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THIS WEEK: THE ARC OF KONA

The Arc of Kona is a private nonprofit organization for persons with disabilities, their advocates and families. We believe that people with disabilities are individual in their needs, abilities and gifts as any other cross section of society. The Arc of Kona is committed to helping persons with disabilities achieve the fullest possible independence and participation in our society according to their wishes.

Prior to 1962, no program existed on the Kona Coast to provide care, training, or even concern for children and adults with significant disabilities. Institutionalization was routinely recommended, and it was not uncommon for those who remained at home to be kept hidden and not discussed outside the family.

In 1962, a group of local residents, led by Dr. Kid "Doc" McCoy held a meeting to focus on the need for a locally operated program to serve the disabled. The Kona Chapter of the Big Island Association to Help Retarded Citizens (BIAHRC) was formed with Doc McCoy as its President. Assisting Doc, was Mark Sutherland. four months later, the first classes were held at Christ Church's Wallace Hall. A rehabilitation workshop and a sheltered workshop were added in 1965.

In 1966, the Kona Chapter of HIAHRC formally adopted the name of Kona Krafts for its workshop and management board. Yash Deguchi was hired as its Executive Director, a position he held for over 20 years. The Kona Center for Retarded Children moved to the upstairs room of the old Kona Fire Station, and Kona Krafts established itself on the ground floor.

Ground was broken for our present facility in 1969 and was completed in 1970. In November 1984, our Group Home in Captain Cook was blessed and dedicated. In 2005, we added another dba: The Arc of Kona.

The Arc of Kona has grown and changed over the years, but our main goal for the future is to accelerate the shift in emphasis from a sheltered workshop to a competitive employment center. We strive to educate and support families in their efforts to advocate for the integration of their children or siblings into the mainstream of our society.

Today, the Arc of Kona is an accredited rehabilitation facility providing assurance of the highest quality care.



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DOOR PRIZE
Cheryl Holdcroft

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07.12

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2008-09 District Governor

Ayman El-Dakhakhni

Transportation executive Ayman El-Dakhakhni will lead the more than 2,100 Rotarians in 43 Rotary Clubs throughout Hawaii as District Governor 2008-2009. The 51-year old El-Dakhakhni is President and CO of VIP Trans, VIP Car Rental, and Champ Medical Clinic.



El-Dakhakhni was involved in Rotary youth programs while growing up in Egypt. He arrived in Hawaii in 1981, and reached out to Rotary for friendship and community service opportunities, after establishing his businesses. "Rotary not only is dedicated to community and global service," notes El-Dakhakhni. "It is the epitome of ohana...a family sharing fellowship, while making a difference together." He joined the Rotary Club of Waikiki in 1992, helped charter the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset three years later, and served as its President in 1997-98.

El-Dakhakhni is one of many Hawaii Rotarians who have traveled to endemic countries to administer polio vaccine to children during National Immunization Days. "The end of polio is near. We need more hands and hearts to continue the good work of Rotary around the world and in our local communities." El-Dakhakhni will stress membership growth and Rotary Foundation giving during his year as District Governor.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JULY 4TH PARADE COMMITTEE ON A JOB WELL DONE!





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Dong Kurn Lee to become the first Korean to head Rotary International

(EVANSTON, Ill., USA, July 1, 2008) – Dong Kurn Lee, president of Bubang Co. Ltd in South Korea, took office on July 1 as president of Rotary International, a volunteer service organization with more than 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



Lee will target childhood mortality as his top area of focus. “We will keep our minds firmly on our goal that is to save the lives of children,” Lee says. “Rotary will turn the dreams of a safe and happy childhood—a childhood that becomes a long and healthy life—into a reality because all of the world’s children, are our children.”

In addition to reducing childhood mortality, Lee is also dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio, Rotary’s top priority. He has traveled around the world, including India, to immunize children against the crippling and potentially fatal disease which still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia. Since the launch of Rotary’s PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary members have helped to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. As the lead private sector contributor and volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – a public/private partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF – Rotary has contributed US\$700 million and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

Rotary’s recent funding agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide another US\$200 million toward ending polio over the next three years - another milestone in Rotary’s 20-year legacy of polio eradication work.

Lee will emphasize three other major humanitarian issues: literacy, hunger relief, and clean water. During his one-year term, Lee will encourage Rotary clubs around the world to partner with local governments and non-governmental organizations to initiate projects that improve literacy rates and provide sustainable sources of food and clean water to communities in developing countries.

A graduate of Yonsei University with a degree in political science and diplomacy, Lee currently serves as Trustee to the Busan College of Information Technology and has served as past president of both his high school and college alumni associations. He has served as a Trustee to the bank of Seoul and honorary consul of Italy in Korea. In 2005, he was appointed as International Goodwill Ambassador by the President of the Republic of Korea.

Lee joined the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang in 1971 and has served Rotary International as board director and Rotary Foundation trustee. He was chairman of the Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative in Korea.

Near the end of his term, Lee will host Rotary’s 2009 international convention, set for June 21-24 in Birmingham, UK. The convention is expected to draw about 20,000 Rotary members from around the world.

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THIS WEEK: County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management

The Department of Environmental Management has the responsibility of continuous performance of all matters relating to sewer operation and maintenance of five sewer systems; solid waste disposal and landfill programs; vehicle disposal; and all other environmental projects, including recycling programs of the county. Department of Environmental Management is also a key support agency for Civil Defense emergencies.



Joining us this week is Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, who is the Director of the Department of Environmental Management for Hawaii County.

Greetings fellow Rotarians:

We are looking forward to another great year for our club. Your board is putting together plans that will Make Dreams Real for many in our community. A big part of that objective is to help many women and men who are business and organizational owners and leaders in our community have the opportunity to experience Rotary at its best. My fellow Rotarians we need to identify them, share with them the Rotary dream and then fill out the application and submit it to Dave deYoung our membership chair. I am sure each and every one of you can think of one person who will bring time, talent and financial support to Rotary – just ask!

Club Services Director John Simmerman and assistant chair Liz Zagorodney will continue to put together interesting and information programs for our meetings. With our “Ohana” focus this year, we can expect events that will involve your family.

Our other board members are spending many volunteer hours working on their respective responsibilities and we share more of those on the weeks to come.

Please keep up our attendance by frequenting our luncheon meetings along with project activity involvement, committee participation and makeup's. Fellowship is the life blood of our organization.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Today 3:00 pm
Buns in the Sun

District Governor's Visit

August 7, 2008

Community Calendar

Friday July 18

"A Grand Night for Singing"

Aloha Theatre
7:00 pm

Tickets \$40.00

A benefit for APAC
and the
Arc of Kona

BOSTON, 1933 RADIO ADDRESS BY PAUL HARRIS

Chesley Perry, general secretary, Rotary International: "Twenty-eight years ago the first Rotary Club was started in Chicago by a lawyer who though born in the Middle-West, was brought up in New England.

It was his idea to have a group of men of every line of business and profession who should in the spirit of the "Golden Rule" - practice friendship and cooperation. From that club has grown the world's movement of Rotary. That Chicago lawyer - who still lives in Chicago, is here tonight. And it is now my privilege and honor to present him to you. I introduce to you all Paul P. Harris"



"Friends of the air. It is a real privilege to address you. We are gathered together in Boston from almost every civilized country of the world. We come from the British Isles, China, Japan, European and South American countries, Australia, New Zealand, and many others.

More than forty nations are represented and some of the delegates will have circled the globe on the return to their native countries. It is a most inspiring occasion.

In the present to this gathering, my mind very naturally reverts to that first meeting which was held in Chicago 28 years ago. Four of us were in attendance: Mighty Oaks, from Little Acorns Grow.

Perhaps there are 2 features of Rotary which more than any others challenge the attention of those who are not Rotarians.

One is what we call our classification plan by virtual bridge. Membership in Rotary is limited to one representative of each line of trade or profession.

The other is the provision that neither riches, political nor religious standings shall constitute barriers to membership.

To these two provisions, Rotary is thrown open to representatives of all walks of life.

To representatives of all countries and all forms of religion.

Would this mean to open the door to all manner of discord? One might think so. In fact many have said that human ingenuity could hardly divide a plan of organization more fraught with peril. Here in lies the genius and the Rotary, the glory of Rotary.

The formula of procedure is indeed simple. Why Rotarians differ in many respects - in two respects they are in perfect accord.

First they believe that all nations are respectable and desire to be honorable in their dealings with other nations. That it is the privilege of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In other words Rotary stands for TOLERANCE.

Second they believe, that all honorable vocations are entitled to recognition if they are used in the



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service of society.

With these signs of agreement firmly established, disagreement is almost unknown.

Rotary emphasizes the points of agreement and avoids controversial issues.

Rotary thus becomes the common denominator, the sanctuary to which all are welcome.

Is there any valid reason why catholic and protestant, Jew and gentile should not enjoy friendly intercourse?

Where it is done in rotary, catholic priests, Jewish rabbis and protestant ministers sit side by side in happy fellowship at Rotary Club meetings. Even if travels take you to India there you may meet Mohammedans, Hindus and Christians, breaking bread together. Is this not as it should be?

Remember the words: Peace, honor, goodwill toward all men.

To put it readily: Rotary is trying to make the words of Robert Burns come true:

You remember that: The time will come for all of us where man to man shall Brother be for a'that.

Those outside the membership frequently ask the question.

How did it come about? That's a hard question to answer.

One answer would be that Rotary's popular appeal is due to the fact that In Rotary men are encouraged to be natural. Just to be themselves. In this world where artificiality so abounds, it is refreshing to meet with groups who are not worshippers of cold meaningless formalities.

Further there is a bit of the boy in every man, and friendly natural intercourse is the best way to bring it out.

I wished it might be your privilege, as it is mine tonight, to look in on this happy throng of big strong men from occident and orient from the frozen north and from down beneath the equator .

Many of them have their wives with them and the faces of all our radiance with smiles as they clasped each others' hands. If you were here I believe that you would agree with me in my conclusion that the words of the Bard of Ayr were not the expression of an idle dream, that they were indeed prophetic and that the finest conception of human mind the conception of universal goodwill and peace will in God's good time be realized in very truth.

Rotary in a final analysis is a way of life, of a good, natural, wholesome friendly way of life.

The world is full of potential Rotarians who are not Rotarians in fact.

Many of them are listening to me now.

If you have the love of your fellowmen in your heart my friends, you are potential Rotarians.

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Harbors Modernization Plan

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DOT Harbors Division, in partnership with members of the Hawai'i Harbors User Group, has developed a system-wide harbor modernization plan which will implement harbor infrastructure improvements to address projected increases in ocean transportation of cargo and passengers through the year 2030.

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County Showdown
Sheraton Keauhou
Bay Resort & Spa
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July 28 - August 1

Hawaii International
Billfish Tournament

Rotarians chip in to distribute dust masks

Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 21 July 2008

Rotarians in Northern California, USA, handed out thousands of dust masks as smoke from the state's worst wildfire outbreak in years continued to pose a health threat to residents.

Earlier this month, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger highlighted the severity of the situation as firefighters battled more than 2,000 blazes affecting over 900,000 acres, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

"It's very important to note that up until recently, we had a fire season, which meant that late summer throughout the fall we had the fire season," Schwarzenegger said in a briefing. "Now there is no more fire season. There are fires all year around."

Rotarians in Oroville and Gridley spent the weekend of 12-13 July as "smokefighters," handing out more than 1,200 dust masks to evacuees in shelters and hospitals. Later in the week, Brian Moore, governor of District 5180, coordinated more giveaways in shopping centers and on street corners with Rotarians in District 5160.

Highly rated

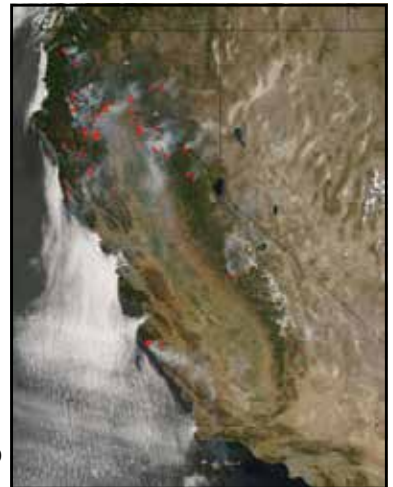
The masks have a rating of N95, meaning they filter out 95 percent of particulate matter, more than surgical masks, according to Dr. Matthew Fine, chief medical officer at Oroville Hospital. That degree of filtration blocks dangerous materials carried from burning vegetation.

In nearby Paradise, threatened twice this year by encroaching forest fires, Stan Thompson, an assistant governor of District 5160, helped secure 1,560 masks for the town after officials ran out.

Long after the wildfires are contained, they will continue to affect residents' health. Fine said smoke from burning forests carries particulate matter such as dust and soot, some of it very fine, which has residual effects when it enters the respiratory system. The matter eventually builds up in the lungs, posing risks for everyone, but especially people with breathing problems such as asthma.

The weather patterns that have hampered firefighting efforts are also worsening the air quality. Inversion layers have trapped smoke close to the ground, keeping out cooler breezes that would otherwise clear it out.

"We are told high pressure -- that which makes inversion layers -- will lift in days ahead, allowing in cooler breezes with higher humidity," said William Short, an assistant governor of District 5180. "We are told, however, breezes could stir up hot spots and fan flames to a new frenzy. We pray for a little of the former and none of the latter."



Smoke billows from scattered wildfires in California, USA, as captured by NASA's Aqua Satellite.
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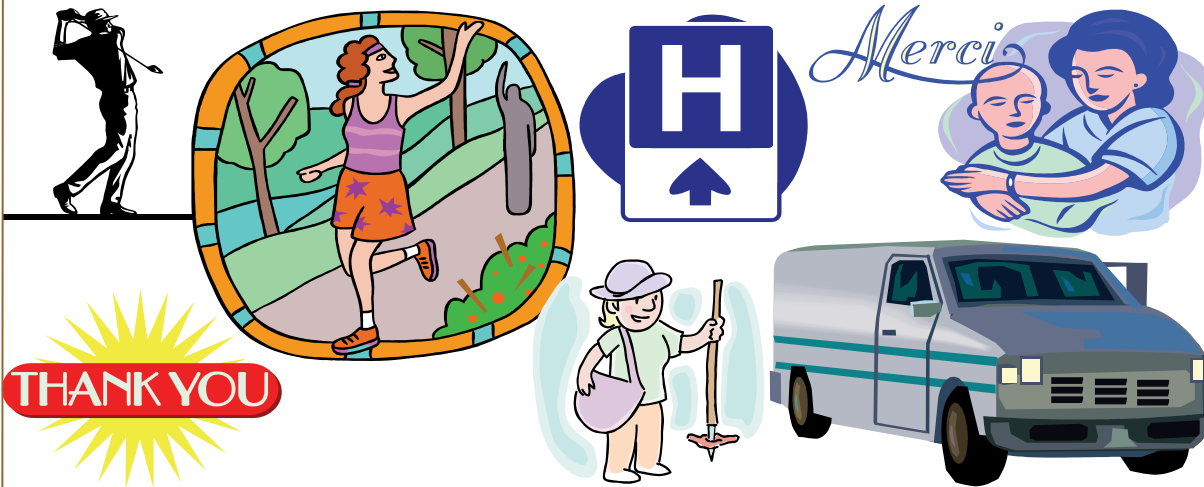
THE COFFEE BLOSSOM

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Rotary Club of Kona Weekly Newsletter

THIS WEEK :

Joining us this week will be Kelly Flear and Brendan Moynahan from the Professional Golfers Association to award funds to the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and a special scholarship award to Kealakehe graduate Maile Paishon.



GREETER

Richard Farnham

DOOR PRIZE

Joane Henley

Birthdays

**Chuck Cartwright
07.31**

Anniversaries

**Dick/Ellen
Fearing
08/05**

**Dave/Beth
DeYoung
08/06**

**UPCOMING
PROGRAMS**

\$450,000.00!!



Mahalo ***Obrigado!***

August 7

District
Governor
Ayman
El-Dakhakhni

Our traditional club prayer composed for the Rotary Club of Kona by Episcopal Bishop Kennedy

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.



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Rotary Calendar

District Governor's

Visit

August 7, 2008

Community Calendar

July 28 - August 1

Hawaii International
Billfish Tournament

Sunday August 3

Candidate Round
Table

Mayoral Candidates
and Council

Candidates Districts
6,7,8 & 9

Old Kona Airport
Pavilion

Call 328-8514 for
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August is Membership Month in the Rotary Calendar.

How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.



Check the *Official Directory* or use the Club Locator to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

What to do when you can't find a meeting

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting.

One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local Rotaract club, Interact club, Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship. Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up.

Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a Rotary e-club Web site. Check with your club secretary and the e-club of interest to learn more.

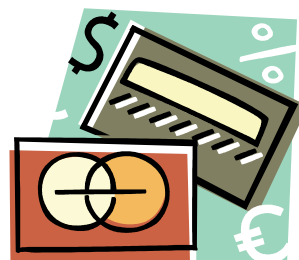
Find out more about e-clubs.

Refer to the RI Bylaws to learn about other options for making up a missed meeting.

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE!

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please see Treasurer Darlene Hill. The annual dues are \$250.00 and half year payments are accepted. Remember - you can now use your credit card to pay your dues...and those miles will come in handy for your next trip!

Please make Darlene's job easier by paying your dues today!





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Spread the word!



Invite someone to become a
Rotarian
today.

Membership is the key component to a strong and energetic club. The more members we have, the more we can do in our community. Take a moment today to think about the person who asked you to your first Rotary meeting, and the person who sponsored your membership.

Is there someone you know who would make an excellent Rotarian? Invite them to our next meeting, and give them the opportunity to share in all that we do both in Kona and the world.

Thank you to all Rotarians, their partners, and the community for all the hours upon hours that you have contributed to the success of the Mastercard Championship at Hualalai. The partnership between the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation and the PGA has resulted in close to \$450,000 in contributions to our local community. These funds have been used for a variety of community projects, including scholarships for local youth, irrigation and upgrading of the Kona Soccer Field, construction of the Makaeo Walking/Jogging Path, assisting the Kona Community Hospital in the purchase of a van to transport the lithotripter machine, funding for the chemotherapy center at the hospital, and numerous other smaller projects.

Without the generosity of the PGA, and the hours of volunteer time, none of these projects would have happened. A special thanks to past coordinators Ron and Kathy Hawkes, current coordinators Dick and Ellen Fearing, and to our future coordinator Steve Driebe for both past and future successful tournaments.

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Rotary Club of Kona

August 7, 2008

The Kona Coffee Blossom Newsletter

***This Week's Program* - District Governor Ayman El-Dakhakhni**



Transportation executive Ayman El-Dakhakhni leads the more than 2,100 Rotarians in 43 Rotary Clubs throughout Hawaii as District Governor 2008-2009. The 51-year old El-Dakhakhni is President and COO of VIP Trans, VIP Car Rental, and Champ Medical Clinic.

El-Dakhakhni was involved in Rotary youth programs while growing up in Egypt. He arrived in Hawaii in 1981, and joined Rotary for friendship and community service opportunities, after establishing his businesses. "Rotary not only is dedicated to community and global service," notes El-Dakhakhni. "It is the epitome of ohana...a family sharing fellowship, while making a

difference together." He joined the Rotary Club of Waikiki in 1992, helped charter the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset three years later, and served as its President in 1997-98.

El-Dakhakhni is one of many Hawaii Rotarians who have traveled to endemic countries to administer polio vaccine to children during National Immunization Days. "The end of polio is near. We need more hands and hearts to continue the good work of Rotary around the world and in our local communities." El-Dakhakhni is stressing membership growth and Rotary Foundation giving during his year as District Governor.

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- Join a Rotary of Kona Service Committee, and get more out of Rotary! Options are International Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, Club Service, and New Generations. Get involved and make a difference.
- Don't forget your Makeups! Online or while you travel - Let's keep our clubs numbers up. Our goal is at least 50%. Mystery Question: Who in our club has lifetime perfect attendance?
- Taste of Life Fundraiser for Hawaii Island Aids Foundation is August 23rd at the Sheraton. Call 331-8177 for more information.

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**Our Membership Goal?
Every Member propose one member!**

“Rotary needs new blood. If we want this organization to be handed down to the next generation of Rotarians, we must constantly work to infuse new blood in our ranks.”

- Jonathan Majivagbe RI Pres. 03/04

Be a mentor for our new members! Welcome newcomers at meetings, introduce them to other members, encourage them to join in activities, educate them about the club and RI, and demonstrate what it means to be a ROTARIAN!

“The Rotary pin on your shirt is a passport to new friendship and opportunity.” Rotary Magazine 2003

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GSE TEAM CANDIDATES WANTED!

Hawaii Rotary District 5000 is seeking young businessmen and women to join our Group Study Exchange (GSE), headed to Buenos Aires, Argentina April 24, 2009 to May 25, 2009. The GSE program of the Rotary Foundation, a study exchange between various countries, funds four weeks' travel for a team that includes four non-Rotarians and one Rotarian team leader. They live in host Rotarians' homes and follow a prepared itinerary, while observing many aspects of their host country. They will also observe how their careers are practiced.

Applicants must be between 25 and 40 years of age, and have been employed full time for two years in a recognized profession. Team members will be selected by a district selection committee based on applications and interviews. For more information see President Dave.

A Club “Avenue of Service” Update

The International Service Committee is hard at work on projects for the upcoming year, including computers in Africa, Soy Cows in South America, hunger aid in Ghana, support for the Interact Club with their orphanage in India, and more! The committee is comprised of Chair Bill Cliff, and members Rod Crisp, Allen Konno, Tom Daniel, Darlene Hill, Cheryl Holdcroft, Jerry Coiner, Cliff Kopp, Benno Breninkmeyer, David deYoung, Annu Shionoya, Ted Minataka and Todd Holdcroft. You are invited to the next meeting at Allen Konno's house on September 25th at 4:30 pm. Call 329-0100 to get a map.



At Last Week's Meeting

\$50,000 Received from MasterCard! A check is presented from Kelly Flielar of MasterCard Tour of Champions and Brendan Moynahan of Hualalai Golf Club to the Rotary of Kona Foundation for their members' volunteer oversight at the MasterCard Tour of Champions at Hualalai in January. The funds are used to support the club in the area of scholarships and more. **Kealakehe Grad Maile Paishon** received a special scholarship from the club for her first year, and more, at Hawaii Pacific University.



Steve Driebe, her Rotary champion, spoke, and she was accompanied by her grandmother and school counselor. See Steve to help!



Rotary Intl. Foundation Thought of the Week

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about the founder of our Foundation, Arch C. Klumph. A member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Klumph served as the RI president in the 1913-14 Rotary year. In 1917, Klumph declared that "we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." His vision and a contribution of US\$26 left over from the RI Convention helped to establish the charitable and humanitarian arm of our organization, The Rotary Foundation. Due to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation has improved lives for over 90 years. With ongoing financial support, our Foundation will continue to carry on Klumph's dream well into our second century of service. Our clubs giving last year from 72 members was \$144.90 per person.

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**Foundation Fact: Our
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Rotary Club of Kona



August 14, 2008

The Kona Coffee Blossom Newsletter

This Week's Program • Earl Greenia, CEO Kona Community Hospital



Earl Greenia is the Regional CEO for Kona Community Hospital and Kohala Hospital, Hawaii Health Systems Corp.'s West Hawaii region.

Greenia previously served as associate administrator for Lakewood Regional Hospital and Medical Center in California. His wife and children live in California, and are completing commitments which will allow them to move to the Big Island. In his free time, Earl volunteers as Wing Commander of the Hawaii Wing for the Civil Air Patrol, and serves as remote faculty for the University of Southern California School of Public

Policy Planning and Development. He is considered an expert on delicious wines by his friends. Earl has faced many challenges since taking over the reins at Kona Hospital from past Kona Rotarian Donald Lewis. His determination and grace under fire are well respected among physicians and staff. Please welcome Earl as he updates us on the latest news from Kona Community Hospital.

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Passages: Rotarian Ed Sundberg passed away August 7th at his son's home in California. Memorial Service planned for Sept. in Kona.



August is Rotary Membership Month!

Why is membership growth important for Rotary?

As we start the new Rotary year, let's reflect on some of the reasons that membership growth is important for Rotary.

- Membership growth increases Rotary's capacity for service.
- New Rotarians bring fresh ideas, new interests, and increased energy to clubs.
- More members increase the volume of support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Diversity in membership ensures that the club is relevant to the entire community.
- Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity to help their communities through Rotary.
- More members create a larger network for both local and international fellowship.
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A Club "Avenue of Service" Update: Community Service

The Community Service Committee awarded two Community Service grants in July. The first grant was awarded to the Ocean View Seniors Club in the amount of \$350.00 for a portable SO2 monitor. The Ocean View area is subject to ongoing inundation of vog due to its proximity to Kilauea Volcano and the ongoing eruptive cycle. Having a monitor to determine the amount of sulfur dioxide in the air will inform the clients and members of potential health threatening episodes, and having the monitor portable would enable the members to move to an area unaffected by extreme high levels of this hazardous and otherwise undetectable gas.

A second grant in the amount of \$500.00 has been awarded to Na Leo O Hawaii, Inc., a 501c.3 community organization, to help with their 4th annual Big Island Youth Video Contest. The contest's aims are twofold; one is to encourage youth to send a message about their concerns through the creative and powerful medium of video and secondly, to teach youth a skill that will enhance their lives. Na Leo O Hawaii will be offering free video training classes to youth participating in the 2009 contest. The contest is open to elementary, middle, high school and college students of the Big Island.

Announcing the 2008-2009 major Community Service Project.

This year's major Community Service project will be the renovation of Higashihara Park Children's Playground, to take place in the mid to late Fall. Rotarians who are interested in playing an active role in the planning of this project should contact Committee Chair, Cliff Kopp.

WEBMASTER WANTED

Can you help with enhancements to the club's website, or know anyone who may be willing? Please talk to Gretchen Watson-Kabei or call her at 324-6509.



At Last Week's Meeting

District Governor Ayman Al Dakhakhni visited the club with his wife Joann, and Big Island Assistant District Governors Wallace Wong and PDG Pete Mueller. He gave a heartfelt talk about the importance of Rotary in his life and encouraged the club members to embrace community service opportunities provided by Rotary membership. He presented an award celebrating 20 years of women in Rotary to club member Renee Kraft for her service to the club. Allen Konno was awarded a District Rotary Youth Foundation award by the DG. New Member (although he has been a regular visitor for years) Professor Ted



Minakata was inducted into the club. A lively auction was held to defray the governors travel costs, and President Dave was the high bidder on an eclectic Paniolo lamp.



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In 1985, Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio. Since PolioPlus began, the number of polio cases worldwide has declined by 99 percent, thanks largely to the efforts of Rotarians around the world. Rotarians have committed nearly US\$650 million toward global polio eradication efforts. Already, five million children are walking who would have been paralyzed, and more than 1.5 million lives have been saved. None of this would be possible if it weren't for Rotary's leadership and vision.

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Rotary Club of Kona



August 21, 2008

The Kona Coffee Blossom Newsletter

This Week's Program - Dr. Randall Roth, Author and UH Professor



Dr. Roth is a professor at the University of Hawaii specializing in taxation, trusts and estates, nonprofit organizations, and professional responsibility. He is best known as the author of The Price of Paradise and co-author of Broken Trust.

He received his BS, summa cum laude, Regis College, 1970; JD, University of Denver, 1974; and LLM, University of Miami, 1975. He served as President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association in 1999, and prior to that was President of the Hawai'i Justice Foundation, Hawai'i Institute for Continuing Legal Education and Hawai'i Estate Planning Council.

In 2003 he took a leave from the university to serve as senior policy advisor to Governor Linda Lingle during her first year in office. Professor Roth has been a member of the faculty at three law schools and was named Professor of the Year at all three.

In 1992 and 1993 Professor Roth co-authored and edited, The Price of Paradise, which was later translated and published in Japan. From 1993 to 1998 he hosted a weekly live talk show on Hawaii Public Radio.

In 2006 Professor Roth and senior federal district court judge Samuel King wrote Broken Trust: Greed, Management and Political Manipulation at America's Largest Charitable Trust, which in 2007 received three awards from the Hawaii Book Publishers Association, including "Book of the Year."

Club Announcements and Kona News

- **WEBMASTER WANTED:** Can you help with enhancements to the club's website, or know anyone who may be willing? Please talk to Gretchen Watson-Kabei or call her at 324-6509. Have you visited our website lately?
- The most recent Paul Harris Fellows will be announced this week and pins will be awarded. Thanks for your generosity!
- Candidate forum for BI Mayoral candidates will be held August 28th at 6pm at Kealakehe High School. Get involved and make our world a better place.
- Taste of Life Fundraiser for Hawaii Island Aids Foundation is August 23rd at the Sheraton. Call 331-8177 for more information. (To post your news, email cheryl@holdroft.net)

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Member Attendance - All Current Members July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008

Member Name	Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Makeups Presented	%				
Amelotte	0	5	0	0.00	Lightner	3	2	0 60.00
Asbach	0	5	2	40.00	Marks	3	2	2 100.00
Berning	1	4	0	20.00	McConnell	4	1	1 100.00
Brennink- meyer	4	1	0	80.00	Meltzer	2	3	3 100.00
Buehler	5	0	0	100.00	Merschdorf	3	2	2 100.00
Canuteson	1	4	0	20.00	Miereanu	0	5	0 0.00
Cartwright	3	2	2	100.00	Minakata	0	0	0 0.00
Clark	2	3	3	100.00	Moore	1	4	0 20.00
Cliff	4	1	1	100.00	Morton	3	2	1 80.00
Coiner	4	1	1	100.00	Mukai	0	5	0 0.00
Crisp	4	1	1	100.00	Obana	0	0	0 0.00
Crowl	1	4	2	60.00	Ogin	2	3	3 100.00
Daniel	4	1	1	100.00	Peckham	5	0	0 100.00
Denison	5	0	0	100.00	Peterson	0	5	2 40.00
DeYoung	5	0	0	100.00	Pond	2	3	2 80.00
Driebe	2	3	3	100.00	Rees- Thomas	2	3	0 40.00
Farnham	5	0	0	100.00	Robles	5	0	0 100.00
Fine	2	3	0	40.00	Rodriguera	2	3	2 80.00
Fraser	4	1	1	100.00	Rogers	1	4	0 20.00
Gleed	1	4	0	20.00	Saito	0	5	4 80.00
Goody	2	3	3	100.00	Salis	4	1	1 100.00
Gray	2	3	0	40.00	Schaeffer	0	5	0 0.00
Henley	4	1	1	100.00	Shionoya	2	3	3 100.00
Henninger	4	1	1	100.00	Simmerman	3	2	2 100.00
Hill	5	0	0	100.00	Toscano	0	5	0 0.00
Holdcroft, T	1	4	4	100.00	Unger	3	2	1 80.00
Holdcroft, C	1	4	1	40.00	Watkins	5	0	0 100.00
Hope	0	5	3	60.00	Watson- Kabei	3	2	2 100.00
Ilstrup	2	3	2	80.00	Weiss	0	5	0 0.00
Kjer	1	4	4	100.00	Wondries	1	4	2 60.00
Konno	5	0	0	100.00	Yamasaki	0	5	0 0.00
Kopp	4	1	1	100.00	Yeung Dick	2	3	3 100.00
Kossow	4	1	1	100.00	Zagorodney	4	1	0 80.00
Kraft	5	0	0	100.00				
Kuailani	2	3	2	80.00				
Lanning	1	4	0	20.00				



A Message from Club Secretary Sue McConnell

Mahalo fellow Rotarians for helping us hit an overall attendance of 75% for the month of July! We are off to a good start. To help you know what we have officially recorded for you, we will be publishing your year to date attendance the third week of each month.

To be sure you get all the credit you are due in time for publication, please get your make-ups for the previous month no later than the 2nd meeting of the month. You can give me a make-up slip, tell me what and when you did a make-up or email me at samcconnel@aol.com. Thank You!

A Club "Avenue of Service" Update: NEW GENERATIONS

WHAT IS NEW GENERATIONS? Rotarians take pride in the fact that we have youth programs for just about every age group with Rotarians serving as active, caring sponsors. Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and many other programs reach out to our youth: the future of Rotary! Here are a few highlights this month.

- **Strive Mentors Needed:** STRIVE is a program where a Rotary Club works with a high school for the purpose of motivating students to improve their school performance during their senior year. The major aspect of the program is that it is Student Driven and only facilitated by Rotarians. This program is FUN, INTERACTIVE, and can involve each and every Rotarian! You can directly help a young person in our community by sharing your professional and life experiences. We need about 15 more Rotarians to step forward with their areas of expertise. The first meeting is on August 27th at 10:20 at Kealakehe High School. See Ann Goody for more information.
- **UPDATE!** Our inbound exchange student from Santiago, Chile, Martin Arias arrived August 14th! He started at Kealakehe High School on Monday as a Junior, and will be visiting the club soon. We will be circulating a list to sign up to host Martin for dinner or an activity.

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West Hawaii Mediation Center exists to improve the way people deal with conflict by providing mediation, facilitation, education and training services. It is a 501 c 3 non profit organization depending on the generosity of the community to exist and carry out its important work.

Founded in 1988, WHMC has strived to provide an array of high quality conflict resolution services to community members and organizations throughout West Hawaii. These services ARE available and affordable through the consistent and dedicated efforts of trained volunteers and staff combined with on-going public/private funding partnerships. WHMC is a member of a statewide organization, Mediation Centers of Hawaii (MCH). This organization is made up of six independent, non-profit mediation centers which are each partially funded by the State Judiciary via the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. WHMC belongs to the National Association for Community Mediation and the Hawaii Alliance of Non Profit Organizations (HANO).

Sue Grose is a volunteer board member of the organization, and will be sharing more information with us at this week's meeting.

Club Announcements and Kona News

- The most recent Paul Harris Fellows will be announced this week and pins will be awarded. Sorry for the misprint last week, and thanks for your generosity!
- Did you know Rotary of Kona donated \$100 this week to Family Support Services (FSS) to be used on Macy's "Shop for a Cause Day" set for September 20, 2008. This donation was matched by one of our members! Macy's has set aside a space for in the store to allow FSS to do reading sessions for the kids visiting with their parents. Both Macy's and FSS are part of the Reading is Fundamental Program. With the donation there will be a variety of books to be read to kids and given away at the event. Want to help? See Bev Fraser. Thanks Rotary!

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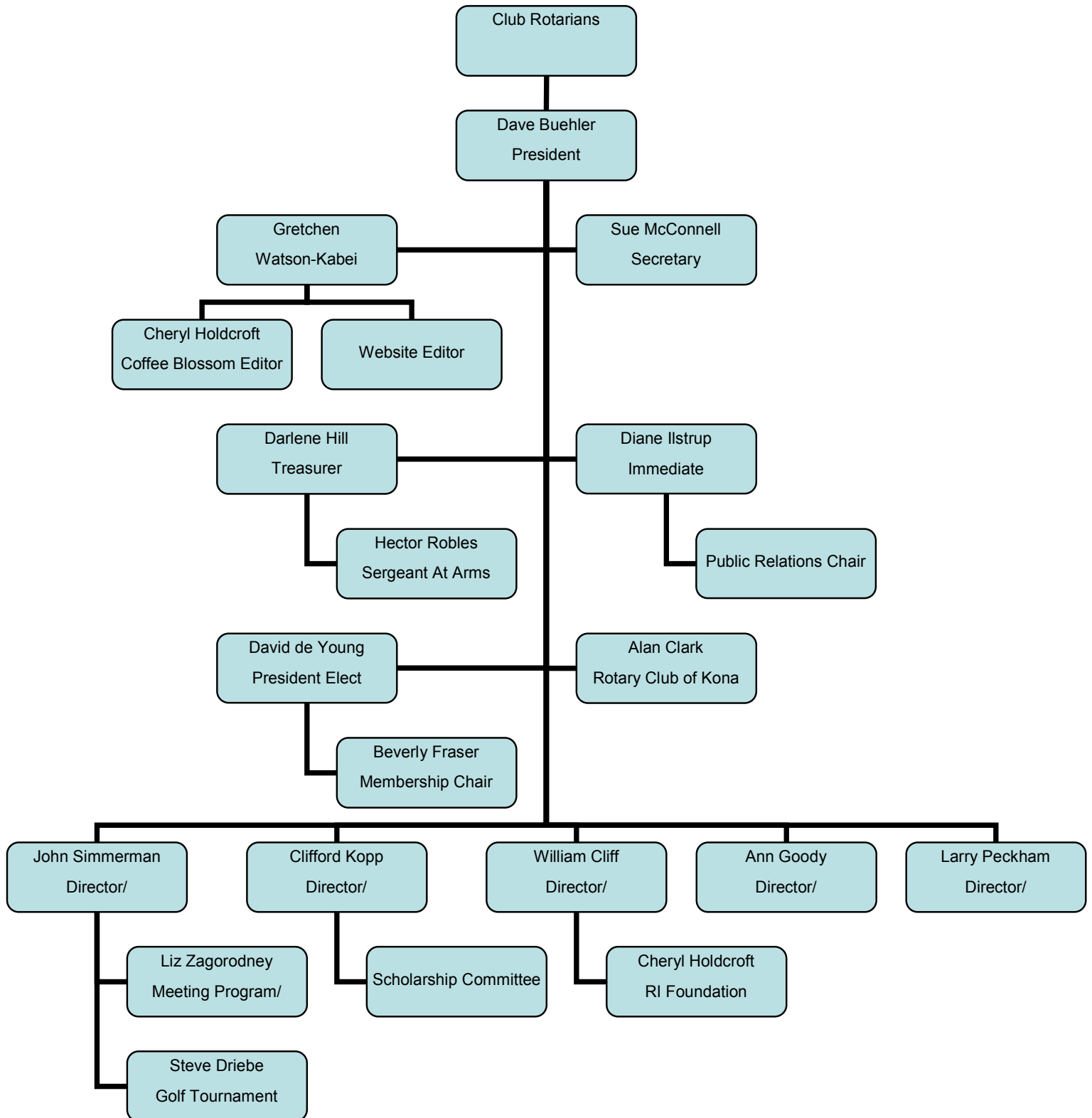
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Rotary Club of Kona Board of Directors & Officers 2008-2009





FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

At your board of director's meeting this month, the 2008-2009 plan and budget were approved. I am proud to announce that our plan will address the many needs of our community and the world and you as Rotarians play a vital role in these efforts with your time, talent and treasure. A very important part of our plan is membership growth which is a net 10% and will take us to 79 members by May next year. Based on a show of hands at last week's meeting, about ten members indicated they already have someone in mind to sponsor. This is great and will get us off to a good start. Please remember that there is natural attrition in membership so we really need to find about fifteen new members. Support for The Rotary Foundation is also a priority for us as we want to achieve average giving of \$250 per member. That's about \$5 a week for a year which all of us can afford. And of course our major fundraiser golf tournament will need the assistance of all Rotarians. Our club, community, vocational, international and new generations service committees have a full plat of activities and projects and we all look forward to participation and fellowship.

We are still in need of a Website editor and a public relations chair. Please let me know if you are interested.

Yours in Rotary - Make Dreams Real!

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This Week's Program - Club Assembly and Exchange Student Martin Arias

What is a Club Assembly? The Club Assembly is a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors, and committee chairs, held for the purpose of conferring on the program and activities of the club or for membership education. It is held four to five appropriate times a Rotary year in place of the weekly club meeting. As club members we can look forward to these occasions to learn more about the club overall, to focus on issues and goals, and to socialize with fellow members. This week the focus is membership, presented by club Membership Chair and Pres-elect Dave deYoung.



MARTIN! Hola! Martin Arias is our inbound exchange student from Santiago, Chile. He was selected from a large group of applicants by our New Generations committee, and will spend the year in Kona as a cultural ambassador. He attends Kealahou High School, and hopes to learn about the United States and Hawaii during his exchange. He loves swimming in the ocean and playing soccer. His father is a Rotarian. He would love to have time with Rotarians to sightsee and enjoy a meal together. He has a great appetite and a wonderful South American disposition! Thanks for welcoming him into our Rotary of Kona ohana! To get involved with Rotary Youth Exchange to learn more about this program, which educates future international leaders using the ideals of Rotary,

please see Renee Kraft or Cheryl Holdcroft.

Club Announcements and Kona News

- Fresh Eggs Anyone? Kona Rotarian Ann Goody has extra eggs this month. If you want to buy delicious free-range eggs to help pay for chicken feed at the non-profit animal sanctuary Three Ring Ranch, please give Ann a call at 331-8773. She will bring orders to the meeting if warned in advance. Boxed 18 per at \$6 dozen.
- Taste of Life for Hawaii Cancer Research will be Friday evening at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai. Call 325-8052 for more information.
- The Sayre Foundation fundraiser to purchase needed emergency rescue equipment and to honor Big Island rescue personnel will be held Saturday night at the Fairmont Orchid. Call 329-8067 for tickets.

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Want to suggest a program? Please see John Simmerman or Liz Zagornodney with ideas. Help keep our meetings interesting and relevant!



You know you are living in 2008 when...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You've been fined at a Rotary meeting for your cell phone ringing.
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

And now you are laughing at yourself....

Rotary Intl. Foundation Thought of the Week

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is a reminder about why we support our Foundation. Each day, Rotary clubs on every continent are working to improve the living conditions and health of their fellow local and global citizens. We share in the pride of the success of our own projects, but we also take pride in the work that is done around the world under the Rotary banner. Whether it's a massive project like polio, or something smaller, like providing clean water to an elementary school in The Philippines, we take pride in knowing that our fellow Rotarians are doing everything possible to extend peace throughout the world.

Our contributions to the Annual Programs Fund deliver hope throughout the world.



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Sign up now to join your fellow Rotarians to test the eyesight of West Hawaii elementary students. It is proven that uncorrected eyesight can greatly diminish a child's academic achievement. See Cliff Kopp or use the clipboard to give a few hours of your time for a great cause! Below are the testing times. Thank you Rotary of Kona!

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Kona Christian Academy

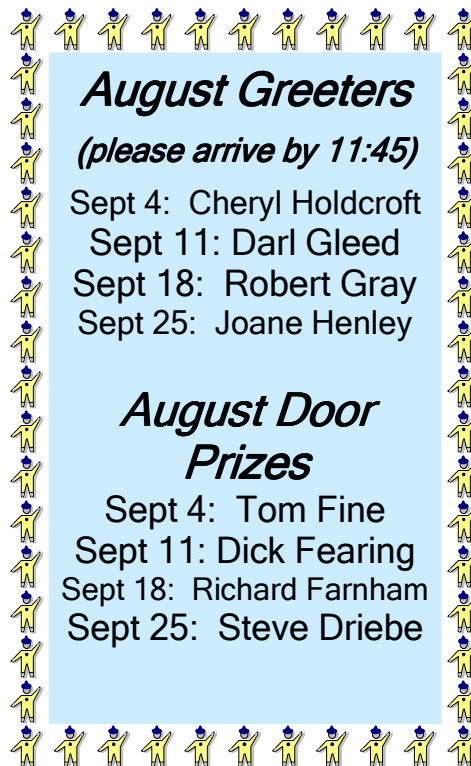
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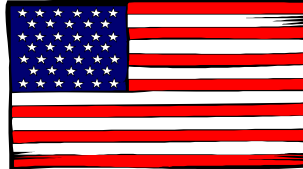


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Today we remember the tragedy of 9/11/01.



THE HERO IS COMMONLY THE SIMPLEST AND OBSCUREST OF MEN.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

This Week's Program

Rotarian Deann Canuteson of Full Life

Full Life is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that provides a variety of needed services to people with intellectual and physical disabilities on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Full Life was founded in 1999 on the principle of self-determination, and continues to hold self determination as its primary goal. The agency has grown since then, starting with one participant and 5 employees, to its current size of providing over 2000 hours of service per week and now has almost 100 employees.

Full Life helps overburdened families by providing support and helps adults with no

families have fuller, safer lives all while holding to our core principle of providing the necessary assistance for the individual to live up to their own goals and dreams.

FULL LIFE BELIEVES:

Some think they can't...decide where to live
choose what to eat, pick their own friends
achieve their own goals, ...we know they can.

Full Life passionately believes that all people, including people with disabilities have the right and ability to choose their own quality of life.

Full Life exists to support people with disabilities in those choices.




First Hawaiian Bank & Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce present

34th Annual Hawaii County Business Outlook Forum

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

"Big Island Economy in 2009"



Dr. Leroy O. Laney
 Professor of Economics & Finance
 Hawaii Pacific University



"U.S. & Global Economy Forecast"



Dr. Jack Suyderhoud
 Professor of Economics
 University of Hawaii - Manoa

11:00 am Registration
 11:30 am Luncheon/Presentation
\$40 Chamber and Rotary Members
\$50 Non-members

- Reservations required by Wednesday, October 1.
- No refunds or cancellations after Wednesday, October 1.
- For more information contact the Chamber at 329-1758, or reserve online at www.kona-kohala.com



First Hawaiian Bank

This Week with the Rotary of Kona!

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



Club Members Joane Henley, Gretchen Watson-Kabei, Ann Goody, Cindy Hope,

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ATTENTION!

Secretary Sue McConnell asks if Club Members could get any meeting make-up info to her for August? She will be making the "official" report to the district, and to be published in the Coffee Blossom next week and would like it to be as accurate as possible.

Thanks so much!

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Bill Walsh, Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources, DLNR



Join the Rotary Club of Kona in welcoming Dr. William Walsh. He received his PhD. at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and currently oversees the Division of Aquatic Resources, DLNR for West Hawaii. He is also a professor at the University of Hawaii, specializing in the Behavioral biology of coral reef fishes. Bill will be speaking today on marine life and surrounding issues in West Hawaii.

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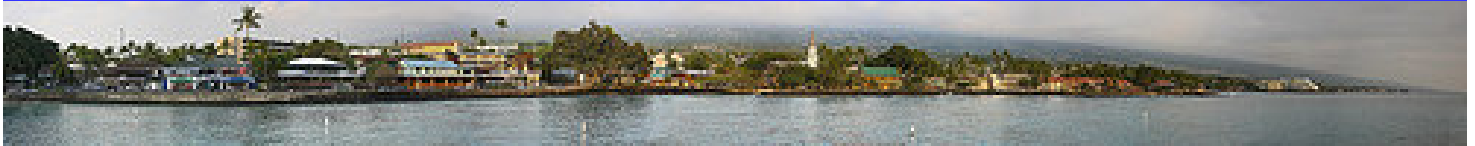
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Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa



"Big Island Economy in 2009"

Dr. Leroy O. Laney
Professor of Economics & Finance
Hawaii Pacific University



"U.S. & Global Economy Forecast"

Dr. Jack Suyderhoud
Professor of Economics
University of Hawaii - Manoa

11:00 am Registration
11:30 am Luncheon/Presentation
\$40 Chamber and Rotary Members
\$50 Non-members

- Reservations required by Wednesday, October 1.
- No refunds or cancellations after Wednesday, October 1.
- For more information contact the Chamber at 329-1758, or reserve online at www.kona-kohala.com



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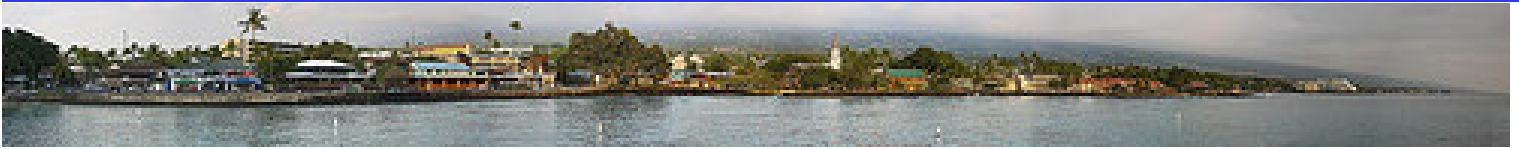
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occasions to learn more about the club overall, to focus on issues and goals, and to socialize with fellow members. This week all our committee chairs; Community Service, Club Service, Intl. Service, New Generations, Vocational Service, Programs, Membership and the RI Foundation will do short reports on their activities and goals for the year. Don't miss this chance to get more involved in your Rotary Club!

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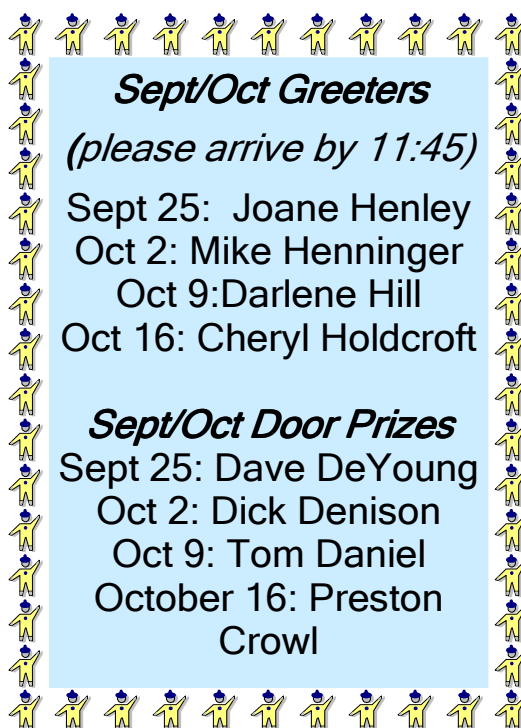
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Aloha fellow Rotarians:

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Past President Alan Clark for his dedication and commitment to our Foundation and years of service on our Board of Directors. Additionally, I would also like to thank Rotarian Dick Fearing for his commitment and service on our Foundation Board and wish him and Ellen all the best as they settle into their new home across the sea.

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Kanu Hawaii is community of people working to make Hawaii a model of environmental sustainability, economic self-reliance, and compassionate community through an island-style activism that starts with personal change. We pursue this vision by changing ourselves, leading humbly by example, then asking others to change with us. Kanu Hawai'i organizes people through presentations to groups and via its online community. You can join Kanu by committing to personal change today. Members have access to tools and resources, explore issues and activism, and connect with thousands of others who are part of this growing movement.

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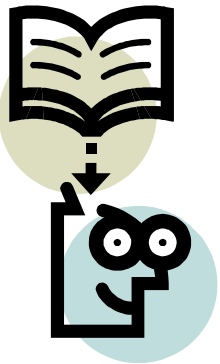


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To join this great committee, talk to the chair Larry Peckham. He can be contacted at 326-1101 or apprasier@hialoha.net.



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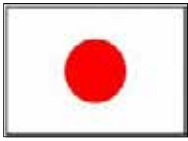


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Rie Mori - Japan, Rotary of Tokyo Josai D2750

Martin Arias - Chile, Rotary Club of Providencia D4340



Sometimes we sit in the weekly Rotary meeting and wonder how we are really changing the world by attending. Sure we give to the Rotary International Foundation and help with club projects, but is there more? Yes there is! You are helping develop potential international leaders and promoting international understanding by supporting the three young people at the meeting today! By sharing your home, a meal, language, laughter, good times and hard times with an exchange student, they will understand what makes up the real America, not a stereotype on TV. So change the world one student at a time; support Rotary Youth Exchange. The world will be a better place because of you! Floriane, Rie and Martin are living in West Hawaii and attending Kealakehe High School for the year. They will share information about their homes and customs, and impressions of Hawaii with you today. See Cheryl Holdcroft or Renee Kraft for more information about the program. Thanks also to ROK members Bonnie Pond for being Floriane's Rotary Counselor, and Carol Salis, for being Rie's Counselor.

Club Announcements and Kona News

- A club social will be held October 19th as part of Kokua Kailua festivities. This is an event where Ali'i Drive is closed to auto traffic, and the community turns out to support local businesses. We will enjoy the upper private dining room at Boston Basils, a great place to check out the excitement on Ali'i Drive. The fun starts at 5:30. Come to town early and enjoy the free concert at Hulihee Palace at 4, and a fun view as the Humane Society Pet Walk goes by at 5. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a great meal! Space is limited to the first 40 RSVPs. Parking will be challenging, so please plan ahead.

Future Programs

Oct. 16 -

Dark due to October
19th Club Social at
Boston Basils!

Oct. 23 -

Will Murakami,
Principal of
Kealakehe High



An Invitation from the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Come to the Family of Rotary Beach Day!

It will be held at Ackerman's beach house on Saturday, October 25, from 12:00 noon - sunset. The Ackerman beach house is on Kainaliu Beach with access going through Hokulia. There will be a BBQ grill, so bring something to throw on the Barbie, salad, main dish or dessert! Email Donna Pammer and konaangel@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

INTENATIONAL SERVICE UPDATE

Mediation Center Hosting Training in Kona - A good way to live the Four Way Test!

West Hawaii Mediation Center is offering a two day basic mediation training October 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hospice of Kona. The training is available for individuals interested in becoming volunteer mediators as well as community members who would like to learn mediation skills. The fee of \$50 includes lunch and refreshment both days in addition to 16 hours of comprehensive training.

After completion of basic mediation training, volunteer mediators are paired with experienced mediators to mentor them during actual mediations.. For more information or to sign up for the training, call West Hawaii Mediation Center at 326-2666.

From Chair Bill Cliff

In memory of Rotarian Ken Clewett, and in honor of his wife Marge, the Ken and Marge Clewett Project Fund was born. Ken's mantra was "Ignore the Rotary Bureaucracy and just do something!" So, this year the board and IS Committee, with the blessing of President Dave have budgeted a project to help the schools of the Hlau Hlau area, South Africa. This area was deeply affected by Apartheid, with almost no educational system in place at the end of that era. Tribal leaders have built schools and are improving the available education for the children of the area, but AIDS has decimated the population, leaving hundreds of orphans and infected children. It is the goal of the Hlau Hlau leadership to provide a new book to each child in this area, and to keep improving the educational system and facilities. Funds are administered in South Africa by the Alan Tyrcha Community Trust. Thank you Rotary of Kona for your support.

Aloha, Bill



KEIKI VISION - What a GREAT Rotary of Kona Project!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered! See Cliff to give a few hours of your time for a great cause! Below is the remaining testing time. Cliff will give the club a full report at completion.

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This Week's Program - Con Con No

Florence Kong Kee, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Alliance speaking about the Constitutional Convention ballot item.

Does Hawaii Need a Con Con?

As part of the general election this November, Hawaii voters will decide whether to hold a constitutional convention to revise the state constitution. Hawaii has not had a constitutional convention since 1978; if approved, the next would be held in 2010.

About Hawaii Alliance - From their website: "One of the beautiful things about Hawaii is our aloha spirit, a heartfelt love for the Islands and its people that sets us apart from others. It is that same spirit of cooperation that brings together people who represent different perspectives and hold different opinions. That spirit of unity is most evident in a diverse, growing group simply called The Hawaii Alliance. The group's mission: an alliance to cherish all that is good about Hawaii and to build a stronger future for our Island home. The group consists of businesses, unions, nonprofit organizations and individuals who may not see eye to eye on everything but agree on one thing: we must band together to look after the best interests of Hawaii. Our group is opposed to having a Constitutional Convention because it would divert significant amounts of money away from the immediate needs of our community. We believe this is irresponsible and not a prudent use of the hard earned money of Hawaii's taxpayers. A Constitutional Convention is expensive and this would not only hurt people in the short term, but also hurt all of us for many years to come if any harmful amendments are introduced by special interests." George Ariyoshi, Past Governor and Chair of The Hawaii Alliance

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- Inside this Coffee Blossom is a membership update. Make sure you get your makeups to Sue McConnell so that your totals can be correct.
- 25 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the club social at Boston Basil's Restaurant Sunday night. Let John Simmerman or Liz Zagorodney know of your program and social ideas.

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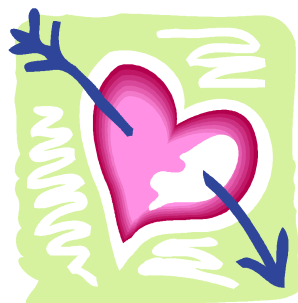
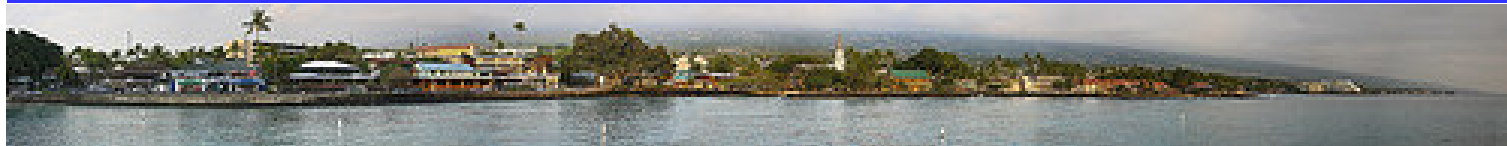
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The Rotary Club of Kona will facilitate and oversee the events. The committee will review applications from non-profit organizations that would like to host an event, will work with the organizations in helping to publicize the events, and will be proactive in helping to secure additional sponsorships. For further information and if you would like to serve on this Community Service subcommittee, contact Rod Crisp, committee chair.



What do these Rotary of Kona members have in common?

Benno Brenninkmeyer, Preston Crawl, Dick Dennison, Tom Fine, Darlene Hill, Linda Lanning, Allen Konno, Ray Marks, Sue McConnell and Sandy Morton

All have given to the Rotary International Foundation this year! Join this esteemed group and give today!

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This Week's Program - Lt. Governor Duke Aiona Pro Con Con

We haven't had a constitutional convention here in Hawaii since 1978. But that could change soon. There is currently a task force trying to figure out the impact on the state, and after a vote, we could have another con con by 2010. But how does this affect you? How much will it cost? Who would represent your interests? What issues would be addressed? After hearing a speaker from the Hawaii Alliance voice opinions against the measure last week, Lieutenant Governor Duke Aiona is here to shed some light on his opinion which supports a constitutional convention.

Club Announcements and Kona News

- Next International Services Committee Meeting Nov. 10th at Allen Konno's Home.
- If you are not getting this Coffee Blossom in email form each week, and receiving other club emails from Secretary Sue McConnell, please let Sue know so that we can update your information! An informed club is an effective club. Also remember to give your makeups in email or written form to Sue.

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A Rotary Refresher!

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Clubs: Rotarians are members of Rotary Clubs which belong to the global association of Rotary International. RI. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within this framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts: Clubs are grouped into 534 RI Districts, each led by a district governor. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

All Rotary clubs are responsible for four things; sustaining or increasing their membership base, participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries, supporting the Rotary Foundation or RI financially and through program participation, and developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

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This Week's Program - Making Your Business Stronger

Hazel Beck, Business Consultant

Hazel Beck is President of The Beck Group, Inc., a business consulting practice based on the Big Island of Hawaii. She will bring her unique combination of training, coaching, and facilitation as she speaks to our Rotary Club about strengthening your business this week. The Beck Group's focus is on partnering with businesses to reduce operating costs, and looks for ways to rekindle the entrepreneurial passion and creativity to help clients add value to their businesses. Hazel believes that business, large or small, should be relationship-based, profitable and fun. Her firm also offers business services such as: Operational Cost Reduction/Improvement, Coaching, Strategy & Planning and Documentation (policies and procedures).

Prior to starting The Beck Group, Hazel was a Client Relationship Manager for a California consulting firm where she worked with global manufacturing clients in North America, the UK and Western Europe.

She moved to Kailua-Kona from San Diego, California in 2007. Hazel holds a B.A. in Business Management, cum laude, from Hiram College. Hazel is a Vietnam-era veteran of the United States NAVY, where she specialized in avionics and flight simulator training. Welcome Hazel!

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- Congratulations Rotarian Deann Canuteson for winning the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2008 Community Health Leader's Award. The CHL Award honors unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve the health and quality of life for underserved men, women and children in communities across the United States. We are proud of you!

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2008-2009 ROTARY OF KONA RI FOUNDATION GIVING TO DATE

Deadline April 30th!

\$20,000 - 80 members

\$17,500 - 70 members

\$15,000 - 60 members

\$12,500 - 50 members


\$10,000 - 40 members

\$7,500 - 30 members

\$5,000 - 20 members

\$2,500 - 10 members

'ALL PUNS INTENDED' - A BIT O' HUMOR AFTER A LONG WEEK

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, 'I'll serve you, but don't start anything.'
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
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6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other:
'Does this taste funny to you?' 



IN REVIEW: OUR SERVICE TO THE WEST HAWAII COMMUNITY LAST YEAR!

ROTARY OF KONA MEMBERS ARE AWESOME!

Books for Kealakehe High School Library, Independence Day Parade, 4th of July Fireworks, Meet'n Eat, Keiki Vision for Third Graders, Dictionaries for Third Graders, Clothing Drive with YMCA, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Community Christmas Parade, Christmas Meals Project, Kealakehe Elementary School Career Day, Champions Tour Golf Tournament, Kona Skateboard Park Project, Kona Earth Festival, VASH (Provided sponsorship for assistance of travelers in need), Book project for the Elderly, Hawaii Island Food Basket, West Hawaii Seniors' Casino Day, Rotary at Work Day project – Yard clean-up of a disabled woman's private Kona residence, Kealakehe Elementary School playground equipment, Full Life Surf Day, AND MORE!

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This Week's Program - Wilfred Murakami, Principal Kealakehe High School



Born and raised in West Hawaii, Mr. Murakami graduated from Konawaena High and became a "Beaver" at Oregon State University, pursuing a degree in education. After graduation, he returned to Kona and taught at Kealakehe Elementary and Intermediate for 20 years. Classroom teaching is his passion but entering the administrator's program provided opportunities to expand his focus on education. He was an administrator at several West Hawaii schools, and the first and only Principal at Kealakehe High School since it opened 12 years ago. He loves his work, and doesn't plan to retire for a long while as his job at KHS "isn't done." His vision for every Kealakehe High graduate centers around academics and strong civic values.

Mr. Murakami's wife, Sue, teaches at Konawaena Elementary and his 2 adult children live on the mainland. When not at school, Mr. Murakami enjoys focusing on family with reunions on the mainland, visiting historical sites and fine local cuisine. He cooks for family and even at school events. His fried rice is a secret recipe! He's a movie connoisseur but also finds great diversion maintaining a tropical fresh water aquarium ecosystem whose inhabitants hope he doesn't forget to feed them! Rotary of Kona welcomes Wil Murakami!

Club Announcements and Kona News

- Kona Hospital Foundation Gala at Hokulia to benefit Kona Community Hospital Sun. Nov 16. Call 322-4587 for tickets.
- Family Support Services Fundraiser "An Old Hawaii Night." Friday Nov. 22. Call 326-7778 for tickets or see Rotarian Bev Fraser.
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Future Programs

**Nov. 20 - Greg
Ogin, update on
Palamanui**

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(l-r) Mark Leong, Leonard Johnson and LJ Bates! We are so glad you are part of the Rotary of Kona Ohana!

Keiki Vision / Dictionary Project Mahalo

This year seven West Hawaii Elementary Schools were served, over 450 vision tests were given and new dictionaries were distributed to West Hawaii 3rd graders. Thanks to all who contributed their time and aloha. Volunteers this year were: Dr. Julie Honda, Dr. Frank Toscano, Ann Goody, Renee Kraft, Tom Daniel, Gretchen Watson-Kabei, Dave Buehler, Dave de Young, Joane Henley, Michael Mireanu, Cynthia Hope, Barbara Kossow, Diane Ilstrup, Tom Fine, Sr., Jerry & Eloise Coiner, Bill Cliff & Gabriella Cooper, Scott Unger, Jeane Cooper, David Rees-Thomas, Bonnie Pond, Parker Wondries, Dick Yeung, Bev Fraser, Larry Peckham, Marv Love, Deann Canuteson, Sue McConnell, and Cliff Kopp. Thanks for making a difference!



Rotarian Cindy Hope Helps a Student



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Our grand marshal is Aunty Fanny Au Hoy, who is the curator of Hulihee Palace and a member of Daughters of Hawaii. Please sign up for volunteer positions and bring joy to our community during

this festive time. Visit www.konaparades.com for application and sponsorship forms and other parade information. The Christmas Parade Committee includes; Cliff Kopp: Chair, Renee Kraft: Vice-Chair - Entrants, Barbara Kossow: Sec./Treas & County Liaison, Sherry Bracken: Publicity & Announcers: Rick Merschdorf: Sound Systems, Steve Driebe: Sponsors, Ann Peterson: Judges, Mark Boehm, Website Bernadette Haleamau: Assembly, and L.J. Bates: Announcing Stations.

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This Week's Program: Enjoy Santa and the kids at our club today! Also the election of officers for next year and a visit from our District Governor Ayman El Dakhakhni. Pres. Dave asks everyone to be on time as there is a full and interesting program. **Today's meeting has been moved to the Discovery Room.**

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Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Each year Rotary of Kona Members help ring bells to collect funds in the red kettles in front of Walmart and Safeway. See David Rees-Thomas or sign up on the clipboard being passed around at club. This is a great way to get in the holiday spirit and let people learn about Rotary!

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VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

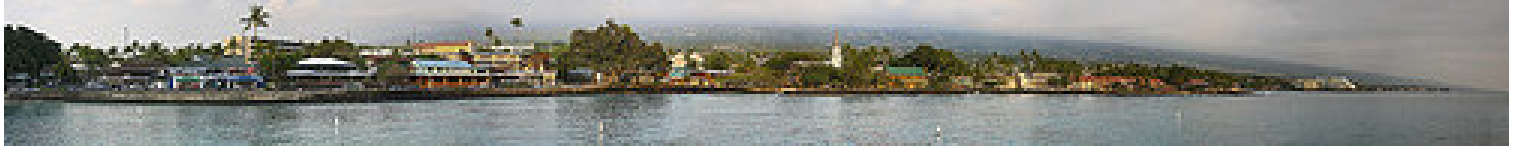
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka invites all Rotary of Kona members to their holiday party at David Hiranaka and Donna Pammer's house. Friday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. \$35 per person. Call Donna at 938-4164 or email konaangel@gmail.com to RSVP.





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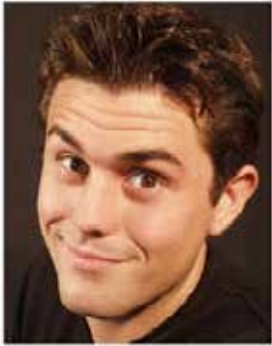
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This Week's Program: Filmmaker Alex Farnham



"I have a deep passion for filmmaking and I try to do my best with every project. My goal is to one day make a film that changes peoples' lives in a profound way. I've been making films since I was 12. I started with random humorous shorts and occasional school projects. My freshman year of HS, the local YMCA hired me to cover The International Pacific Cup of Freediving. I filmed and edited the entire event, creating a 30 minute piece, which was shown at the closing night awards ceremony. The film was seen by hundreds of people from all around the world, and received a standing ovation. The film sold over a hundred copies.

My work has been shown on local and national television. In 2004 I directed and starred in my first HD project, which was transferred to film and shown in local theaters. I've also worked on large-scale concerts as a cameraman. I have been hired to film weddings, community plays and a newsworthy promotional piece for Deep Sea Water International.

My creative influences are the people and events that surround me. I find that a well made film stimulates my creativity, so when I watch a movie I consider it on many different levels. I study every scene trying to understand the meaning and appreciate the cinematography. I imagine life around me as a movie where I'm the director. Being the writer, actor, producer and director of my life is my high."

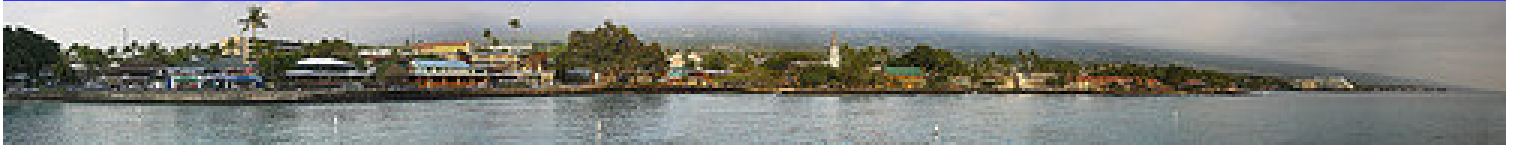
Alex moved to Hawaii at the age of five, and attended public school until the 10th grade, and graduated from Hualalai Academy, a private high school strong in the performing arts. He then received a diploma from The Los Angeles Film School with a Major in Directing, Minor in Cinematography. Alex's films are a YouTube sensation, receiving over 100,000 hits! Alex is the son of Kona Rotarian Richard Farnham. His website is <http://damitsgood.net>

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From Co -Chairs Cliff "Parade Master Extraordinaire" Kopp

and Renee "Parade Diva" Kraft

Club Volunteers: Barbara "Christmas Spirit" Kossow, Steve "Looks Very Official" Driebe, L.J. "Ho Ho Ho" Bates, Richard "Are You Sure You're Not Santa?" Farnham, Ann "Miss Efficiency" Goody, Bonnie "Best Smile" Pond, Chuck "Rotary Spirit" Cartwright, Steve "But I Just Joined the Club" Ybarra, Tom "Go Getter" Fine, Sr., Mike "Lookin' Cool" Henninger, Bruce "There When You Need Him" Watkins, Larry "Where are my Keys!" Peckham, Hector "I Could Fine You for That" Robles, Dave "Best Christmas Duds" de Young, Linda "Santa's Helper" Lanning, Leonard "Action!" Johnson, Bev "No I'm not an Elf" Fraser, Cynthia "Bright Smile" Hope, Diane "Can I just get another list!" Ilstrup, David "Holiday Laughs" Rees-Thomas, Rod "Always Willin' and Able" Crisp, Jana "Great Helper" Powell, Sue "Does that Count as a Makeup?" McConnell, George "Mister Helpful" Rodriguera, Darlene "The Numbers Are Off" Hill, Bill "Where's the Parade?" Cliff, Tante "Finally a Rotarian" Urban, Annu "Holiday Helper" Shionoya, and Todd & Cheryl "Is there a surfer in the house!" Holdcroft, and any of "Santa's Helpers" we may have missed.



WELCOME!

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DG Ayman El-Dakhkhni

Announces for January, February, and March 2009

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For Large Clubs, Medium Clubs, Small Clubs *Percentage Net Membership Growth

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Third Prize

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There are three prizes. Winning clubs in each size class will draw for one of the prizes. There will be a drawing within the winning club among the president, the membership chair and every member who sponsored a new member during January, February and March.

Let's Go Rotary of Kona!

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This Week's Program: Peter Fithian

Mr. Fithian will be our speaker today representing the Hawaiian International Billfish Association as co-founder and chairman. Back in 1959 Peter was manager of the Kona Inn Hotel and thought it would be good for business to have an internationally renowned big game fishing tournament in Kona. He will tell us about the history of the tournament and share with us details of the 50th which will be held here July 20 - 24th.

ROTARY OF KONA and COMMUNITY NEWS

- Our club attendance for the year is 72% overall, compared with the District total of 66%. Great Job Rotary of Kona members!! Remember to turn in your makeups. Time spent on committee work, youth exchange, RYLA, etc all counts. See Sue for more information.
- ROK Board meeting tonight, 5pm Ann Goody's home.
- The Governor's West Hawai'i Community Advisory Council will meet today, Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority (NELHA) Gateway Center, at 73-4460 Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway #101, Kailua-Kona. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.
- The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka will hold their annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser Feb 14th. Celebrate Valentine's Day with wine by American Wine and Spirits, music by Kevin Teves, heavy pupus by Dick and Arlene Hershberger and an awesome silent auction. For tickets call 756-2348 or email facedoc@hawaii.rr.com for tickets. \$50 per person.



DG Ayman El-Dakhakhni

Announces for January, February, and March 2009

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For Large Clubs, Medium Clubs, Small Clubs *Percentage Net Membership Growth

Fun, Prizes, Excitement, Travel

First Prize

10 Days in Cairo/Alexandria, with Hotel, Meals, Sight seeing, Car and Driver

Second Prize

7 Days in Portugal, On the water in Alagraf, Hotel, Meals, Sight seeing, etc

Third Prize

2 Days in Turtle Bay At District Conference, Hotel, Meals, Rental Car

There are three prizes. Winning clubs in each size class will draw for one of the prizes. There will be a drawing within the winning club among the president, the membership chair and every member who sponsored a new member during January, February and March.

Project Compassion this Sunday with Senator Josh Green

Please consider joining me at the Kona Denny's this Sunday, January 18th from 3:00pm-9:00pm, as I partner with the Rotary Club of Kona and Denny's Project Compassion to raise money for our treasured West Hawaii Community Health Center.

The Health Center is critical member of Hawaii's healthcare safety net and in these tough economic times needs our support more than ever! They care for our families, many uninsured children and people who might be down on their luck. The health center never turns anyone away! I'll be serving meals at Sunday's event and will be available to talk story if you have questions about what is going on in the Senate. See you Sunday! *Senator Josh Green, MD*



Rotary International Foundation Update

Over \$11,000 has been donated by club members in the last since July! Donate what you can today. Every little bit helps. You get a tax deduction and will be helping the truly needy in the world with medicine, water, housing and more. Support the Foundation today!

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Rev. Boshard will speak about Kalamaku, an outreach ministry of Mokuaikaua Church that serves people with disabilities who either live here in Kona or are just visiting. This April will mark our 2nd Anniversary of Kalamaku, which has been providing water based physical activities, including paddling in an outrigger canoe, for those people who are physically, mentally and even emotionally challenged. Most volunteers are members of this historic church, but also very energetic watermen and women from our community who help and support this exciting project. Learn more about this group today!

ROTARY OF KONA and COMMUNITY NEWS

- **KONA SUNRISE CLUB ANNOUNCED:** An organizational meeting took place January 28th, with DG Ayman El Dakahkni and ADG Wally Wong along with Dave Buehler, president of ROK which is the sponsoring club. The following officers were nominated for a term from the charter date to June 30, 2010: Cindy Hope-President, Tante Urban-VP, Bev Fraser-Secretary, Joane Henley-Treasurer and Ray Marks-Sergeant At Arms. Subsequent formational meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6:45 AM at Tante's Restaurant with the goal to complete the charter process by April or May. See Bev Fraser for information.
- Help is needed for our troops overseas for Valentines Day. Bring goodies to Ann Goody and she will deliver to the organizers. Local snacks, ATT phone cards, ziplock bags, magazines, etc. The troops were delighted with the goodies sent for Christmas! Thank you Rotary of Kona for your big and small acts of kindness!
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This Week's Program: Brennon Morioka, State Dept. of Transportation,

Morioka is currently the deputy director of the State Dept. of Transportation. Previously he chaired the Hawai'i Republican Party. He is a civil engineer by training, and previously served as a senior geotechnical engineer in the Honolulu Office of URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering firms in the world.

Morioka earned a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Engineering, where he has also been a lecturer, research assistant and teaching assistant. Morioka is a graduate of I'olani School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Please welcome Brannon today as we get an update on our state's Dept. of Transportation!

MAHALO ROTARY OF KONA!

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Dept of Land and Natural Resources Director Laura Thielen will address the Governor's West Hawaii Community Advisory Council and community on the State of Hawaii's Recreational Renaissance plan. This exciting plan reflects a refocus on restoring and preserving Hawaii's state parks, trails, and ocean recreation activities! Previously, Thielen was the executive director of the state Office of Planning which assists the Administration in planning the overall framework to guide development in Hawai'i. Thielen is a graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Law and the University of Colorado, Boulder. She also earned a master's in public policy from the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute.

ROTARY OF KONA AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- Rotary of Kona members, if you still have your January issue of Rotary Magazine, we'd appreciate your copy and any others you can gather for our RYLA camp at the end of the month. Just give them to Cheryl Holdcroft or Ann Goody. Thanks!
- This month's Project Compassion will be from 4pm - 9pm on Feb 22nd, and benefits Kealakehe Neighborhood Watch. They have designated firefighter Greg Cameron's medical fund as the beneficiary. Please be on hand for this fun event. See Rod Crisp for more details.
- Know someone who would make a good Rotarian? Invite them to a meeting today! After three meetings, you can propose them for membership in the club. Help keep our club strong and vibrant!



From International Service Chair Bill Cliff:

“Here is a note from my counterpart in South Africa. If this doesn’t make you feel great about being a Rotarian, perhaps nothing will”

Dear Bill, The official “Book Event” was held at the Hlau Hlau on Monday the 9th of February. An official thanks to the Rotary Club of Kona will be sent from the Headmistress but in the meantime please can you convey my absolute thanks to the Rotarians.

The opportunity you provided with your \$1000 donation for the children of this rural area to purchase books was so exciting. Using the Travelling Library “Bookstore,” a display was set up for the schools in the area. Many of these kids have never seen Nelspruit let alone a book store! All the school heads in the area joined the students and were ecstatic. It is the first time that anything of this type has taken place in a rural area. The “Bookstore” provides low cost books, but usually in urban areas only.

As for the Hlau Hlau students, those from each class that excelled in 2008 chose a free book of their very own. In all cases it is the first book they have ever owned. Many books were also donated to the Hlau Hlau Library. The teachers are going to choose when he comes down to Uplands in April.

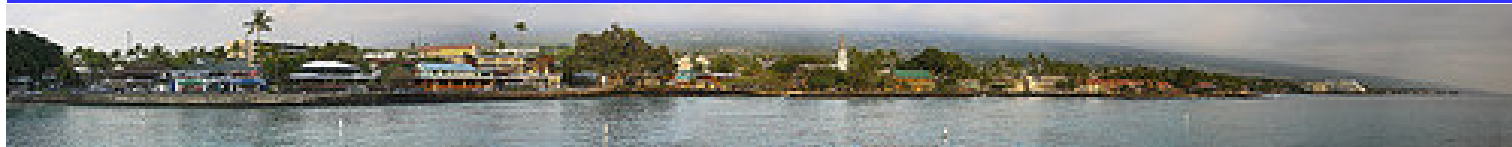
The most gratifying to me was to see a few of kids purchase their own books - there was a stack of R5.00 (50 cents) books and that is just a full terms pocket money for these little ones.

You have just no idea how much this has meant. It is a new age for this little area, all the schools will be saving up for 2010. With hugs to you my friend and thank you so so so so sosososososo much !

Ethne Cameron



SAVE THE DATE: District 5000 Annual Conference will be held May 22nd - May 25th at the Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu. Go to the District Website for more details on this fun weekend!



Rotary International Foundation Update

We will be giving a Foundation update and awarding Paul Harris awards at today's meeting! How do you get this award? Give cumulatively \$1000 to the Rotary International Foundation, and this designation will be yours!

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Remember to report your makeup's to Sue in a timely manner. Our goal is at least 75% overall.

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Feb 26- Club Assembly and Youth Exchange Students' Speeches

Mar 5 - Frank McDonald on Independent Phone Services

The Big Island Assembly will be held Saturday April 4th, 2009 at the Waimea Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to meet the District 5000 Leadership team and learn more about plans for the Avenues of Service for the coming year. There is also a Rotary 101 course for new Rotarians. Mark your calendars now!

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Club Assembly &

Rotary Youth Exchange Students Official Presentation to Club Members

Don't miss this meeting! Get up to date information on the different activities happening in our club. It's a great time to socialize and ask questions. Also, our exchange students will be giving a presentation created especially for you! Rie Mori is an inbound student from the Rotary Club of Tokyo Josai in Japan.

She is from the center of Tokyo, in the historic Asakusa area. Floriane Demonceau is our student from Vise, Belgium, very near the border with the Netherlands. Both students are attending Kealahou High School. Hear about their homes and lives overseas, and also their impressions of life in Hawaii! Both students return to their homes in July after a one month train trip with Rotary around the US.

By the way, they have become great friends!



ROTARY OF KONA AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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- Keep Parker Wondries in your thoughts. He suffered an accident soon after his new baby was born, and has been laid up. We haven't seen him at club while he takes time off to heal, but he has still been active behind the scenes. You can email him at pwondries@yahoo.com.
- Be an active Rotarian! Join a committee today. The avenues of service are listed on the back of the coffee blossom.



From Rotary Outbound Exchange Student Lauren Holdcroft:

My Year In Argentina

It all started...well, actually I don't quite know when it started. I have been obsessed with the idea of spending one of my high school years in another country as a Rotary Exchange Student for as long as I can remember. Normally, exchanges are done in the Junior or Senior year, but I couldn't wait. I decided to go after my Freshman year at HPA. On August 14, 2008, I got on a plane with a year of Spanish under my belt, 2 suitcases, my blue Rotary jacket, and, of course my rubber slippers. I should have been scared, but at that point the only thing that I could feel was anticipation. It ran through my blood like electricity, making the three seven hour plane flights, and the 5 hour layover in Miami almost unbearable. Then I touched down in Buenos Aires. Outside I met my Rotary Club Counselor, and the first thing he said to me was 'Welcome!' I stuttered out a few words, my first in almost 2 days, and, right then, the anticipation puddled in a pool at my feet, left behind as I walked out into the freezing air. I had arrived.

The three hours to General Madariaga, the town where I would be for the next year of my life, were endless. It felt like days that we were driving along the flat Argentinean countryside. My Spanish was, sorry to say, horrible, and in those first few weeks I developed a habit of nodding and agreeing with whatever I was told. I was put in the local school, in a class full of kids my age and grade, but so different at the same time. Those first few weeks of school, everyone blurred into everyone else, and I counted 'friends' as those people who said hi to me. I learned how to say 'I don't understand', which helped, and after a few more weeks, I could understand questions asked of me almost all the time.

Now, 6 months after that first day, I hardly recognize myself. I was a girl who, not only knew nothing of Spanish, but also nothing of an entire culture. These days, I walk to school myself, drink maté (traditional tea) with my grandparents, (and know how to prepare it), have made a group of friends who mean the world to me, understand me, and, more importantly, know me not as 'the foreign girl who speaks English', but as 'Lauren, our friend from Hawaii'. Most importantly, I have been integrated into a culture so different from my own almost seamlessly, and sometimes I can't help but wonder, is the difference that profound between learning because you need to, to pass a test, and learning because you want to, so that you can talk with the people around you and essentially, survive?

With only 4 months left of my exchange, I feel I have learned more than about this country than I ever could have in a classroom. This experience has opened my eyes to everything around me. It has humbled me immensely, but also made me so much stronger and so much more confident as a person. It has made me rethink who I am, and who I will continue to be- after high school and further along. This hasn't just been one year abroad. It is a gift that I will use for the rest of my life. I am really grateful that Rotary provides such a great opportunity for teens to experience the world.

Coffee Blossom Editors note: "Yes, this is my daughter, but I thought I would share what a great experience Lauren is having in Argentina. Thanks Rotary! As I get reports from Dylan Ressler, Alyx Capri & Stephannie Vancil, I will share them too"

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Thanks to Allen Konno, Greg Ogin, Holly DeGeal, Chrys Yamazaki, Liz Zagorodney, and Diane Ilstrup for their recent donations of dollars and points to the RI Foundation. Help our club reach its goal of \$20,000 this year. Give as you are able. Questions about the Foundation? See Pres. Dave or Cheryl Holdcroft. Thank you!

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Remember to report your makeup's to Sue in a timely manner. Our goal is at least 75% overall.

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Don Penner, a native of Saskatchewan, Canada, has lived in Kailua-Kona for over 15 years. He is an experienced director of photography, underwater videographer, and editor. Don also teaches video production at Kealahou High School. He works closely with the students on their "Project Grad" and "Anti-Drug Video Campaigns" each year. Don devotes much of his time and energy to mentoring young videographers and filmmakers. He runs a community video project that is an interactive training program allowing teens to venture into video production.

Through hands-on training, students learn new skills in the two workshops, create special video projects and present their productions.

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Worker at the site creating the new pavilion area.

Working on the children's playground area.



Rotarian Bruce Watkins shows his stuff!



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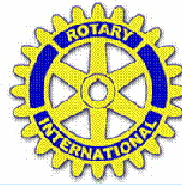
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There is a Kona Music Society Concert on Sunday March 22nd at 3 pm at the Sheraton Keauhou Convention Center. The group will perform the Durufle Requiem and a Bach motet. Rotarian Tom Daniel says this will be a truly memorable event. Tickets are \$25, and will be available from Tom at Thurs. meeting, or online @ konamusicociety.org.



Rotary of Kona welcomes new member Brian Ashjornson! Please greet Brian and welcome him next time you see him!

March is Rotary Literacy Month. What does our club do to help with literacy?

We distribute dictionaries to all 3rd graders in West Hawaii.

We test the same 3rd graders' eyes to make sure they have no vision problems.

We have collected books and delivered them to the Naalehu School Library.

We have a speaker sign a book each week which we donate to the Kealahou High School Library.

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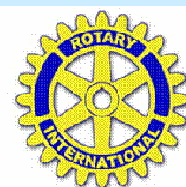
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Dr Blackwell and her family

Dr. Blackwell will be talking about a program of the University of Hawaii at Manoa called "Growing our Own Teachers." It is being supported by Rotarians around the state. The program addresses the problem for students in the Educational Program which comes up in their last semester when they must serve in a classroom for five days a week from 8 to 5 without any pay.

In order to do so, many have to quit their jobs. Since many candidates are working moms, without some financial assistance they would be unable to complete their education. "Growing our Own Teachers" raises money to help fill the gap during this training. This in turn helps ensure our community will have new teachers. Rotary of Kona has supported this project with a recent Denny's Project Compassion Event. Welcome Dr. Blackwell!

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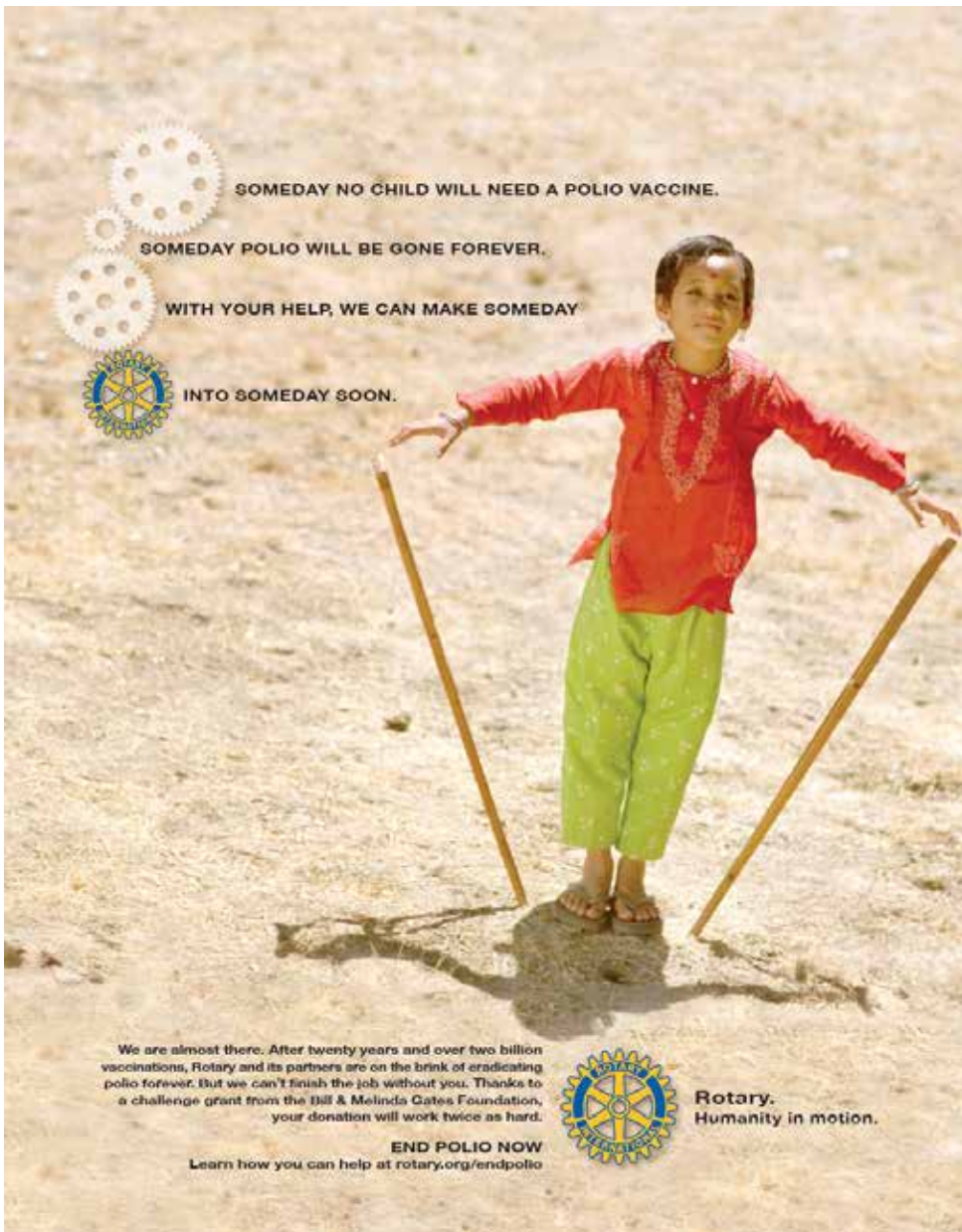
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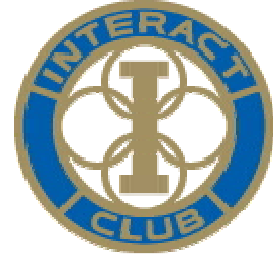
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Congratulations to this great group of students!

Interact is short for International Action. Each High School club is sponsored by a local Rotary Club.

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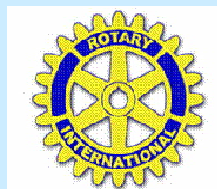
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We are honored and delighted to have as our speaker today the Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. In this position she serves as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for providing both administrative and academic leadership to the flagship campus of the U.H. System.

Virginia Hinshaw is a distinguished researcher with recognized expertise and great credentials in microbiology, especially in the study of the influenza virus and the development of vaccines.

Virginia Hinshaw assumed leadership of the UH System's oldest and largest campus on July 2, 2007. She tells us that she became an administrator because she likes the challenges that come with "moving things along – with making others dreams come true." That approach served her well in her previous positions as provost and executive vice chancellor at the University of California, Davis, and prior to that, as Dena of the Graduate School and Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Join us today as we learn more about U.H Hawaii!

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A Request from a Rotarian abroad:

I am from the Rotary Club of Auckland East in Auckland New Zealand. Our daughter Joanna has qualified for the forthcoming Kona Ironman to be held this October. She finished 17th overall women & 2nd in her age group (25 to 30) in the NZ Ironman held in Taupo NZ, two weeks ago.

We are looking for a home stay for Joanna for 3-4 weeks to prepare and compete. Would anyone in your cub be interested in hosting Joanna? At our age it is unlikely we will be able to make it to Kona ourselves, hence our request to find accommodation in a more supportive environment.

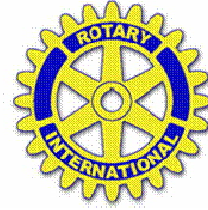
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Regards, Paul La Franchie - plafranc@gmail.com



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Rotary Club of Kona



April 9, 2009

The Kona Coffee Blossom Newsletter

This Week's Program: Kona Historical Society "Granny Greenwell" Reenactment with Maile Melrose



We have a very special guest today from Kona's past. Elizabeth Caroline "Granny" Greenwell will give an inspiring historical talk on her life in Hawaii in 1868. The Greenwell's at that time owned the store at Kalukalu homestead in Kealahou. The reenactment of Granny is brought to life by Maile Melrose Greenwell, granddaughter of Elizabeth. You will enjoy this look back into a life few of us can imagine. Be prepared to learn and enjoy! This presentation is part of a living history play developed by the Kona Historical Society.

HIGASHIHARA PARK UPDATE!

Until we finish the park project, we will have the news right here in front! Kona Rotarians and Community members are joining together to renovate one of Kona's jewels, Higashihara Park, including the Ka Makana Children's Playground! If you want to volunteer as a worker, see Cliff Kopp. To help with volunteer food, (we are still looking for food and beverage donations...) see Jana Powell who will be coordinating. Come on out to see what's happening and join the fun!



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How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

What did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

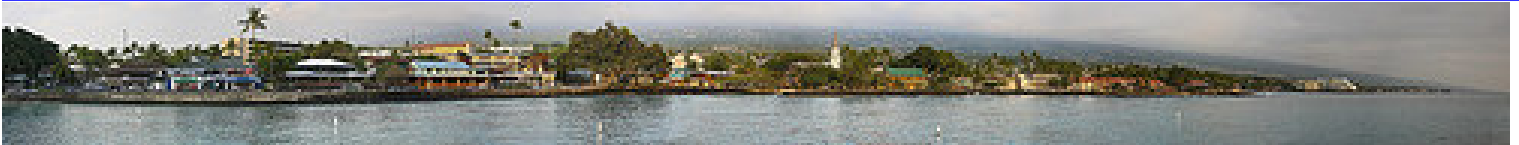
Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.



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These are just a few things that your donations to the RI Foundation help to make the world and Kona a better place. Did you know that 50% of the \$ raised by our District come directly back to us to use on projects in just 3 years? The rest go to International works by Rotary International. Thank you so much Rotary of Kona members who have given! We only have 3 weeks left to meet our goal of \$250 per member, and we are only 3/4 of the way there - so, please give at the level you are comfortable today! MAHALO!



CONGRATULATIONS to our two outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students selected for 2009-2010. Myles Wang is 16, and the son of Pamela and Yuan Wang and will be going to Taiwan. Caitie Johnson is 17, and the daughter of Peter Underwood and Jan Johnson and is going to Italy. These students will be introduced to the club at a future meeting. To work with youth programs for our club see Scott Unger, incoming New Generations Chair.



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The project is expected to employ 100 construction workers during the 10-month construction phase, and will employ about 30 people at full build-out.

The company will buy the discarded nut shells from local growers. The carbon to be produced by the plant can be used in a variety of filtration devices, including air and water filters.

"This is an ideal industry that will provide quality year-round employment unrelated to the cycles of tourism while supporting agriculture with a positive cash flow to the struggling macadamia industry," said CEO Rick Vidgen. "Big Island Carbon's plant will help to diversify the island's economy, create new high tech jobs, support agriculture, and be 'green' in the process." Welcome Rick to the Rotary of Kona.

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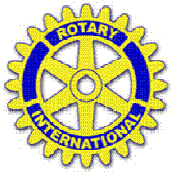
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a manager with Oceanic Time Warner Cable

Hermann Heimgartner:

an attorney with Van Pernis Vancil

Brian Asbjornson:

owner of Kona Impact, a web and graphic design firm.

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GSE TEAM FROM ARGENTINA IN WEST HAWAII!

The Group Study Exchange Team will be here May 2nd through 5th. Here is a schedule of events. Plug in where you can and meet this great group of visiting young professionals!

May 2 - 6 PM **Reception dinner at the Cliff's home.** BYO adult beverages and a salad, side dish or pupu. Please RSVP to Bill by today's meeting. Directions attached to the email version of the Coffee Blossom.

May 3 - 5 PM **Afternoon Beach BBQ at City of Refuge.** No host, bring your own food and beverages. BBQs will be fired up and ready to go. Sponsored by RC of Kona Sunrise.

May 4 - 6 PM **Evening Social in Private Area at Kona Brewing Company.** No host for Rotarians. RC of Kona will host the GSE members. RSVP to Bill by Friday.

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POLIO UPDATE!

A challenge was made at last week's meeting to raise money to eradicate Polio and help at Higashihara Park! Members were encouraged to donate \$5.00 per Kona Rotarian that showed up to work last weekend. President Dave doubled his to \$10 per Rotarian. There were 18 people there! So, you do the math, join this group, and give a few bucks today. This will effectively take care of the guilt you feel that you were not able to join your fellow Rotarians toiling at the park! Thank you!



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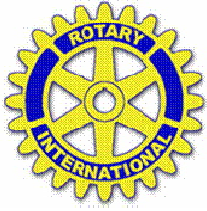


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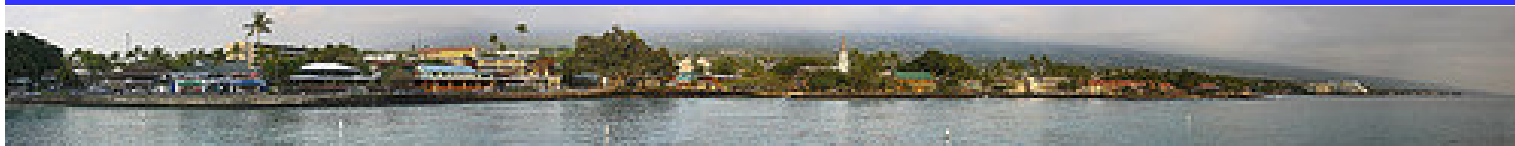
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Rotary of Kona Board Meeting
tonight at Dave DeYoung's Office in
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Hey! Think about a new member today! See

President Elect



Dave DeYoung
or Secretary

Sue McConnell

for forms and information.

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May 21, 2009

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This Week's Program: Scholarship Winners and Youth Exchange Final Presentation



Today we welcome and congratulate our scholarship winners: Emma Leonard, Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation and Jim & Sis Bedingfield Scholarship, Conrad Sanborn, Ken & Marjorie Clewett Scholarship, and Kacy Kuailani, Ron & Kathy Hawkes Scholarship.

Also joining us will be our exchange students Rie Mori from Japan and Floriane Demonceau from Belgium to present their final address to the club before leaving June 15th. Also attending will be our outbound students Myles Wang who will be going to Taiwan, and Caitie Johnson, who will be going to Italy. Both students will be joined by their parents as they meet the entire club for the first time.



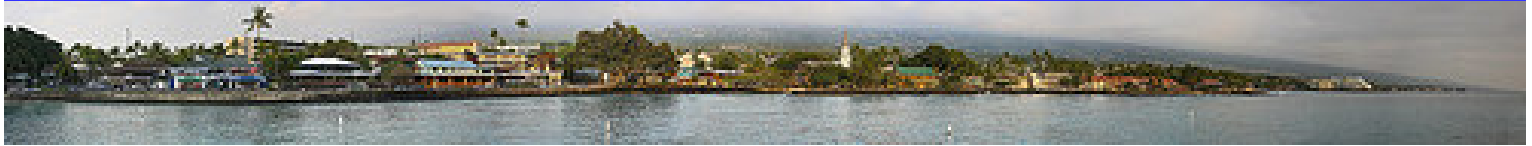
Rotary of Kona and Community News

May 30 - IRONMAN 70.3 HAWAII - FAIRMONT ORCHID

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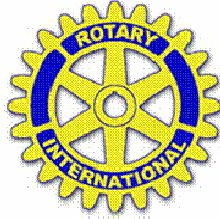
June 6 - KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

June 13 - KAILUA-KONA'S KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY COMMUNITY PARADE



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Thanks to all Rotarians who have proposed new members this year! You have made our club stronger.!



The Rotary of Kona Annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner will be held June 13, 2009 at the Hualalai Academy Bridge Building. Don't miss this fun evening of fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. We will say Mahalo to the outgoing board, and welcome the incoming leaders. RSVP to John Simmerman.

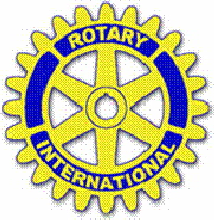


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If you are attending the District Conference this weekend on Oahu please give me a short summary when you get back and take a few photos while there to be used in an upcoming Coffee Blossom.

Also, please bring a children's book to the meeting today for President Dave to take to the District Conference for the Literacy Project. Thank you!

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ANNUAL ROTARY OF KONA INSTALLATION CEREMONY AND DINNER

*You are cordially invited to the
Rotary of Kona Annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner
Saturday, June 13, 2009.*

*Hualalai Academy Bridge Building
74-4966 Kealaka'a Street*

6pm

\$25.00 - all guests welcome. Aloha or party attire.

Catering by Jackie Rey's! Complimentary wine, beer & soft drinks.

RSVP to John Simmerman at 937-4101 or john@proservicehawaii.com.

Aloha Rotary of Kona Members,

Due to the Installation Dinner our club will be dark this Thursday, June 11th. Please make your reservations for the Installation Dinner in lieu of the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with your fellow Rotarians, get your family involved in our club, and learn more about the upcoming Rotary year. All Paul Harris awards will be given that evening. (over 30!) If you have your Paul Harris pin and ribbon, please wear them See you Saturday!



Sayonara Rie and Floriane!

Please join members of our Kona Ohana and our exchange students' friends and families as we say goodbye to our two stellar Rotary Youth Exchange Students. They will both be leaving Sunday evening.

Their party is Friday from 4pm to 8pm at the home of Peter and Becca Hamar-Schenberg, (Rie's host family) at 75-816 Hiona Street in Holualoa. Bring a pupu or beverage. Stop by if you can on your way home from work, or for a relaxing Summer afternoon.

Thanks to all Rotary of Kona members who have supported these students this year. You have made a difference in the life of these two young women, and in the future of our world!

Here is the MapQuest link for directions: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Holualoa&state=HI&address=75-816+Hiona+Street+>

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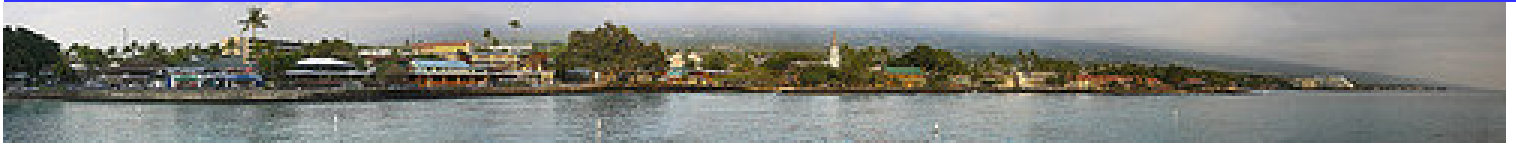
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PAUL HARRIS AND FOUNDATION AWARDS

All awards will be presented at the Installation dinner on June 13th. Please plan on being there, especially if you have earned a Paul Harris, or requested special recognition for a spouse or fellow Rotarian.

Please call Foundation Chair Cheryl Holdcroft with questions or to confirm your status at 938-3241. Thank you to all Rotarians for your generosity in both work and donations this year. What a terrific club!



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Mr. Donald will speak to the club about this Hawaiian Landmark, and plans for the future of this historic site.

INSTALLATION DINNER ENJOYED BY ALL! Over 50 club members enjoyed a lovely dinner and program at the bridge building at Hualalai Academy.

The outgoing board was recognized, incoming board announced, over 30 Paul Harris Recognitions awarded, and a summary of our great year presented by Pres. Dave Buhler.

Bruce Watkins was recognized with the Quiet Rotarian Award,

and Peggy Peckham

was recognized for her work with our club's scholarship program.



Chrys, Guest, Dale, Gretchen and Bruce wait for dinner



A few of the 30 new Paul Harris Award Recipients



President Dave's State of the Year address



Outgoing 2008/2009 ROK Board of Directors



Buns in the Sun provided a delicious cake! A tasty dinner was served by Jackie Reys.



The Ungers, Peckhams and Ken Kjer before dinner



Independence day

saturday, July 4th

parade

beginning at 5:30 pm

& fireworks

over Kailua Bay at 8:30 pm

"CELEBRATE FREEDOM"

GRAND MARSHAL: JUDGE RONALD IBARRA

From Kona Kai's *skateboard Gym (by Kona Post) * Palani Road to Ali'i Drive * Coconut Grove

announcers at

West Hawai'i Today	Kono's Family Buffet	Keiki
King Kamehameha's Hotel	Waterfront Bar	Floats
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award categories

Best Lights
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Presented by the Rotary Club of Kona
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Project Compassion for Three Ring Ranch: Over \$2000 was raised to help our own Kona animal sanctuary.

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