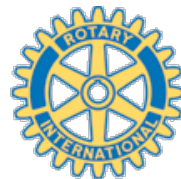
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**THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM**  
**THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA**

**27 OCTOBER 2005**

**AT THE PODIUM:** Past President Rick Merschdorf will preside at today's meeting bringing a well-balanced program of charm and wit.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

"Destination Kona Coast" was the subject of Richard Farnham's presentation to the club. With the advent of the cruise ship industry it was recognized by several Kona business leaders that a program should be developed to insure that visitors on the "Constitution" and "Independence" received a warm welcome, were educated about Kona's ambience and assured that they went home "happy campers", glad to have come to Kona. Thus was formed in 1992 Destination Kona Coast (DKC) with six board members and funded by private contributions and some fund raisers. Among the latter was the annual "Block Party" begun in 1993 as an Ironman kickoff with Alii Drive between King Kamehameha hotel and Hualalai Road devoted to booths offering food, local products and live entertainment. While it may have been a social event it was not financially rewarding and was discontinued in 1998 after a net profit of less than \$25 over the five years. In 1998 Auntie Lei Collins from the Hulihee Palace who organized the Kona Volunteer Committee revitalized DKC. Between the hours of 7 A.M. and 2 P.M. on arrival days this group provides a tent at the pier staffed by volunteers to present leis and the Kona Footprints brochure to each visitor, entertain them with local musicians, provide information and give them a cool area in which to await shore to ship transportation. It has been an instant success; 40% of passengers visit this tent/booth and all rate Kona as the friendliest port in Hawaii due to the greeters. Turning non-profit in 1997 DKC now has 100 members (individuals and companies); has a budget of \$65,000 (\$50,000 of which comes from Hawaii County who finally recognized the value of this endeavor and the rest from fund-raisers). Richard went on to say that the cruise ship industry has grown from the original 2 ships to 164 ship visits in 2005. Projected visits for 2006 and 2007 are 221 and 250 visits, respectively. Each ship averages 2000 passengers who spend at least \$50 per person giving Kona an average income per ship of \$76,800 (60% of passengers visit the town, 50% take guided tours). Projected total income for 2005 is \$25 million; for 2006, \$33 million and 2007, \$37 million. An integral part of DKC is the "Kona Aloha Patrol" organized in 2001 and now spearheaded by Dick Dressie, who was introduced and gave a short description of its function. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of 6 and 9, teams of 2 volunteers, wearing distinctive shirts and badges patrol Alii Drive greeting passersby and local merchants, answering questions from visitors and being neighborhood watchers for the Police department. This program has also been an unqualified success with merchants; it needs more volunteers so that more nights could be covered.

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**Let us pray:** Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be fair in judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

**KATRINA RELIEF IS A BEAUTY**

Get a spa treatment SUNDAY 30 October at The Sheraton Keauhou Bay Hotel Ho'ola Spa and your relaxing day at the Spa will help people in dire straights on the gulf coast. What a concept; you get a facial here in Kona and someone in Mississippi looks better, too.

**MAUKA ROTARY PLANNING WINE TASTING**

Get ready for The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka's wine tasting fund-raiser to be held at Drs. David Hironaka and Joan Greco's beautiful glass house over looking Kailua Village. Cost is \$75.00 per person and last year's event was a sell out. Be sure to set the 12 November date aside for this memorable event.

**ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK**

Before we forget, coming up the 29<sup>th</sup> of October is the Memory Walk honoring caregivers and the 'hidden heros of Hawaii'. 6:30 AM at Keauhou Shopping Village. Janet Schmuckal, Kona Event Coordinator may be reached at 964-5238, or on cell at 987-0515.

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- Depending on Internet access, next week's Coffee Blossom may be late.

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10/27 Scott Unger  
10/31 Cheryl Holdcroft

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

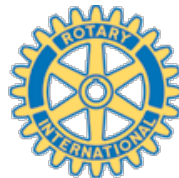
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### 10 NOVEMBER 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** President Dick and PE Bill Cliff are back from their visit with our sister club in Kobe, Japan, full of stories of the warm welcome they received there. Our sister club, The Rotary Club of Kobe West is comprised of a friendly and congenial group who take hospitality to new heights. We want to thank all of their members who made us feel at home. Count on a LARGE party the next time anyone from Kobe West comes to town. Kobe is sai-ko!! The best make-up place in the world!!

And then, an address from Ed Kubo who is the U.S. Attorney for Hawaii. Born and raised in Hawaii, he graduated from Waipahu HS and from the UH with a degree in PoliSci. He got his law degree from University of San Diego and admitted to the Hawaii Bar in 1979. In September of 2001 he was nominated to be US Attorney by George W. Bush and confirmed by the US Senate in November 2001. His priorities include all anti-terrorism activities, to establish "Safe Neighborhoods" in Hawaii, to have effective drug interdiction and to safeguard Hawaii's military, business and tourism industries. He is a strong proponent of white collar, corporate fraud and political corruption investigations and a very strong advocate for victims and witness' rights.

#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Dick Choy, self-proclaimed "gofer", discussed the program, "Kids of Kona", developed by the year 2000 graduating class of Konawaena High School. Keenly aware of the devastating effect of drugs and crime in Kona, they sought to create a modern day Pu'uuhonua & Learning Center that would provide, among other things, educational activities for parents and children, support and assistance for families and a "safe haven from all the chaos and confusion of everyday life". It was their hope that through their efforts future generations would have "The Good Old Days" to talk about; an unlikely scenario under present day conditions. Mr. Choy added that just recently "Kids of Kona" had obtained a long-term lease from Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate for the old Wakefield Garden and that renovation would soon be underway. As their vision states, "We dare to dream of our ancestors and recreate a living testimony for future generations to come".

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Let us pray: We pray that all the misery in the world will be eradicated: that understanding will triumph over ignorance, that generosity will triumph over indifference, that trust will triumph over contempt, and that truth will triumph over falsehood.

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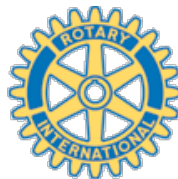
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### 17 NOVEMBER 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** Past-president Allen Clark will be the host for this week's meeting bringing you the wonderful wit and winning ways of his recently completed Rotary year. PE Bill Cliff and the International Service Committee will give us an up to date report on the progress of their efforts for the year; here's the nuts and bolts of helping people all over this wonderful world of ours

#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Opening with photos of the devastating effects of crystal meth (a brain with half of its cells dead after 4 months; premature facial aging and necrotic gums after 4 years) U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo held the membership spellbound with his presentation of "Our War On ICE". He went on to say that although there are many home-based ICE labs, Mexico is the usual source and the ICE is trans-shipped by courier or commercial shipping through California to Hawaii. Containing such ingredients as lithium, denatured alcohol, phosphorus from match heads, ammonium nitrate it is small wonder that such physical damage occurs, not to mention explosions during the cooking process. To illustrate the extent of the problem in Hawaii he pointed out that half of all criminals arrested had positive tests for ICE and 20% of those in prison tested positive even during incarceration. In 2002, when there were 30,000 ICE users out of 1.2 million Hawaii citizens and Hawaii considered the ICE capital of the U.S. with children as young as 11-12 becoming addicts, his office, State and County DEA agents and police began operation "Weed and Seed". Picking areas with such criteria as high crime and public housing and cracking down on dealers they were able to reduce a 70% and 80% drop in crime in Kalihi and Waipahu, respectively, on Oahu. Pahoa was the first outer island area to be hit. Result? A Big Island rancher who shipped as much as 1.5 million hits (1/6 oz each) in 5 years in cattle containers; Operation Shave Ice yielded another dealer who shipped 50 pounds a year; 5-10 meth labs last year on the Big Island. All were busted and the criminals in prison with no hope of parole serving 16 years or more. At the present trend in 3 years the ICE problem will be "contained"--not eliminated. Already crime figures are dropping and the price of ICE has soared to \$30,000 a pound (compared to \$2500 in Texas) due to interdiction and arrests of prominent dealers. Attorney Kubo closed with a discussion of the problem of current identity theft with credit cards, here most often stolen from tourists. Across the U.S. such theft occurs about 13 times a minute. Criminals face a mandatory 2-year sentence. Future projects include "Operation Child Safe" protecting children from exposure in homes with meth labs and the development of a network of Neighborhood Watch Groups. He pointed out that selling paraphernalia was illegal and businesses doing so should be reported at once.

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#### MAUKA ROTARY PLANNING WINE TASTING

This was a wonderful event with some tasty wines and delicious food. You say you didn't make it? Too bad! Put this evening on you calendar for next year!!

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**WAY TO GO NICOLE AND SARAH!!!**

For going the extra mile and raising funds for Katrina relief on their own and then channeling the money through our club, these new members of our club deserve an extra helping of praise. Here are the next generation of Rotarians. Bravo!

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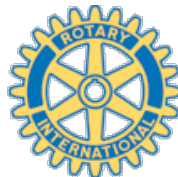
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### 1 DECEMBER 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** Past-president Mikey Zola will hold court for today's meeting. I'm sure that he'll do a 'fine' job. And the program will be The Boy Scouts of America.

#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Actually, it was two weeks ago that Bill Cliff, President-elect and former Chairman, International Service Committee (ISC), brought the members up to date on the purpose of the ISC and its recent involvement in bringing water wells and toilets to villagers in India and Uganda as well as future projects of providing mechanical soybean milk "cow" machines to orphanages and schools in Ecuador, a joint project with Kobe West in Chiang Mai concerning AIDS therapy; a children's medical facility in Los Angeles, Chile and support of Rotaplast, all with minimal investments and matching grants from the District and Rotary Foundation. He illustrated by showing that the club's \$1060 and Diamond Head RC's \$600+ was multiplied by matching grants to provide the \$14,000+ needed to supply fresh clean water and toilet facilities to children in 4 communities in Ratnagiri District of India. He punctuated his talk with photos, not only of the Uganda project and visit to Chilean RC but also those taken during his recent attendance at the 50th anniversary of Kobe West RC where he and President Dick and their wives were received with gusto and gustatory extravagance at innumerable dinners. He closed with a short video movie of Hlau Hlau Primary School, of White River, South America, which like a Phoenix has arisen from the ashes of the apartheid period through the efforts of its principal with whom, and the local Rotary Club, ISC may develop one or more projects through Matching Grants.

#### **THANKSGIVING IS LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY:**

Your editor hasn't received any report about the day at The ARC of Kona. I'm sure it was a wonderful day with many hands attending to the job. Thanks for your help. Get ready to do it again next year.

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Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross salary for year ending 06/30/03 was \$651,957 plus expenses. Brian Gallagher, President of the United Way receives a \$375,000 base salary, plus numerous expense benefits. The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization.

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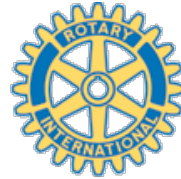
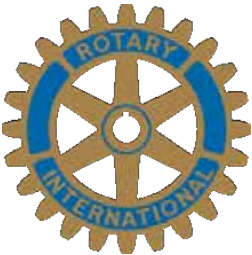
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### 8 DECEMBER 2005

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#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Opening with a video presentation of Scouting, Billy Rayl, District Executive, Kona Coast, and Nate Jones, District Chairman, Aloha Council, BSA, discussed scouting in the Kona district where we have 300 scouts at present, of whom 17 became Eagle Scouts, the highest level in scouting, in 2004. Scouting, which began in Hawaii in 1910, promotes six growth factors: strong personal values, goal setting, a desire to learn, strong relationships, self worth and usefulness and social skills. Scouts are expected to learn by doing. They went on to state certain statistics, e.g. throughout the U.S. scouts provided 42 million hours of community service last year; 120,000 churches and service organizations sponsor scout troops; 1.25 million volunteers are involved in supporting scouting; it takes \$89.95 per year to support one scout and a total of \$25,000 for the council to put on programs on Hawaii, one of which is Camp Honokaia AKA "Rainforest Camp"! They ended their presentation by announcing a fund-raising partnership with McDonald's and approaching civic leaders to pledge raising funds in February. Right now they need volunteers particularly as merit badge counselors.

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#### **AND SO DOES VASH!**

Sgt at Arms Larry Peckham wants all VASH volunteers to ride the VASH float in this Saturday's Christmas Parade. Get out a red shirt and show up! Call Larry at 326-1101.

**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE: WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Our Club's biggest fundraiser is coming up and we need EVERYONE in our club to participate. The MasterCard Golf Tournament will be held from January 18 - 22, 2006. We need help from 6 AM to 5 PM. We are all busy, but everyone can **MAKE** some time to participate. We are all Rotarians together and it is time to step up and volunteer. Call Kathy Hawkes 328-0592 today. Use your cell phone. Don't procrastinate!!!

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**A NOTE OF THANKS:** A personal public thank you to PP Mikey Zola, PP Rick Merschdorf, PP Alan Clark and PP Greg Ogini for your service to the club and to me by conducting the weekly meetings over the past month and a half. I have an immense admiration for all Past Presidents for the time and energy sacrifice made during their year as leader of our club. Thanks so much for stepping in again.

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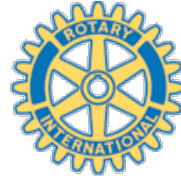
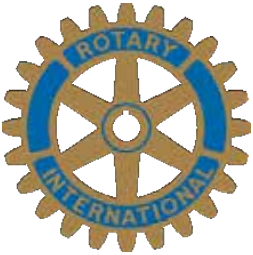
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**AT THE PODIUM:** With the end of 2005 fast approaching you are reminded that tax-exempt donation strategies are available to you that can be accessed through our club. One such strategy is giving to The Rotary Club of Kona's Community Foundation, a 501c corporation designed to promote academic scholarship by students from our community. There will be a wealth of information given to the membership regarding this appealing avenue of charitable gifting.

PLUS Stephen Bobko-Hillenaar will be on hand with Jim Weaver, Executive Director of Angel Flight West to bring us up to date on the efforts of that wonderfully caring group of aviators. An action packed afternoon directed by PP Alan Clark

#### **JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE**

Cheryl and Todd presented a marvelous multi-media slide show of their recent 250 day venture around the world visiting locations in North and South America, Australia, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Their two daughters accompanied them on this once in a lifetime adventure. They were also fortunate to have many friends and other family members join them for various legs and stays during the trip. You can get a review of this experience at [www.holdcroft.net](http://www.holdcroft.net)

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#### **PP KEN CLEWETT NEEDS YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

I apologize for not being able to attend the next two meetings of the Rotary Club of Kona, because of a Honolulu commitment. This Thursday morning I'm scheduled for a 3-4 hour surgical operation to remove a cancerous growth near my eye and two others on my forehead; on the following Wednesday I'll be back in the operating room for work on some lymph nodes and skin cancers in my scalp. I'm required to remain in the hospital overnight after both procedures -- to be done at Queens Hospital -- and to remain in town several days after at least the first operation. At the time of this week's Rotary meeting I should be recovering from the anesthesia; and at the time of next week's Rotary meeting I probably will be checking what is left and itching to get out of the hospital. Since that time schedule leaves such a small window of time before the second operation, Marge and I will remain in Honolulu between operations. At least this satisfies one of her long-time wishes -- to see the lights and decoration in Honolulu at Christmas. We trust that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas; and we look forward to seeing you upon resuming regular attendance at the weekly Rotary Club meetings on December 29. Ken

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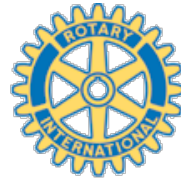
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## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

### 22 DECEMBER 2005

**AT THE PODIUM:** Social time to spend with each other celebrating the holidays.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** Barbara Bush, Club Treasurer, switched hats to President of the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and opened the program with a discussion of "Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation". Organized in 1989 with 9 Directors and a Financial Advisor, its mission is to provide scholarships of \$4000 (\$1000/year if the student keeps a 2.5GPA) to deserving West Hawaii high school graduates and to meet certain community needs e.g. Old airport jog/walk path, community bike patrol and KC hospital radiation center. Present financial fund of \$293,000 comes from fundraisers (book sales, golf tournaments), donor designated contributions and investment returns. She closed with how members can help: with fundraisers, making a tax-deductible donation and becoming a "Benefactor".

Jim Weaver, executive director of Angel Flight West, followed with a presentation on "Angel Flight". 6000 pilots who have a passion for flying and community service were organized in 6 districts, to fly emergency flights taking patients, particularly children with cancer, from remote regions to a medical facility. More recently, under Homeland Security, they have flown 2000 missions with emergency supplies, personnel and material; reunited families torn apart by Hurricane Katrina as well as returning evacuees to their homes. They also assist the American Cancer Society with transportation of cancer patients and carrying patients to various medical condition camps. Angel Flight West missions have increased dramatically since its founding 25 years ago. In that time their annual flights increased from 15 the first year to 4100 in 13 states in 2005. In response to a question about safety he responded by stating that in its last 22 years Angel Flight West has flown 25,000 missions with zero accidents. Recently partnerships have been developed with Alaska and Aloha Airlines to fly those patients they couldn't accommodate. He ended by stating that all pilots pay their own expenses for these trips. Their only compensation is the "Thank You" and the knowledge that they are providing a much needed and appreciated service.

**KOBE WEST CLUB IS INVOLVING US:** Check out the letter from President Takigawa on the third page regarding a service project to build and refurbish a school in India that was wiped out in the tsunami last year. We involved them in our water project in Uganda and now we are participating in their service project. What a wonderful way to celebrate the true internationality on Rotary.

**YOU'RE THE BEST!!!!:** Every one of you who set your lives aside for a couple of hours and stood outside of Wal-Mart to ring the bell for the Salvation Army kettle are truly Rotarians in EVERY sense of the word. Major Doss reported that your efforts resulted in SUBSTANTIAL increases in revenues from the donors during the days our club manned the kettle. If you didn't get enough, Major Doss can always use another hand on the bell. Call him at 6408203 and tell him you want to help. YOU make the difference!!

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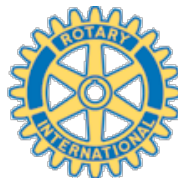
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December 16<sup>th</sup> 2005

Dick Hershberger President of Kona Rotary Club

Bill Cliff President –elect of Kona Rotary Club

Dear Mr. Dick Hershberger

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Kobe West I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your participation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club. Your warm friendship and support strengthen our tie in the future. We would like to express our gratitude for your generous gift you have brought to the celebration.

District 2680 WCS proposed recently to support to build a school for children of tribal community, Ahwin India. Request was made by Vapi Rorary Club in India, the team of WCS of our district had visited the area and saw the reality, in Oct. The school had been damaged after flood and right now they are teaching children in a small room in a low cost shelter. The rotary club of Vapi, Mr. Kalyan Banerjee ( former board member of RI ) proposed to raise the fund of \$7500 in Japan as a World Community Service which cover to rebuilt the school building and Rotary Foundation may finance desks,chairs,TV monitor,and computer about \$ 2500

Our club decided to support this project using your gift and added our fund \$ 1000 total US\$ 2000 as the key fund to promoting to raise fund in our district. We are very happy if you can understand this proposal and support this project together as the stirring clubs of this issue. We regret not writing sooner than this but we have been involving the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary programs and could not equip well.

Thank you again for your kindness and warm regards to all of your visiting members  
We wish you the joyful and peaceful holiday season to come.

Sincerely yours

Yoshinobu Takigawa  
President of Rotary Club of Kobe West  
Cc/ Bill Moor

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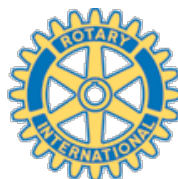
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**5 JANUARY 2006**

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**VOTING! VOTING! VOTING!** There was only one negative comment regarding the ability to vote on line for the slate of officers for 2006 to 2007 and that was a procedural matter. We will have a viva voce ballot at the meeting 5 January. The slate of officers is: William Cliff, President; Diane Ilstrup, President-elect; Joane Henley, Treasurer; and Richard Fearing, Secretary.

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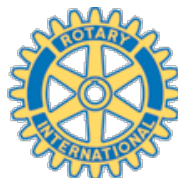
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**12 JANUARY 2006**

**AT THE PODIUM:** Time for a look around at the half-way point of the year with a club assembly. We'll do a little look back and a glance at the 6 months ahead in this Rotary year.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** [Dr. Bill is hanging out on Oahu for the next couple of weeks. Filling in this week is PP Bev Fraser] Jerry Walker, interim CEO of Kona Community Hospital was our guest speaker. A resident of Honolulu, Jerry took on the interim position in October 2005. He spoke on three areas - the history of hospitals on the Big Island, the current situation, and what is planned for the future. After a brief history, Jerry informed us that the staffing of the Kona Community Hospital - particularly in administration- is in a critical state. Most of the experienced administration staff has left, or will be leaving shortly, resulting in the vacancy of several key positions. The hospital will be interviewing for a new CEO shortly, and is also recruiting new doctors to the hospital. They are particularly seeking an oncologist and a cardiologist. Jerry also touched on how much the hospital appreciates the support it has been receiving from the community, as well as the work of the Kona Hospital Foundation and the Hospital Auxiliary.

**DUES ARE DUE**

**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE:** Wow! We got help. Here we are a week before the tournament and all staffing positions are reportedly filled. That's great. Once again, we owe our deep gratitude to Ron and Kathy Hawkes for the extensive effort that they put out on our clubs behalf. Thanks to everyone!!

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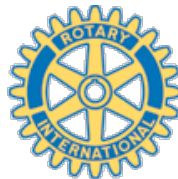
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**AT THE PODIUM:** Hawai'i County Mayor Harry Kim and his cabinet will address a joint meeting of The Rotary Club of Kona and the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. The meeting begins at 11:30 and will be held at The King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel. Call Bev at the Chamber office for reservations.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** Actually, it was two weeks ago, the meeting was devoted to a Club Assembly during which **Treasurer Barbara Bush** stated that the club is solvent, annual dues of \$200 are now due and that **Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fehring** would assume chairmanship of the MasterCard golf tournament next year. In reply to a question of possible excess funds, she replied that not all budgeted line items had been spent to date so she could not answer. **Club Secretary Gretchen Watson-Kabei** reported that we had 80 total members and a 53% club attendance record for the past year. **Club Service Tom Fine** reported a full slate of volunteers for the MasterCard tournament; that we need to be constantly aware of potential "good" applicants for membership; that what we needed was not numbers but good members. Under Community Service, **President Dick** reported that he had delivered this week the last of approximately 570 dictionaries to all 3rd graders in West Hawaii; total cost to club: \$864.00; response from students and teachers: priceless! **Ann Goody, Chair of New Generations**, reported that the STRIVE mentoring program, under Diane Ilstrup, was very active; Kealakehe Interact Club continues its service programs and passed around a sign-up sheet for Rotary members willing to attend one of their meetings. **Chair Bill Moore of International Service** reported on the status of our Ratnagiri water project major matching grant which had been stalled at the District level; the completion of required additional documentation from Kampala, Uganda, RC in order for Windward Oahu RCs matching grant for water wells, in which we and the Kobe RC are participants, to be sent to the Rotary Foundation; that the soybean "cow" project in which we participate with North Hawaii RC was stalled in a dispute with District over which machine was desirable--hopefully with further information as to pros and cons of the available machines this matter would be settled soon. President Dick closed the Assembly by stating his goal of \$150.00 average donation to the Rotary Foundation by each member; upon these funds depend our participation in international service matching grants.

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**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE:** Wow! What a response to our need for help. This GIANT fundraiser went along like clockwork due in large part to Ron and Kathy Hawkes final year spearheading the volunteers. We anticipate a smooth transition to the new leadership of Dick and Ellen Fearing. A HUGE "MAHALO" TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. It's way easier than selling sweet bread!

**INTERACT HIGHWAY CLEANUP:** THIS SATURDAY 28 JANUARY FROM 8 TO 10 AM! MEET AT KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. BRING YOUR GLOVES AND A LIGHT HEART. SUPPORT OUR INTERACTORS!!

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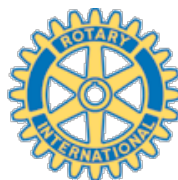
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## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

### 2 FEBRUARY 2006

**AT THE PODIUM:** Chauncey Wong-Yuen, the manager of Keahole International Airport will be filling us in on the progress that the facility has made over the past decade and the plans for the future. It's your transportation hub. Get familiar with it.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** Dr. Moore didn't submit on the Mayor's address to the combined meetings of Kona Rotary and Kona Kohala Chamber. Harry Kim and his Cabinet attended the luncheon meeting and answered questions presented by Eric von Platten Luder about issues affecting West Hawaii citizens.

**THANK YOU WAL-MART!!** President Dick and Treasurer Barbara Bush were invited to attend last Friday's morning meeting at the Kailua-Kona Wal-Mart Store, where various local non profit organizations were awarded Community Grants from The Wal-Mart Foundation. Our club was awarded \$2000.00 in non-restricted funds for our community projects. THANK YOU, WAL-MART!!

#### DUES ARE DUE

But only from those of you who have opted for the two times a year dues paying plan. Those of you who paid your dues at the beginning of the year can start thinking of a way to support The Rotary Foundation with a generous gift that will return to our club for our service projects in just three short years.

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**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE:** Wow! What a response to our need for help. This GIANT fundraiser went along like clockwork due in large part to Ron and Kathy Hawkes final year spearheading the volunteers. We anticipate a smooth transition to the new leadership of Dick and Ellen Fearing. A HUGE "MAHALO" TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. It's way easier than selling sweet bread!

**NEW PROGRAM FROM UH WEST HAWAII:** Cathy Damon sent a flyer about a new teleconferencing Masters Program for West Hawaii. She'll be updating us on the program soon. Can't wait? Give her a call.

**HIGHWAY CLEAN UP???** Did anyone get to help the Interact Club do its quarterly roadside clean up of Kealahou Parkway? Can we get names so we can recognize them?

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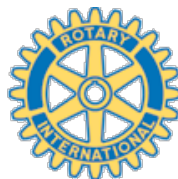
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### 9 FEBRUARY 2006

**AT THE PODIUM:** This week, James "Jimmie" Correa, former Hawaii County Police Chief and since 2002, Administrator of the Big Island for The Transportation Security Administration. Jimmie is a Hilo native and 27 year veteran of HPD.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** Chauncey Wong-Yuen, Keahole International Airport manager, brought club members up to date on plan for the airport. He opened by stating that the Big Island has 4 District airports: Hilo International, Waimea (for general aircraft), Upolu and Kona International (which services 7 major airlines and general aircraft). Sitting on 4000 acres of land, Keahole Airport services 45 flights daily, 2.6 million passengers annually flying on 122 thousand aircraft operations. Owing to overcrowding, particularly in summer, security and aesthetic requirements, and safety issues during inclement weather, e.g. rain-soaked passengers slipping on wet runways and having to fly to distant destinations in wet clothing and the risk of lightning strikes. The terminal structures and layout were built for inter-island flights, not the wide-bodied aircraft now accommodated. Future plans including an enclosed terminal expanded North and South with 15 gates by 2015 and 18 to 20 gates by 2025. Other projects include a C-17 military airplane training runway of 4250 feet paralleling the present runway; a master plan update this year; parking lot expansion with 3 to 4 thousand new stalls mauka which goes to bid this summer; a new tower which has to precede air terminal upgrade; hangers for private jets funded with private funds; a public safety training center 95% funded by FAA; elimination of present rental car building.

As for local concerns about the C-17 training runway, he pointed out that this aircraft is essential for humanitarian needs in the event of natural disasters; is quieter than many inter-island aircraft; that having a second runway would allow uninterrupted commercial activity in emergencies; that Kona is the best location as it is buffered from civilian sites.

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**CAN YOU SPELL DICTIONARY?** Just got word from Gloria King, head of our district wide literacy Campaign, that EVERY third grader in District 5000, that would be the entire State of Hawaii, has received a dictionary, thanks to generous Rotarians like the wonderful members of our club.

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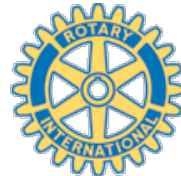
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**AT THE PODIUM:** Trade Talks by DAVE DeYOUNG and ?. PLUS, presentations by and to our sister club from Kawasaki-chuo, Japan. For over fifteen years, members of the Kawasaki Rotary Club have come to Kona and presented our club with money for a scholarship that is awarded annually to a student who has expressed interest in Asian, particularly Japanese, studies. If you have an interest in the selection process for this scholastic award, please see President Dick Hershberger and Asako Pratt at this Thursday's meeting. On behalf of our club members, The Kawasaki-chuo Rotary Club will go back to Japan with our offer of a joint sister club international service project. Your Board of Directors hopes that our offer will result in a major project happening with multiple Districts of Rotary being involved in service.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** "Who are we?" began James Correa, administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for the Big Island. Organized after 9/11 under the Department of Transportation TSA was transferred to Homeland Security in 2003 with the mission to protect the Nation's transportation system and its passengers. There are now 50 thousand employees, 80% are "screeners" who must balance the assurance of passenger safety and preserving civil liberties, not a light job. He went on to say that not including inter-island flights, Kona International Airport had 48 flights a day and up to 50 corporate aircraft, some as big as 757 and 737; that Island Air would soon purchase larger (78 passenger) planes. Due to increased layers of protection, e.g., pilots carrying guns, air marshals on flights, hardened cockpit doors, there has been some relaxation in restrictions as to what passengers may carry. IED (improvised explosive devices) are TSA's biggest concern. A recent device called "The Puffer" is being installed in many airports. As the passenger passes through a portal a sample of the air around him or her is instantly analyzed for traces of explosive material. Ultimately this may replace swabbing passengers hands and handles of carry-on bags. During Q & A, he stated that last year 12 loaded guns, numerous knives, bang sticks and crossbows have been discovered in carry-on baggage; that air marshals carry special ammunition in their guns and are rigorously trained to avoid puncturing the "skin" of an aircraft should they need to use firearms; that TSA has a problem in retaining employees despite a \$16.50/hour entering pay; that air marshals have arduous working conditions--being in the air for long periods of time without rest.

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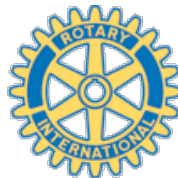
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**AT THE PODIUM:** Club member Sarah Brewer, a sales associate at Time Warner Cable, will give a Trade talk about PSA's for Non-Profits. The non-profit organization whose Board of Directors you sit on, can benefit directly from this information.

Bev Fraser is on the mainland with her mom in the hospital. Send her your love!

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** The club program consisted of two vocational talks, one by Dave DeYoung, the other by Barbara Kossow.

Dave is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch, the world's largest financial planning company in the world with over 1 trillion dollars in its portfolio. According to Dave, this massive size provides the best investment resources available as it surveys the whole world for the best of the best investment programs. Despite its size, programs can be tailored to the individual with as little as \$25K to large corporations with millions in retirement accounts. In answer to the question of "Why do I need a financial adviser?", he pointed-out that everyone needs help with wealth management and retirement programs. He illustrated with the widow who wants to leave money tax-free to her grandchildren for college and reduce the tax burden for her children when she dies--she can set up tax code "529" college funds for each child to the tune of \$50 thousand every 5 years.

Barbara followed with a description of her work in the Mayor's office in West Hawaii. Born and reared in what she called a sugar "camp" of the Kohala sugar company she retired as a branch manager for Bank of Hawaii and joined Mayor Kim's staff. Among her many concerns and activities are helping immigrants and disabled, overseeing handicapped parking permits, recruiting police officers "who can shoot", she added. Major problems being wrestled with are the traffic (Mayor Kim's mother has a residence in Kona so he is quite aware of our traffic), the homeless (who appear to be increasing in number), and mapping the future with committees like the Kailua Community Improvement Committee concerned with cleaning up our environment. She closed by asking for input from members whenever problems arose.

**KAWASAKI-CHUO CLUB COMES TO TOWN:** We were very pleased to have 9 members from the Kawasaki-Chuo Rotary Club visit at last week's meeting. We received funds for our joint scholarship that will be awarded to a student from West Hawaii who is continuing their education. Furthering our friendship, we have asked Kawasaki-chuo and Kobe West Rotary Clubs to join us in an International Service project as Sister Clubs.

**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE:** The Volunteer Mahalo Party is tentatively scheduled for this Sunday the 26th of February at the Old Airport Pavilion. Help will be needed and we still need prizes for our lucky number drawing. Thanks!!

**AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:** Last Thursday there was a lengthy discussion about the price of weekly meals. We are looking at options that will satisfy everyone's needs. Stand by.

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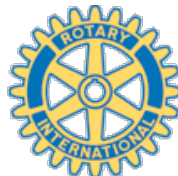
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Dr. John Tew presented a powerful presentation on the future of hard wood chip processing on this island to add to the massive amount of wood chip being used in Asia for the manufacture of paper. Allowing for the processing of other log products, the chip business adds to the efficiency of processing the Eucalyptus planted on the Hamakua Coast creating job opportunities for local people. A great presentation.

**WANT TO FEEL LIKE WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE???** Here is photographic evidence that YOU make a big difference in the lives of Nursing Students in Chennai, India who you are unlikely to ever meet. That's what Rotary is all about!!



**MASTERCARD CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEER PARTY:** The Volunteer Mahalo Party was a raging success thanks to Ron and Kathy Hawkes and Dick and Ellen Fearing. Our Interactors helped with the set up and service and games and tear down. Plenty of food and prizes and BEER!! Thank you to all of you who were involved with the tournament and the party. A quick chat with Kelly Flear revealed that a check will be forthcoming made out to the RC of Kona Community Foundation for over \$40,000.00.

Please support these people and businesses contributing to the success of the party:

Alii Massage; KTA Super Stores; Anheuser Busch Sales Of Hawaii, Inc.; Big Island Grill; Kailua Candy Company; Big Island Candy Company; Kathryn's of Kona; Fairwind; Koehnen's Interiors; Big Island Chevrolet; Keauhou Shopping Village; Café Pesto; Kimura Lauhala Shop; Blue Hawaiian Helicopters; King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel; Body Glove Cruises; Bubba Gump Shrimp Company; Kona Brewing Company; Luana Limousine Service; Captain Zodiac; Makalei Golf Course; Dirty Jake's Cafe and Bar; Ocean Sports; EastWest Fine Arts; Pilates of Hawaii; Po'okela Enterprises, LLC; Fordun's Gifts of Elegance; Rio's Seafood Grill and Bar; Four Seasons Resort at Hualalai; Roberts Hawaii Tours/Captain Beans' Cruises; The Medicine Lady; Royal Kona Resort; Hawaii Forest and Trail; Sea Quest Rafting Adventures; Hilton Waikoloa Village; Hokulia; Sea Wife Charters; Sheraton Keauhou Bay; Ho'ola Spa; Hualalai Resort; The Club in Kona; HPM Building Supply; KTA Super Stores Keauhou; Huggo's; Island Orchard Florist.

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### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR OUR GSE TEAM DA ITALIA**

The Italian GSE group that will travel to Kona from 10 to 13 May

2006, is formed by the following young professionals:

Ms. Germana Bove - from Avezzano - lawyer

Ms. Elsa Minuti - from Perugia - lawyer

Mr. Dario Spadoni - from Fano - P.Eng.

Mr. Ferdinando De Fenza - from Larino - Reporter, Federazione Italiana

Tennis.

Team leader is Prof. Berardo Zoccaro - from Teramo - a distinguished,  
professional in the School system.

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I wanted to include this e-mail from Ann Goody to Yanna Lewis, our Interact coordinator at Kealakehe High School for your information.

Aloha Yanna,

The party went great. The kids were wonderful. Most of them arrived early and stayed the entire time.

The list:

Nick Fisher

Conrad Sanborn

Amanda Hamilton

Pumi Phipathanananth

Sabrina (?) last name

Tiffany Kutsunai

Kenji Ackert

Alicia Gilpin

Patsy Gilpin

Kristen Fukumoto

Malia Caldwell

Amanda was an amazing team leader. Nick Conrad and Pumi were table set up and wait help extraordinaire, I could always ask one of them for a hand. Everyone set up tables and chairs for 400 guests. Tiffany, Kenji & Sabrina ran the chipping game. Amanda, Patsy and Alicia made salad and served food (floated to other tasks as well). I may have mixed some of this up but then again I am pooped out! Long day. The kids so impressed the staff of Daniel Thiebaut that they each were invited to lunch as a guest of the chef. Everyone loaded trucks and hauled trash in the end.

Next year we will set up more in advance so the kids will know earlier and be able to take a more active role in the Mahalo event. Hopefully we will know the date a bit more in advance so more students can attend. This would make it easier for some so they could do it in shifts rather than the entire day.

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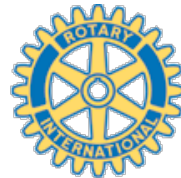
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We are delighted today that Mr. Hansen is able to join us during his brief stay in the islands, and to share with us his views about AARP and how America's social landscape is being affected by the impending retirement of millions of baby boomers.

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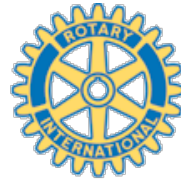
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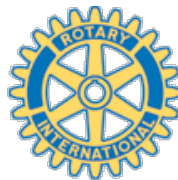
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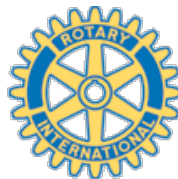
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**DG ROZ COOPER WILL ALSO BE HERE:** The "ROZINATOR" will be giving us an overview of the programs of the Rotary Foundation and how each of us can make a significant difference through the power of the whole. Remember, ties at Kona Rotary Club are not an option.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** (Dr. Moore is on Oahu) Karen Lynden, Past president of two separate Rotary clubs and two, almost three, time District 500 Secretary came from speaking at the Volcano breakfast club to give us a world of information about KeikiVision, a Rotary driven school involvement where third graders are screened for visual acuity. She said the schools budget does not allow for frills such as this and other health screenings and the Diamond Head club took the opportunity to serve the third graders at their neighborhood school and make it happen. Now, an award winning cooperative effort between the Hawaii Optometric Association and many of Hawaii's Rotary clubs, the West Hawaii Rotary clubs are initiating KeikiVision in the schools from Hawi to Naalehu. Our participating Optometrist is Julie Honda, OD. We're planning a session in a few weeks at Holualoa School. Want to help?

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- ✓ **I have the privilege of supporting the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation** by making a bequest of \$1000.00 or more to The Rotary Foundation through my will or estate or through an outright gift. I can be secure in the fact that the income from these funds will make the world a better place for generations to come.
- ✓ **I have the privilege of sharing Rotary** with acquaintances and friends. I was sponsored into my club and I have the ability to make my club grow by introducing new members to Rotary.
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- ✓ **I have the opportunity to support scholarships for our youth** by financial support to Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HYRF).

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**I AM THE GREATEST FORCE FOR GOOD ON THIS EARTH!**

**I AM PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN!**

Dr. Amonkar: Our club president signed the documents this afternoon and Tom Daniel has a check for the required funds from our club. He is also coordinating with Rotary Club of Diamond Head. I think Tom can also email the documents you require, but he will let you know. Now it is time to thank you for your patience. We will get this completed. Bill Cliff

Dear Bill: No thanks, please. I have lots of patience, and more, this sort of work gives me immense pleasure, and despite the physical strain of working on a computer, after and in between, a busy and demanding work schedule it is mentally refreshing and rejuvenating to be able to do something for the less fortunate in coordination with like minded service oriented people like you who have never met face to face, but are wedded to a common cause. I am sure you and other Rotarian friends from Hawaii also experience the same elation. This has been possible only through our common tie, of being members of these great organizations, RI and TRF. Let's keep our selves going strong in this ever-shrinking Global Village. Is it not after all, Service Above Self? Let us Lead the Way - beyond...Best regards XSA

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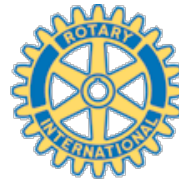
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The American Bar Association Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children has provided tool kits to 15 high schools on the Island of Hawaii, with funding from the Hawaii County Council. The Hawaii team which participated in the National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Summit in Washington, D.C., was from the Big Island - Konawaena High School student Kellie Kitaoka, Kona Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Carol Kitaoka, and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Chair and Kona Deputy Corporation Counsel Margaret Masunaga. This week's program will feature one of the speakers from the National Teen Dating Violence Seminar taking place on the Big Island this week.

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 4/13 Jim Lightner  
 4/20 Janet Lum Won  
 4/27 Ray Marks

**DOOR PRIZE:**

4/6 Alan Clark  
 4/13 Chukkar Cartwright  
 4/20 Barbara Bush  
 4/27 Sarah Brewer

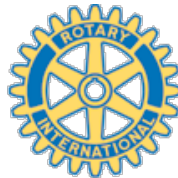
**INTERACT VISITS**

4/5 \_\_\_\_\_need Rotarians x 2  
 4/26 Tom Daniel & Curt Nakayama  
 5/3 Glen Doss & \_\_\_\_\_  
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 5/17 Ken Clewett & Sandy Morton

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- ✓ I have the privilege of serving in my club, my community and the world. I can anticipate helping with or leading a committee. I can assist with a project to make my community a better place. I can make a better life for someone I will never know in a place I will never visit.

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## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

**13 APRIL 2006**

**AT THE PODIUM:** The Kailua Village Business Improvement District, the first of its kind on the island and the third one in the state, is poised to launch 'clean and safe' services this fall. Following formal adoption by Hawaii County Council, the KV BID boundaries encompass the greater village area from Lunapule Road to Makala Boulevard. Two service zones are envisioned with the intensity of services initially provided within the village core along Alii Drive and our three gateways: Palani Road, Henry Street and Kuakini Highway. The County administration (Mayor Kim, Barbara Kossow, Bill Takaba and Bruce McClure) along with Kona's two council members Angel Pilago and Virginia Isbell has been highly supportive of the project. The volunteer KV BID board of directors has formed with representation of district landowners, lessees, commercial tenants and government officials. Eric von Platen Luder is serving as board chair.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE:** "He dreamed of killing me." Rae Spence held the membership in stunned silence as she gave her testimony of an abusive dating relationship with a fellow student in an Austin, Texas, high-school beginning when she was 14 years old. During this relationship she was hit, kicked, pushed down a flight of stairs, choked, called at all hours of the night. At first she lied to her parents about the relationship; finally confessed; was moved to another neighborhood and school to escape. Her boyfriend went on to date one of Rae's friends, used the same controlling tactics and killed her in a fit of rage in school. In retrospect it was learned that he had had been reared in an abusive atmosphere. The school has subsequently instituted increased safety and educational programs for its students in Teen Dating Violence. She was followed by Lieutenant Bruce Wheatley, Pocatello, Idaho police department, who recounted his experience with his daughter, who at 17 entered into an abusive relationship with an older male who had a long rap sheet; moved in with him at 18; had an illegitimate child; was forced to flee with him to neighboring town; became addicted to ICE; had her son taken away after he had been severely battered by her boyfriend when only 5 weeks old. Lt. Wheatley is now supervisor of the Pocatello police department's domestic violence and hostage negotiation team. He pointed out that dating violence is an issue of power control with such warning signs as verbal abuse (calling names), possessiveness (checking whereabouts and activities at all hours), controlling clothing choices and physical bruising. He urges adolescents to talk to someone if these signs occur! During Q & A he related that his daughter, now 24, is happily married and has another child; that her first son has been adopted by Lt. and Mr. Wheatley with no physical after-effects of his severe beating. Rae and Bruce are in Kona as featured speakers during the Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Conference sponsored by, among others, the Hawaii County Council and Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

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**DISTRICT 5000 CONFERENCE ON KAUAI FROM 26 TO 29 MAY!!!**

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**WE ARE PLANNING A POTLUCK BBQ FOR OUR GSE TEAM DA ITALIA!!!!!!**

Keep watching for announcements about our beach BBQ at Pu'u honuaohonaunau National Park on 11 May. Put it on your calendar. Mille Grazie!

**YOU SAY YOU HAVEN'T MADE OUT A CHECK TO THE ANNUAL FUND OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THIS YEAR. THERE WILL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME THAN RIGHT NOW. YOUR DONATIONS MEAN SO MUCH TO SO MANY!! THANKS!**

**APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>:** Food bank donations and pick-up at Walmart –or– help the Interactors get the trash on Kealahake Parkway. It's all about service to your community. Be there!!!!

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

3/28 Francis & Linda Kuailani

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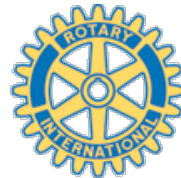
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- ✓ **I have the privilege of attendance** on a weekly basis. If I cannot attend my own club, I have the opportunity to make up at another club where I will meet more friends whose life is inspired by Rotary. I can make up by attending another club's meeting, a standing committee meeting, a Board of Director's meeting, an Interact or Rotaract meeting, a sanctioned community service event or, I can go online for an e-make up and pay \$5 to my club. I want to do this within a two-week period before or after my absence. I need to make my home club Secretary aware that I have made up my absence. I want my Rotary friends to be aware of circumstances in my life that may cause extended absences.

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**Date:**

Just a final thought for this week:

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this! To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice. Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one



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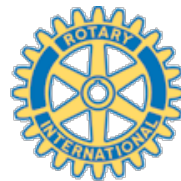
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- ✓ I have the privilege of supporting The Rotary Foundation. I can make an annual donation that will support the programs of The Rotary Foundation for the period three years from now. I want to make that contribution of \$150.00 or more to Rotary's programs with an open heart in the knowledge that it will be spent well and wisely and make the world a better place today.

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 5/4 Jerry Coiner

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 5/4 Rick Merschdorf  
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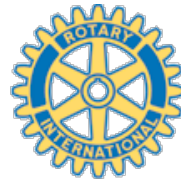
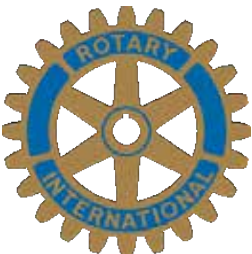
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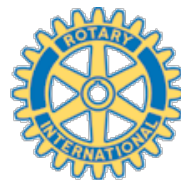
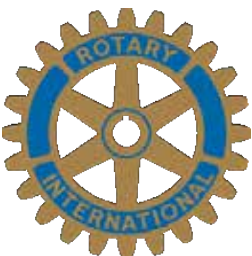
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- ✓ I have the privilege of sharing Rotary with acquaintances and friends. I was sponsored into my club and I have the ability to make my club grow by introducing new members to Rotary.
- ✓ I have the privilege of living my personal and business lives by The Four Way Test. I have the knowledge that other Rotarians will live their lives in a like manner.

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**STRIVING FOR SUCCESS:** FROM PN DIANE ILSTRUP: Thanks Dick for helping us get the word out about the need for more mentors for our STRIVE program. We have over 20 great junior students that need mentors. If anyone is interested in being a positive role model for our future, they can fill out the Mentor Profile and give it to Ann or me at Thursday's meeting. I enclosed the letter to the Juniors in case someone missed our presentation last Thursday. (Ed note: Please find the letter and sign-up form at the end of this news-letter. Thank you!)

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#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

5/10 Mike Henninger  
5/12 Larry peckham  
5/21 Barry Berning  
5/23 Sandy Morton  
5/30 Edgar Sundberg

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

5/3 Bill Cliff & Gabriella Cooper  
5/4 Alan & Wendy Clark  
5/15 Roger & Nancy Brassel

### **SERVICE TO THE CLUB**

#### **GREETER:**

5/11 Dr. Bill Moore  
5/18 Cathy Amelotte  
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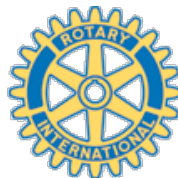
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### **AS A ROTARIAN...**

- ✓ I have the privilege of Service Above Self as a guiding principle to those people I have the honor of serving. I can give of myself with a joyful heart and without anticipation of reward or honor other than the opportunity to serve others.
- ✓ I have an obligation to enjoy the people and programs of Rotary. Rotarians are my friends and Rotary is my way of life.

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Dear Junior,

The Rotary club of Kona is looking for juniors who would like to be involved in our STRIVE Program next year. STRIVE will help you find a way to get where you want to be after high school. It is for seniors who would benefit from having an adult mentor offer support, encouragement and assistance to help you in your quest for a post-secondary education.

# STRIVE

## How will the program work?

- You are matched with an adult mentor from The Rotary Club of Kona.
- The mentors may work in career fields you have an interest in pursuing. Mentors are not tutors, but they are there to offer support, encouragement and assistance.
- You and your mentor meet once a month, usually during an activity period, to talk about how school is going and your future plans. Meetings may also include presentations on topics relevant to life after high school – careers, college, technical school, apprenticeships, finances, etc.
- The goal is for you to have a successful senior year academically: make college, technical school applications, or find a career path through an apprenticeship, apply for scholarships, and to be accepted to attend college, technical school or another program of your choice. Your mentor will be there to support you through this process.
- The student who shows the most improvement and involvement will be awarded a scholarship to his/her post-secondary institution of choice by the Rotary Club of Kona. Other awards will be given to students who complete the program.
- At the end of the year, we'll celebrate the completion of the program with an Awards Program.

If you are interested in the program, pick up an application today from us, fill it out, and give it to your Citizenship advisor. If you could not attend the meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, see your advisor for an application.

Thank you for being interested in your future!

Diane Ilstrup  
Ann Goody  
Co-Chairs STRIVE

**STRIVE****Mentor Profile Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title and Primary Responsibilities:

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Hobbies and Interests:

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High School Activities Participated In:

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Reasons for participation in STRIVE Program:

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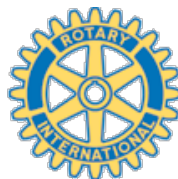
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- ✓ I have the obligation to pay my annual dues to the Rotary Club of Kona. The Rotary fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ I have the privilege of providing a door prize gift valued at \$35 or more when my turn arises as reflected in the weekly Kona Coffee Blossom.

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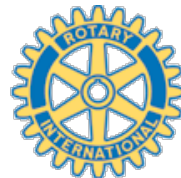
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**AS A ROTARIAN...**

- ✓ I have the privilege of being the club meeting greeter when my turn arises as reflected in the weekly Kona Coffee Blossom. On this day I need to arrive at the club's meeting site by 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ I have the honor of being able to support the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and to become a sustaining Denison Fellow with as little as a \$100 donation, or a full fledged Denison Fellow with a \$1000 donation. These funds go to support scholarships and community projects in West Hawaii.

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**JUST A REMINDER ABOUT PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER:** You are encouraged to bring guests to our meetings. When introducing your guest, please remember that membership is by invitation of the whole. Implying that a guest is a prospective member puts an onus on the club. Thank you for your understanding of this particularly delicate subject.

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**SERVICE TO THE CLUB****GREETER:**

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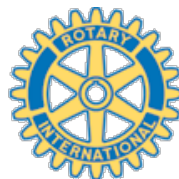
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- ✓ **I have the privilege of serving** in my club, my community and the world. I can anticipate helping with or leading a committee. I can assist with a project to make my community a better place. I can make a better life for someone I will never know in a place I will never visit.
- ✓ **I have the privilege of attendance** on a weekly basis. If I cannot attend my own club, I have the opportunity to make up at another club where I will meet more friends whose life is inspired by Rotary. I can make up by attending another club's meeting, a standing committee meeting, a Board of Director's meeting, an Interact or Rotaract meeting, a sanctioned community service event or, I can go online for an e-make up and pay \$5 to my club. I want to do this within a two-week period before or after my absence. I need to make my home club Secretary aware that I have made up my absence. I want my Rotary friends to be aware of circumstances in my life that may cause extended absences.

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## THE KONA COFFEE BLOSSOM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

**22 JUNE 2006**

**AT THE PODIUM:** Trade Talks by members of our club giving us the low down on what it is that they do in their day-to-day lives. Trade talks are a great way for members to learn more about other members. No fines for other than outright blatant advertising.

**JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE: [DOCTOR MOORE IS ON OAHU]** Kawika Rees-Thomas was The International Service Committee's mystery speaker and he presented an amusing and entertaining look at his native New Zealand. He sang songs and told stories and shared a wonderful array of hand-crafted items, as well as present a myriad of factoids about the land of his birth, that included the population [around 4 million] and the projected population for 2025 [around 4 million] and the sheep population, which is astronomical. Thank you, David, and the IS Committee for a wonderful year of projects and programs.

**RECOGNITION DINNER DATE SET:** Our annual Transition and Recognition Dinner will be held on July 15, Saturday, at the Luau Grounds of the Royal Kona Resort. Dinner will have a western theme and members are invited to wear their very finest western style duds. A sign-up sheet will be passed at future meetings. Make certain that you reserve this date on your calendar so we can get Bill Cliff's year off to a big start.

**PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER:** Alan Clark reports that Island Chevrolet will be sponsoring a team for The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life coming up the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. He's inviting Kona Rotary Club members to join in the fun and food and fabulous good times all done to raise funds and awareness for ACS. Please call Dave Brown at Island Chevrolet 933-4600 to sign up or for more information.

And not to be outdone, Nicole Frisvold-Grab has also invited us to join her and members of her Spa Team for the same event. Let's see, now... cars salespersons or spa employees? HMMMMM!

**THE KONA MAUKA CLUB TRANSITION DINNER:** was a wonderful social opportunity. The Mauka Club had a very successful year. We salute them for their Service Above Self. DG Roz Cooper was there with some exciting news. As of the District 5000 conference, we led all other Districts in Zone 23&24 in per capita giving with \$217.00 per member. By the time Roz got to the International Convention, that figure had swelled to \$271.00 per capita. Wouldn't it be a wonderful tribute to our district to get to \$300 per member by the end of the year? You can help to make that happen with your check to The Rotary Foundation today. That money all comes back to us in three years as matching grants funds for International projects. Give it a thought.

**YOU SAY YOU HAVEN'T MADE OUT A CHECK TO THE ANNUAL FUND OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THIS YEAR. THERE WILL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME THAN RIGHT NOW. YOUR DONATIONS MEAN SO MUCH TO SO MANY!! THANKS!**

**MEET 'N EAT IS COMING, YOU CAN HELP:** We are supplying the food and volunteers to serve dinner at the Wednesday evening Meet 'n Eat at Kealahou Intermediate School Cafetorium on 28 June starting around 5:00 PM. Cindy Hope has the details. 640-0588

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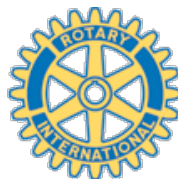
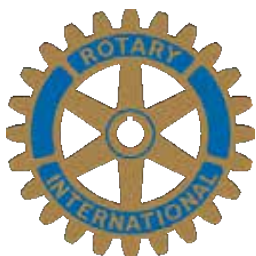
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### 29 JUNE 2006

**AT THE PODIUM:** Unknown at press time...

**JUST LAST WEEK: [DOCTOR MOORE IS ON OAHU]** CHERYL HOLDCROFT, District 5000 Rotary Youth Exchange coordinator, introduced us to next years exchange student from Lampang, Thailand, Chansai Yasinee. She'll be staying with the Paynes and the Goodys and then the Holdcrofts. Our outbound students will be at a meeting at some future date as they are both traveling in Europe.

ANN and NORM GOODY just returned from Sweden and Denmark where they attended Emily's graduation and the Rotary International Convention. Ann gave us a rundown on her experience as a Voting Delegate and President Dick and PE Bill were recipients of largess from the exhibition floor.

PP JIM LIGHTNER gave us a rundown on the new plans for the relocation of the campus from the piecemeal shopping center layout they currently occupy to the new 500+ acre complex under public scrutiny above the airport. Jim says there is just one more vote by the County Council to GO, and, this being a public/private partnership, occupancy could occur in just two short years.

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**WE WILL BE DARK JULY 13**

**BEFORE THE DINNER BEGINS:** At 6:00 PM, President Dick and Arlene would like to invite all members and spouses to a champagne reception in their Royal Kona Resort room.

**PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER:** Here's a unique match up --Alan Clark vs. Nicole Frisvold-Grab; Island Chevrolet vs. The Keauhou Sheraton and Spa competing in a straight up, no handicap, winner to take all contest of who will make the largest amount of money for ACS. President Dick has put up a \$50 Rotary Foundation donation as prize to the winner of this match-up in the Annual American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Let's see, now... cars salespersons or spa employees? HMMMMM!

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**COMING UP AT THE JULY 20 MEETING:** Charla Thompson will be on site at our meeting camera in hand to take new photos for the club directory. Bring your smiles and plan a few minutes during the beginning of either meeting to update directory information. Say cheese!

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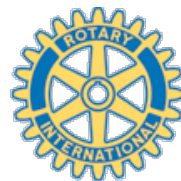
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