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## At the Podium – Kea Clebsch, Winner, West Hawaii Science Fair July 11, 2019



### A little bit about Kea and her Science Fair Project:

I was raised here in Kailua Kona, Hawaii and I am extremely thankful for the boundless support my family has given me to help me pursue my passions and achieve my goals. I attend Kealahou High School and some of my favorite hobbies include art, videography, and graphic design.

Our entry into the Science Fair was “The ‘Alala Rehabilitation Project.” With this project we are making our best efforts to contribute to the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian Crow. We are very passionate about aiding its reintroduction into the wild and we plan on continuing our research in the future.

## At the Club – Induction Ceremony, June 28, 2019, Kona Vistas



Passing the Torch



Janice, Unofficial Rotarian of the Year



Master Chef, Paul Rees-Thomas, prepared a fantastic meal!

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## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President



I love to travel! But last year, my wife, Gay, and I found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport, we took a walk to people watch. As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.

Aloha from Kona Past President Tom Bierlein



*"I just want you all to know how much I love you and how much fun it has been to*

*serve you as your president. From my heart, ALOHA."*

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## Profiles in Rotary: Richard Farnham



I was born and raised in Vermont. I attended high school in the little town of Essex Junction, completed three years at the University of Vermont in Pre-Med and Mathematics. I received a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. A surprisingly enlightened university in a not-so-enlightened state.

Out of university I moved back to Vermont, where I worked for one architect for three years, only to get laid off during a recession in the early seventies, and another architect for three months, only to get laid off again for the same reason. The was the beginning and the end

of my life as an employee.

It was then I became an entrepreneur. I would like to say that I am a consummate entrepreneur, but if I was being honest, I would have to say I am just a chronic entrepreneur. I offer the following resume:

### VERMONT: 1973 - 1993 (Mostly following my education, training and experience)

Farnham Associates - Architects  
Duffy Farnham Associates - Architects  
RFA Real Estate - Real Estate Brokers  
RFA Inc - Real Estate Developers  
Farnham Associates - Builders  
Farnham Associates - Real Estate Partnership  
Cliffside Associates - Real Estate Holding Company  
Home Town Directories - Local Business Directory

### HAWAII: 1993-2018 (Mostly ignoring my education, training and experience)

The Beach Connection - Beach Gear Rental Shop  
The Beach Guide - Visitor Magazine  
The Activity Connection - Visitor Activity Desk  
The Beach & Activity Guide - Visitor Magazine  
Kona Trading & Provision Company - Mail Order Big Island Products  
Tropicals International - Mail Order Big Island Flowers  
Maps, Beaches and Tours - Visitor Magazine  
Farnham Associates Marketing Solutions - Marketing, Graphic Design, & Web Design  
Alakai Publishing - Magazine and Self Publishing  
Vacation Connection - Travel Agency  
Kona Kwik Print - Small Format Printing  
Koupons - Local Coupon Mailer  
Merchant, Map, & Guide - Local Business Directory  
Footprints - Visitor Walking Tour & Advertiser for Alii Drive  
Tipster - Local Newsletter and Advertiser  
Alii Passport - Local Merchant Discount Program  
Aloha Discount Card - Activity & Restaurant Discount Program  
Kona Biz Net - Video Conferencing Business Network  
Luxury Vacation Rentals Hawaii - Kona Vacation Rentals  
MockStar Studios - YouTube Video Production Company

### TODAY: Married (Nancy), Three Children (Jeremy, Jessica, Alex)

At 73, I am now semi retired, doing primarily graphic design and web design for existing clients. Not looking to be too busy, I still enjoy consulting with new business startups and would welcome a few new graphic design and web clients. I also do some self publishing projects, including a favorite of mine, creating digitized and print family album keepsakes.

### HOBBIES, PAST AND PRESENT:

Past: Camping, Volleyball, Skiing, Sailing, Scuba Diving, Flying. Present: Photography, Video Production and Writing.

You might say I have accomplished a lot. However, it would probably be more accurate to say that I have attempted a lot and accomplished a bit less. I certainly can't be accused of not giving it a try.

One of my accomplishments, and the one of which I am most proud: I was the Rotary Club of Kona's Rotarian of the Year for the year 2004-2005.



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## At Rotary International

ROTARY ANNOUNCES US\$100 MILLION TO ERADICATE POLIO - EVANSTON, ILL - June 10, 2019

Rotary is giving US\$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“We have the wild poliovirus cornered in the smallest geographic area in history, and now there are just two countries that continue to report cases of the wild virus,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “As we work with our partners to apply innovative new strategies to reach more children, and embrace lessons learned thus far, Rotary is doubling down on our commitment to end polio for good. I’m optimistic that the end of polio is within our grasp, but we must remain vigilant in rallying global political and financial support as we push towards a polio-free world.”

While there were only 33 cases of wild poliovirus reported in 2018, the last mile of eradication has proven to be the most difficult. Barriers to eradication—like weak health systems, insecurity, and mobile and remote populations—must be overcome. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan (\$16.3 million), Nigeria (\$10.2 million), and Pakistan (\$25.2 million). Additional funding will support efforts to keep other vulnerable countries polio-free.

## From the Archives – July 13, 2000

RI PRESIDENT FRANK J. DEVLIN'S KEY EMPHASES FOR 2000-01

- Proactive, continuing emphasis on existing R.I. and Rotary Foundation initiatives, Including PolioPlus, literacy, clean water, low-cost shelters, hunger alleviation,
- Preserve Planet Earth, at-risk children and other concerns
- Proactive membership development and retention efforts
- Proactive public relations and media awareness campaigns
- Partnerships with other organizations at the club and district levels
- Innovative, proactive approaches to addressing the following concerns:
  - Population & development, emphasis on programs for girls & women
  - Avoidable blindness
  - Poverty, with a focus on village banking and other methods of improving economic conditions for women and children
  - Crime reduction and violence prevention
  - Jobs for people with disabilities

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Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

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## Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and better friendship? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





## At the Podium – Luke Clebsch, Big Island Music Academy

July 18, 2019



Luke Clebsch, “Truth Musiq,” is a multi-instrumentalist, producer, and educator. He teaches advanced guitar, bass, harmonica, and ukulele, as well as beginning piano and drums. He studied ethnomusicology and jazz guitar at Oberlin College, and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Production from Berklee College of Music. He is also Apple Certified in Logic Pro X.

Luke has a popular YouTube channel called FunkyHarp that teaches people how to play the harmonica from beginning to advanced. He plays with the band Nowelo, and does producing and engineering work for many artists.

## At the Club – 07/11/2019



### Lisa Lowe - Kealakehe 2019 Graduate

Rotary Club of Kona presents Lisa Lowe a certificate for a \$5000 dollar scholarship from Rotary International District 5000.



### Ann Goody - Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary

Rotary Club of Kona matches \$250 donation from Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands in California, and donates to The Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary in honor of Riley Curry for her excellent services and dedication in her off time as a volunteer at The Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary.

## Alexandra Ruff & Kea Clebsch - Winners: Kealakehe - 2019 West Hawaii Science Fair



The ‘Alala or Hawaiian Crow can live up to 20 years or more. They’re endemic to the Island of Hawaii and have been extinct in the wild. Their population began dwindling due to habitat loss and feral predators in the 1900’s, and, by “2002, the last wild individuals, a single pair, occupied less than 20 square kilometers of habitat on the western slope of Mauna Loa. Numerous organizations have been working over the years to reintroduce the ‘Alala into the wild by breeding them in captivity, and restoring areas of their natural habitat. There are current reintroductions to the wild currently taking place in Pu’u Ma-ka’ala. However, ‘Alala rehabilitation organizations have been trying to find new places to release the ‘Alala that is more within the birds’ historical range of living. We hope to contribute to this cause by figuring out if Kaloko is a suitable place for the ‘Alala to be released.

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## President's Position

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RI President



Mark Daniel Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus

on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States, and has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, and the Alabama Law Institute.

He has been active in Decatur's religious community, chairing his church's finance council and a local Catholic school board. He has also served as president of the Community Foundation of Greater Decatur, chair of Morgan County Meals on Wheels, and director of the United Way of Morgan County and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

A Rotarian since 1980, Maloney has served as an RI director; Foundation trustee and vice chair; and aide to 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe. He also has participated in the Council on Legislation as chair, vice chair, parliamentarian, and trainer. He was an adviser to the 2004 Osaka Convention Committee and chaired the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee.

Prior to serving as a district governor, Maloney led a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria.

He also served as Future Vision Committee vice chair; Foundation training institute moderator; Foundation permanent fund national adviser; member of the Peace Centers Committee; and adviser to the Foundation's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools Target Challenge Committee.

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## Profiles in Rotary – BRIAN ASBJORNSON



I always imagined that in my adult life I would be hanging out with my family doing what my family did when I was young: trout fishing, playing ice hockey, deer hunting in the fall, countless hours playing in the lake and hiking with a Golden Retriever. Oh, and a cup of hot chocolate (with marshmallows on top) while watching the Packers' games on Sunday afternoon. I couldn't have imagined much of a different life for what I had was perfect, ideal.

### A few of the bullet points of my life:

- Grew up in Madison Wisconsin, on Merryturn Road with abundant love, support, and adventure.
- Left Madison at 18 to go to university in Minnesota, perhaps the only place colder than Madison.
- Graduated and moved to Tokyo in 1991.
- Met future wife Asako in 1992. Married in 1998. Best decision in my life. She completes me, as they say.
- Completed an M.Ed. and MBA in Tokyo. Gave up on a doctorate after realizing I loved teaching but hated research, and I wasn't that good at it. Another great decision. I did end up spending nearly 15 years teaching at universities in Tokyo.
- Wrote textbooks, scripted radio and television educational programs, magazines, and loved it. Some of the books are now available, used, for 1 yen (a little less than a penny) on Amazon Japan now!
- Our daughter Minami was born in 2005. Her name means "beautiful wave." We have not gone ice fishing, played hockey or watched a (full) Packer game together, but we've probably seen 50 musicals and plays, acted in a play and a movie together, gone on some awesome vacations and spent a lot of time giving our Golden Retriever belly rubs. She starts high school this year. Nothing makes me happier than seeing her become a person with a strong sense of justice, compassion, and focus.
- Rotary, of course, has been a big part of my life for the past 11 years, as I am sure it will be for the rest of my life. Create the community in which you want to live. That's Rotary for me, plain and simple.
- Though it's been many, many moons since my childhood in Wisconsin, I can see how the values of community, independence, and most of all, a strong family have been with me all along.

## Just for Fun

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.  
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.  
Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.  
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

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## At Rotary International

Rotary International announced on 3 June a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

Rotary is a global network whose members take action to make a lasting difference in their communities – and worldwide. ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes in disaster.

What began as a local connection with one Cornish Rotary Club has led to an international movement that's provided 140,000 ShelterBox family tents or 390,000 ShelterKits worldwide to date (a value of over £54 million).

First adopted as a millennium project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in 2000, the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world saw ShelterBox become Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief in 2012. Since then, the partnership has helped transform ShelterBox into an internationally recognized disaster relief charity, supporting families with emergency shelter after disaster.

The partnership extends far beyond financial support. Around 1,000 Rotary members are involved in ShelterBox as volunteers, staff or response team members. And clubs worldwide offer valuable, practical assistance to help ShelterBox reach more families fleeing disaster or conflict.

This has recently included support for families in Malawi flooded from their homes by Cyclone Idai and communities in Lombok devastated by the 2018 earthquake and tsunami (quotes and details at the end of this release).

"ShelterBox has been Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief since 2012, and we are excited to renew the partnership for another three years," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

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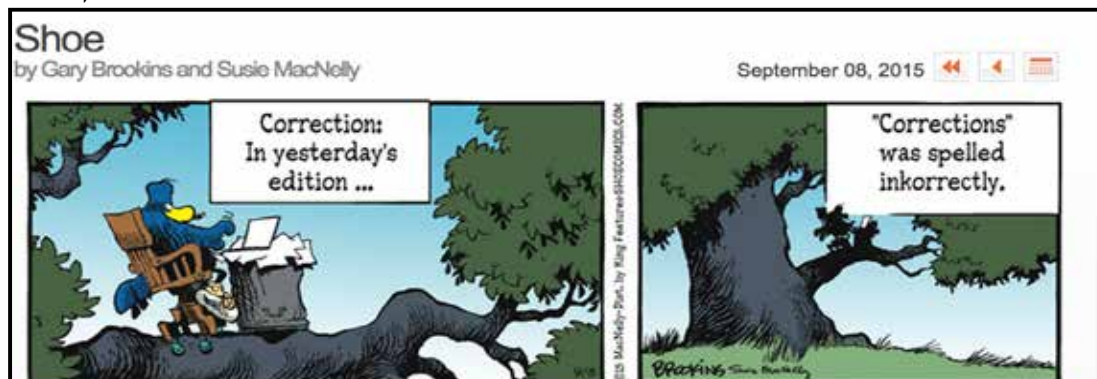
LINDA COBLE —DISTRICT 5000 GOVERNOR, 2000-2001

Aloha and welcome to paradise! Your club is part of District 5000, representing the activities and leadership of the Rotary Clubs on Oahu, Maui, Big Island and Kauai. District 5000 is unique in the Rotary World. More than 2-thousand Rotarians perform Service Above Self under sunny skies, surrounded by fragrant blossoms and swaying palm trees. We gather in weekly fellowship beneath a rainbow of ethnic diversity, infused with the Aloha Spirit. On Behalf of the 37 clubs in District 5000, I invite you to Komo Mai (come in) and experience our Avenue of Service, Hawaiian style.

Mahalo (thank you).

Linda Coble, District Governor

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## At the Podium – Ray Wofford – Vision Testing for Local School Keiki

July 25, 2019

Ray Wofford is the Executive Director of Family Support Hawaii, a non profit providing Early Head Start, early intervention for children with dissent or learning differences, and a program working with foster care families. Family Support Hawaii also has a fatherhood program.

Ray is speaking to remind members about Keiki Vision. Brian and Tom will be doing the vision test training.

## At the Club – 07/18/19



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

Luke Clebsch and members of Big Island Music Academy, BIMA, gave us a real treat with their musicality.



## This Week

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Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

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Vision Testing for Keiki

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Tom Ivascanin

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## President's Position



Eric Kaler

## D5000 District Governor

Eric was first introduced to Rotary in 2000 upon moving to Bali, Indonesia. There he joined the Rotary Club of Bali Nusa Dua. As with most of us, Eric saw the connections and network of Rotary as a way to build trust and relationships with the prominent business people in the area. He naturally also became involved in both the community service and international service projects that the club was engaged with.

In late 2002, when the Bali Bombing attacks occurred, Rotarians in Bali stepped in to help. Through this tragedy, Eric saw first-hand the ability for Rotary, as a volunteer and humanitarian organization, to help in ways that the local Government wasn't able to. Local Rotarians started a co-ordination website for people from around the world who wanted to help the Balinese people in their greatest time of need. The funds raised were enough to back several short- and long-term projects for humanitarian aid to the Bali community. It was in this environment that Eric became Treasurer, President Elect, and President for the Rotary Club of Bali Nusa Dua in RY 2004-05.

# The Coffee Blossom

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## Profiles in Rotary – Tom Fine



I was born in Baltimore, Maryland. When I was 2 weeks old my parents moved to Anne Arundel County, the County that Annapolis, Maryland is in. For simplicity sake, I say I was born and raised in Annapolis, Maryland.

I graduated from a local high school and went to the local Community College. I got an AA degree and went on to the University of Maryland where I got a BS in Business. I had intentions of going to Law School but decided to take a year off first.

I went to work for my father in our family business, a Car Wash and Real Estate Investment Company. I found out that I could make a lot of money without going to school for another 4 years. Law School was out.

My father was a very astute business man and I learned from him. Unlike many children, I admired my father and took his advice. That kept me from making many needless and costly mistakes.

My younger brother was already working with my father and the 3 of us formed a partnership. My brother and I would run the businesses and my father would put together Real Estate deals. We made a lot of money. I eventually bought the Car Wash from my father.

How I got to Hawaii is a long story that will have to be told at another time. The short version is, my family and I visited here in 2000 and we moved here in 2002.

I sold everything in Maryland and did 1031, tax free exchanges for property here. I am semi-retired and do the property management for my properties.

I enjoy the Hawaiian life style and way of living. I enjoy talking story as part of my work and I have no desire to go back to Maryland.

Rotary was an important part of my life and success in Maryland. It opened doors that would have never been opened. When I moved to Kona, it was never any question about me joining another Rotary Club. It took me 6 months to get approved and inducted into the Rotary Club of Kona. I thought that was ridiculous. When David Rees-Thomas and I became Membership co-chairs, I vowed to streamline the process. It now takes 4 to 6 weeks to be inducted and that is too long, but certain prerequisites need to be followed.

I have been in Rotary 46 years and loved every moment. I hope to stay involved as long as I can.

## Just for Fun – Ordering Pizza

Is this Gordon's Pizza? *No sir, it's Google Pizza.*

I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry. *No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.*

I would like to order a pizza. *Do you want your usual, sir?*

My usual? Do you know me? *According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meat balls on a thick crust.*

Ok! That's what I want. *May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?*

What? I detest vegetables! *Your cholesterol is not good, sir.*

How the hell do you know? *Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.*

Okay, but I do not want your vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol. *Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX network, 4 months ago.*

I bought more from another drugstore. *That doesn't show on your credit card statement.*

I paid in cash. *But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.*

I have other sources of cash. *That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.*

What the hell?? *I'm sorry, sir, we use information only with the sole intention of helping you.*

Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, FaceBook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable tv, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me. *I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago.*



# The Coffee Blossom



## At Rotary International – What's all the Buzz about Bees?



Recently, Rotaract clubs throughout Germany were looking for a signature project and decided to concentrate on the environment. After watching a Swiss documentary on bees, "More than honey," one Rotaractor became passionate about focusing our attention on protecting these little superheroes. Did you know, for instance, that wild bees are responsible for pollinating more than 80 percent of our crops and wild plants? We can't survive without them.

Most of the dangers to bees are man-made. Climate change, monotonous agricultural landscapes, and pesticides are just a few of the many reasons why our little yellow friends are dying in ever-increasing numbers.

With the project "BeeAlive" German Rotaractors began to support wild bees by building bee hotels, educating people about the threat to the bee population, and sowing wildflower meadows. All German Rotaract clubs participated, starting with the most northern club of Flensburg, which visited a beekeeper with their sponsor Rotary club. The southern-most Rotaract club in Germany, Kempten Allgäu, planted a meadow of more than 32,000 square feet for bees to pollinate.

## From the Archives – July 27, 2001

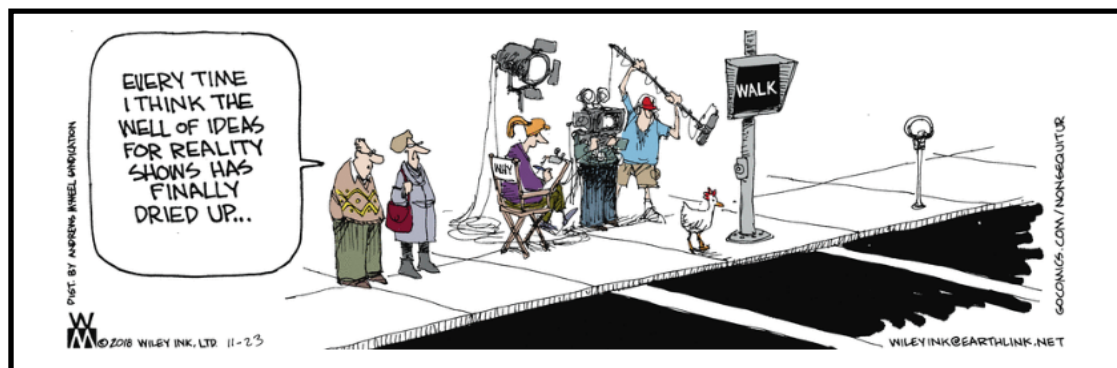


As the Internet revolution gains momentum, Rotarians are preparing to make the most of cutting edge technology. Rotary founder, Paul Harris, often pondered the impact of technology on society in general, and this organization in particular. Writing in the 1940s, he described how "great steamships bridged the seas to advance understanding and good-will sponsored by Rotary." He looked ahead to predict that Rotary conventions soon would assemble under "skies full of planes from all the cities of the world."

"Nothing but good can come of such meetings of men united in the common ideal of service," he observed of the enhanced communication opportunities made possible by technology.

If only Paul Harris had lived long enough to see the advent of e-mail, the Internet and the World Wide Web — there's little doubt he quickly would have recognized their potential to help Rotarians more effectively carry out RI's humanitarian mission.

## Just for Fun



## Rotary Calendar

### MEET N' EAT

Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria

Free dinners for those in need  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

PUT FOR PAWS GOLF TOUR  
Saturday, July 6 - 7AM Register  
Makani (Big Island) Golf Club  
\$150 per person • 808-334-3361,  
Lauren@HIHS.org

VOLCANOES PARK FESTIVAL  
Saturday July 13 - 10AM to 3 PM  
Park Kahuku Unit/Vol House  
808-985-6101

AFTERNOON AT PALACE  
Sunday, July 21 - 1 to 6 PM  
Hulihee Palace/Alii Drive  
HKVEvents@Yahoo.com

## Member Birthdays

July 02 - Rebecca Hamar  
July 10 - Jenaya Rockman  
July 14 - Preston Crowl  
July 17 - Tom Fine  
July 28 - Ben Noyes  
July 29 - Carol Brown  
July 31 - Andrew DeVaney

## Date Joined Anniversaries

July 01 - Erin Thompson  
July 07 - Marcia Goldman-Manker

## Wedding Anniversaries



## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM  
Humpy's Restaurant  
Above ABC Store  
75-5815 Alii Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Podium – Reese Mates – Shelter Box USA



Reese was raised in San Diego & Chicago. She is happily married to her best friend Steven and has four children, with the youngest still at home and a sophomore at University of Hawaii, Hilo.

She studied at Mira Costa College in Oceanside, California where she received a Paramedics license. She is currently a stay-at-home Goddess and a 10 year Rotarian.

August 01, 2019

## This Week

Thursday, 12:00 Noon  
Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

Program:  
Reese Mates  
Shelter Box USA

Greeter:  
Brian Asbjornson

Door Prize:  
Renee Kraft

## At the Club – 07/25/19

Ray Woffard with the help of Brian Asbjornsen, Tom Fine and James Resor gave an excellent presentation about Keiki Vision, including a tutorial on just how the process works. The next Keiki Vision testing of third graders is going up soon and all are urged to help out. It takes about two dozen volunteers to run a successful Keiki Vision event.



**Keiki Vision Screening Form** Screen 5/19

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 3 Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Does student have glasses? ☐ - Y ☐ - N Wearing them now? ☐ - Y ☐ - N

EXTERNAL OBSERVATION	Right Eye	Left Eye
Red, swollen eye & eyelids	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Crusty eyelids	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Unequal pupil size or shape	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Growth on lid or eye	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Crossing or drifting of eyes	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Cloudy looking eyes	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Drooping eyelids	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Eyes in constant motion	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Constant tilting or turning of head	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N
Covering or winking one eye	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N	<input type="checkbox"/> - Y <input type="checkbox"/> - N

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

	Right Eye	Left Eye
Distance Vision	1 2	1 2
Far-sighted Vision Flippers	1 2	1 2
Near Vision	1 2	1 2

EYE MOVEMENTS	Right Eye	Left Eye
Direction of Gaze	1 2	1 2
Near Point Convergence	1 2	1 2
Stereo Vision	1 2	1 2
Color Vision	1 2	1 2

## Coming Up

Programs:

Marshall Akamu	08/08
Dr. Monica Scheel	08/15
Rotary Day	08/22
Dana Butler	08/29
Laura Varney	09/05
Jeffrey Werle	09/12
Bonnie Kinzie	09/19
Jim & Janice Gustin	09/26

Greeters:

Brian Asbjornson	08/08
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Door Prize:

Dani Knapp	08/08
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## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President



During 2019-2020, I am encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to grow Rotary. We must grow our service, we must grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, we must grow our membership so that we can achieve more.

Let us try a new approach to membership, one that is more organized and strategic. I am asking every club to form an active membership committee consisting of people of different backgrounds who will look methodically at the leadership of the community.

Your club's membership committee will then apply Rotary's classification system — designed to ensure that the range of professions in your community is well represented — to identify potential leaders with the skill, the talent, and the character that will strengthen your club. If your club's membership committee is unsure how to proceed, look to the club membership committee checklist on [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) for clearly defined steps to organizing its work.

How else will we connect to grow Rotary? We will also form new types of clubs — either independent clubs or satellite clubs — with different meeting experiences and engaging service opportunities, not just where there is no Rotary, but also where Rotary is already thriving. No Rotary club in the world can possibly serve all segments of its community. Therefore, we must organize new clubs to engage the community leaders who cannot connect with our existing clubs.

Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organization unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them. Let us commit ourselves to growing Rotary and to welcoming the next diverse generation of women and men as *Rotary Connects the World*.

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## Profiles in Rotary – Janice Gustin



I was born and mostly raised in Long Beach, California. So beach and ocean have always been my special place. At the end of my first year in High School, my Father was transferred to Santa Barbara, California. I wasn't thrilled with the move because I was finally enjoying school, but the move turned out to be life changing for me.

My size has been a major part in defining who I am today through the good and the bad. As a kid, I was doted on by a Grandmother who felt I shouldn't be allowed to do things because I was too small. That naturally meant I had to prove that I could do things despite being small. One example would be mowing the lawn. In those days the only lawn mowers were push mowers, and it was big as me, but I proved I could do it and regularly mowed the lawn!

I stopped growing around 10 or 11 years old. The biggest negative of my size were the kids who taunted me as "skinny" all through elementary and junior high school. Because of the negative attention I was a very shy withdrawn child.

So, when I say I was finally enjoying school, what it really means is that my size, once I reached high school age, was finally looked at as unique and fun.

My parents, in their many attempts to "draw me out" of my shy shell, enrolled my sister and I in the Rainbow Girls Masonic organization. Once we transferred to the Santa Barbara chapters, this was the organization that totally changed my life. Since my size was now fun, it drew positive attention from my peers and their parents and I made lots of friends. Rainbow girls drew me out of my shell, helped me develop confidence in myself and as I moved up the "ranks" to "president" it taught me leadership skills.

Santa Barbara is a beautiful town with hills and oceans much as we have here, and I found peace and contentment along with my new found confidence. And more importantly, I found Jim and we married in Santa Barbara in 1970 after I graduated from Santa Barbara City College.

To continue our college educations we moved back to the Long Beach area after we got married. I enrolled at Long Beach State College. After living in the small community of Santa Barbara, a big state college was too overwhelming and the teaching degree I was looking for, was "a dime a dozen" in those days. So I had to figure out Plan B.

I was interested in the dental field because I had spent most of my life in dental chairs with dentists and orthodontists trying to figure out how to get my very overcrowded teeth to line up and look good. Note – another side effect of my petite size that I had to overcome. In the 70's licensing dental assistants was developing as a new field. If you got a certificate in a 2 year course, you could perform some of the dentist's duties on the patient. This was my Plan B.

I graduated from the dental program at Long Beach City College in 1972, and worked in a dental office for 3 years before we decided we'd had enough of the big city. My Father had been transferred to Sacramento, so we moved as well.

I found a small dental office to work for in the suburbs of Sacramento. I was the only staff for a while, so assisted and managed the reception desk. I worked with this dentist for 5 years before moving to another dental office in Sacramento. I worked and managed Dr. Schauer's dental office for 10 years. I left only because we went cruising on our sailboat. Computers were rare in dental offices at this time, but Dr. Schauer wanted me to set the office up on computer before I left to go cruising. This learning experience, of setting up computers, was valuable to me many times over in the years to follow. I still have a great relationship with Dr. Schauer and his family today.



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## Profiles in Rotary – Janice Gustin (cont)

For our first retirement, Jim and I left San Francisco in October of 1990 and began our 6 year adventure of sailing all around the Pacific, which is a long story in itself. On Christmas Eve of 1996, we sailed into Guam's harbor to return to work and refill the dwindled coffers. Thus ended our first retirement!

On Guam I worked for the Seventh Day Adventist Medical Clinic in their dental department. I was hired to set them up with computers to allow that department to become independent from the rest of the clinic. They wanted to be able to do their own collections, bill insurance, make appointments and begin changing to paperless patient records. This took me 2 years to find software, get the computers, hire and train the staff. It was really rewarding to see it all come together. Since experienced dental assistants were hard to find, I also taught dental assisting and managed the staff of 30 until we left in 2003 and moved to the Big Island.

After the stress of managing the large dental clinic on Guam, I was ready for something simpler and less stressful and nothing dental! For about 9 months, I worked for the residential lending department at Bank Of Hawaii but the position was eliminated. In my search for something else, I interviewed with Century 21 All Islands for a manager position but did not initially get the job. When I saw the broker in Wal Mart one evening, he mentioned the person he hired didn't work out. He also said he did not hire me because of my size (there it is again). He said I would need to be able to move printers and copiers to take them out for repairs and he didn't think I could manage. Jim asked him if he could lift his own weight, he said no, and Jim told him I could lift my own weight. He laughed and liked the spunk and I got the job.

I worked for Century 21 All Islands for 9 years. By then Jim's fitness repair business had grown so much, I retired to help Jim with his business. He was the only one on island installing and repairing fitness equipment, so he had a nice niche. We sold the business to our nephew and on January 1, 2017, and we are now officially retired (our 2nd retirement,) and now focusing on giving back to the community.

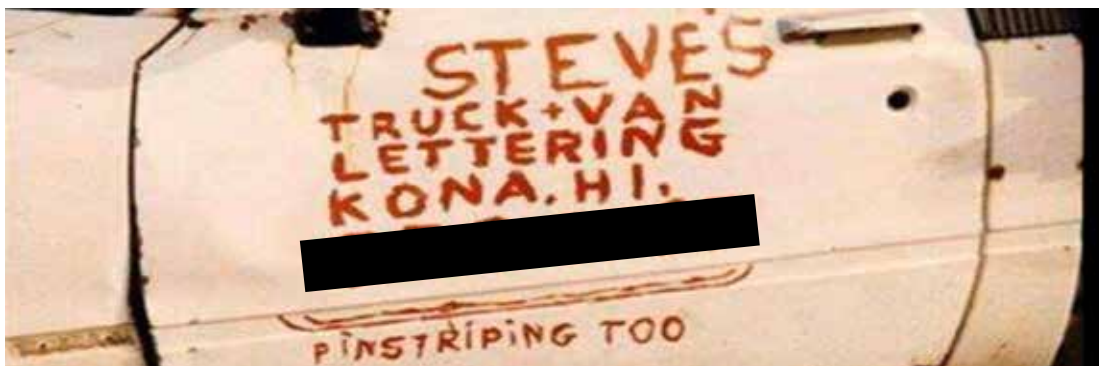
## From the Archives – August 2, 2001

### Kona Exchange Student Off to Brazil

Jay Mealani Antonio, a 16-year-old junior from Kealahou High School, will be this year's Rotary Youth Exchange student from Kona. She will be going to Brusque, Santa Catarina, Brazil, which is in the southern part of the country (near the sea). Jay admits that another youth exchange student, Bruna Lima from Brazil, was a big factor in her choice of country. She has always been a soccer player and is enthused about playing "football" in Brazil.

Jay leaves Kona on August 7 for her 9-months' stay in Brusque, where she will be living with a host family with three siblings, the oldest of whom will be going to Massachusetts as a Rotary Exchange Student. So far, the only words Jay knows in Portuguese are that she is a foreign exchange student from the USA State of Hawaii. A good start!

## Just for Fun – Lucky We Live Kona



## Rotary Calendar

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Free dinners for those in need  
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www.RelayForLife.org/konahi.

HOSPICE OF KONA - ROYAL  
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August 08, 2019

I was born and raised in Ka'u. Graduated at The University Of Hawaii Hilo with a associate degree in criminal law. I was a business owner and retired 7 years ago.

I'm currently working at The Food Basket in Kona as their West & North Hawaii Operations Manager. The Food Basket is the only Food Bank on Hawaii Island. We help everyone who need help with food. We also have other programs that we do, for example we are in charge with the Snap Outreach program. We have the Kapuna program. The HKH program, the box program, the bux program, keiki backpack program.



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Dani Knapp

## At the Club – 08/01/19 – Reese Mates – Shelter Box USA

Dave Buehler introduced Reese Mates, a long time Rotarian in California and now Hilo. Reese gave an excellent presentation on the Shelter Box Usa program, a program that Rotary helps support and which provides emergency shelter and tools for displaced families around the world.



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### Profiles in Rotary –



I was born in Melrose Park, Illinois in 1945. My father had severe arthritis and it was recommended that he move to a warmer climate. So when I was 3, we moved to Tucson, Arizona.

At the age of 5 I developed polio and thus began lots of rehab and lots of missed school. But I was lucky in the extent of my polio and through all the rehab and hard work, I was thrilled to be able to be a pole vaulter and a long jumper in my senior year of high school, and I won the award for the most fit non lettering student.

My father worked at the YMCA and some of my rehab was through the YMCA, so it flowed naturally that I would become involved with YMCA as a counselor for camps and I taught archery, swimming, rifle range, and crafts as an all around staff member. After one semester at university, I knew I needed to do something else. I went down to the recruiting offices and met with the different services branches, and decided to join the Marine Corps.

I entered boot camp in January 1965, and if boot camp wasn't hard enough, my Mother passed away during that time, making it really hard because you are never given time to grief. In the later part of my 3 years in the Marines, I would also lose my Dad. After boot camp, I was sent to Kaneohe Marine Base for pre Vietnam training. My time at Kaneohe Bay counted as overseas time, so I only had to do 9 months in Vietnam. I entered Vietnam by dropping from a helicopter, and would later be very sorry for showing off how well I could swim. Since my superiors knew I could swim well, I had to lead and move equipment across a river while being shot at. I was lucky that my time on the front ended up being short. The fact that I had typing in high school was that unforeseen piece of luck. My Sargent, who was transferred to the supply station, took me with him because of that typing class.

My strong interest was photography, so after serving my time in the Marines, I used the GI bill and went to Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California and earned my BA of Fine Arts. During those years in Santa Barbara, Janice and I met and married in 1970 and moved to Long Beach, CA. In 1971 I went to work in a local camera store, in Long Beach. I managed their photo lab, processing all aspects black and white film. My photography interest was focused around commercial photography, not portrait or wedding photography. When the opportunity came in 1972, I went to work for a company that produced slide presentations for TV commercials, lectures, and training programs for large corporations. It was a fun job, but computers were changing the photography world. Corporations were turning to Powerpoint instead of slide presentations. To stay in this field, I would need to live in San Francisco or New York and we decided we did not want to live in a "big city".

We moved to Sacramento 1975 and I began my search for a job in something other than photography. I am mechanically inclined so, initially went to work for the U-Haul company. My job was to establish new dealers and to service the equipment at the dealers I represented.

In 1979 I went to work in the parts department, for a Mazda and Volkswagen dealership. I spent some of my time at the parts counter in the dealership, and some time outside the office doing sales to establish new accounts for the parts department. I was employed there for 10 years until the business sold.

At that time Janice and I lived on our boat in the San Francisco Bay, so I took a one year job at the parts department of an auto dealership in San Francisco. At the end of the one year time, Janice and I left on our boat to cruise the South Pacific Ocean for 6 years. We ended our cruise on December 24th, 1996 on Guam. During our 6 years on Guam, I returned to working auto parts. I worked at a dealership for a couple years, then switched

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to a company that did wholesale tires and batteries. I represented several facilities on island selling and maintaining their supply of batteries and tires. The most enjoyable and biggest account was keeping the Navy Commissary supplied with batteries and tires.

We moved to the Big Island in March 2003, where I completed my courses to become a Personal Trainer and went to work for Gold's Gym. My mechanical abilities also helped with repairing the fitness equipment at Gold's Gym. Occasionally people and resorts would call Gold's Gym for someone who could look at their fitness equipment and I would agree to go look. I started looking at resort equipment in 2004 and the Fairmont was my first client.

When Gold's Gym went away, I went to work for Lex Brodie's and did Personal Training for clients in their homes. The fitness repair business continued to grow and I established contracts with manufactures to install equipment and do their warranty work. Since I was the only person on island repairing and installing fitness equipment, the business steadily grew and I was able to leave Lex Brodie's to go completely on my own. I would see personal training clients early in the morning and repair equipment the rest of the day. Eventually Janice would leave her employment to help me as well. I was an avid cyclist, but have been hit by cars twice, once in 2010 and then again in December 2014. Due to those accidents it was challenging for me to continue to work, so my nephew and his Air Force buddy purchased the business and took over January 1, 2018.

I am now officially retired from the fitness repair business, but still do a bit of Personal Training. Now I have time to give back to the community that has served me well. I do still enjoy hearing about my old business and sharing with my nephew. I think it will always be a part of me.

## From the Archives – August 7, 2003 (At the Club)



Last week's meeting marked the first issue of the new format Coffee Blossom. Several positive comments marked the debut and a few suggestions for changes, most notably a need for the email version to be in a four page format instead the large two page format. This issue reflects the change. Bulletin editor Richard Farnham is still looking for someone to take notes of the meetings for this section of the Bulletin.

Joan Parker was the speaker at last week's meeting and gave an interesting talk on the importance of reading aloud to children (and teenagers and even adults). She ended her talk by reading a favorite children's story to the membership. Mahalo

Joan for a great talk and delightful story.

Two potential new members have been approved by the Board for your consideration. Diane Ilstrup is a former Rotarian from Rochester, Minnesota (01/88 to present). She was Principal of John Marshall High School. Her proposed classification will be Education Administration Consultant. Her sponsor is President Bev Fraser. Howard Martin is a former Hilo Rotarian (1988 to present). His proposed classification is Chiropractor/Massage Therapist and his sponsor is Allen Kono.

## Just for Fun – Credit Cards are so Convenient

Dilbert Classics by Scott Adams

August 14, 2015



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT

Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealahke Intermediate School  
Cafeteria

Free dinners for those in need  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - RELAY FOR LIFE  
August 17 - 18, 808-989-7067,  
Anne.PRFLKona@gmail.com  
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Dr. Scheel is a Board Certified Dermatologist with over 20 years of experience in skin conditions and treatments for the skin, hair, and nails. She began her skin wellness center in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, out of a desire to offer patients a personalized expert visit for their skin concerns. Dr. Scheel's vision has been achieved by creating a practice that includes state of the art technology, a caring staff, a beautiful office, time to listen to her patients' concerns and customized treatment plans.

## At the Club

AUGUST 7 : MEET AND EAT, ROTARY AT WORK - Preparing to feed hungry families at Kealahou Middle School! Great food! Even the workers had a bite!



## SURF FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PLANS MEMORIAL DAY FOR FALLEN LIFEGUARD -



To those who knew her as a colleague or as a friend, Joy Mills-Ferren — “Auntie Joy” to many — was a woman whose talents, especially as a lifeguard, were “un-surpassed.” “She was a tremendous, conscientious person,” said Susan Olson, friend and neighbor of the woman. “She was full of love, and ‘joy’ reflected her name.”

She is also remembered for her generosity, such as her involvement with Surf for Special Needs, a local nonprofit organization that aims to create opportunities for people to experience the ocean whether on a surfboard, paddleboard or in a canoe. And to honor her, that organization is hosting a memorial surf day at Kahaluu Bay's north beach on Aug. 17.

## AUGUST 8: MARSHALL AKAMU SPEAKS ABOUT THE FOOD BASKET



Mission: To end hunger in Hawai'i County.

Vision: Hawai'i County will be a model for food security and sustainability through the leadership of The Food Basket, a trusted and stable agency distributing the safest and highest quality food for Hawai'i County.

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## Convention Update – From Janice Gustin

Aloha Club Members,

I am the Point of Contact for the 2020 Rotary International Convention Host Organization Committee, HOC for short, and my job is to keep the Club up-to-date on the convention and also the HOC activities.



As a recap, the 111th international convention is well underway with about 18,000 already registered. Imagine Rotarians from all over the world coming to Hawaii to experience the Power of Rotary and enjoy our island hospitality! There will be lots of collaboration on projects and partnerships, lots to learn about Rotary and a lot of inspiration from awesome speakers. The convention will take place at the Hawaii Convention Center June 6 to 10, 2020. There will be great speakers, maybe 100 breakout sessions and several hundred booths in the House of Friendship.

Rotary International is responsible for the convention logistics, the program, speakers, breakouts and the House of Friendship. The HOC is responsible for the local events, which includes 2 lunch cruises, a windward fishpond service project, a walk for peace in Ala Moana park, host hospitality and a fabulous concert at the Waikiki Shell. We have a website for registrants to sign up for the HOC events and also tours and activities.

In order to cover the expenses, we need your help with donations and sponsorships. If you would like to donate or can reach out to your company contacts, it would be much appreciated. If the amount is \$6,000 or higher, please let Sonya Mendez, the Sponsorship Chair know, because we need to get Rotary International's approval first.

We also need a lot of volunteers. If you would like to greet people at the airport, provide info at the Convention Center or just want to be in the thick of the action, sign up either on the HOC or District website. This is an initial volunteer registration. You'll have a chance to choose your shift later this year.

This convention is an opportunity for you to see the Rotary big picture without having to pay a lot for airfare and hotel rooms. It will bring a lot of attention to Hawaii, not to mention revenue for the State. So, what are you waiting for, register now before the price goes up in December.

Here are web addresses for more information:

The HOC website is: [www.rotaryhonolulu2020.org](http://www.rotaryhonolulu2020.org)

The District website is: [www.rotaryd5000.org](http://www.rotaryd5000.org)

The Rotary International website to register is: [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

Thank you for listening and I hope you will take action to donate, volunteer and register for the convention. It's going to be a memorable opportunity for us to share the Aloha spirit with Rotarians from around the world, make lasting friendships - and learn more about Rotary ourselves!



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## At Rotary International – Convention Countdown

### HONOLULU MUSEUMS

In Honolulu, you will find natural beauty, adventure, and relaxation. The Hawaiian capital, which will host the 2020 Rotary International Convention from 6 to 10 June, is also home to fascinating museums. So as you make plans to hit the beach or experience a luau, be sure to set aside time to visit a few of these institutions.

Learn about the history of the Hawaiian Islands at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum ([bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org)), which boasts the world's largest collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts and natural history specimens.

View Hawaiian art, along with Japanese woodblock prints and European and American prints and drawings, at the Honolulu Museum of Art ([honoluluuseum.org](http://honoluluuseum.org)).

Tour the Iolani Palace ([iolanipalace.org](http://iolanipalace.org)), which was the royal residence of the rulers of the Kingdom of Hawaii and contains a collection of artifacts ranging from glassware to military insignia.

Remember those who sacrificed their lives in war and reflect on Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial ([nps.gov/valr](http://nps.gov/valr)) and the USS Arizona Memorial. Plan your visit and reserve your tickets before you leave for Hawaii (limited walk-in tickets are also available).

• Don't miss the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu. Register at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) by 15 December to save. (Local Note: This is a chance for all Hawaiian Rotarians to attend an International Convention for a very affordable cost)

• This story originally appeared in the August 2019 issue of The Rotarian magazine.

## From the Archives – 08/16/01 (Humor)

Q: What occurs more often in December than any other month?

A: *Conception.*

Q: What separates "60 Minutes," on CBS from every other TV show?

A: *There is no theme song (unless you count the clock tick as a theme song).*

Q: Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A: *Their birthplace.*

Q: Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A: *Obsession.*

Q: If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A: *One thousand.*

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A: *They were all invented by women.*

Q: What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A: *Honey.*

Q: What day are there the most collect calls made out of the entire year?

A: *Father's Day.*

Q: What trivial fact about Mel Blanc (the voice for Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic?

A: *He was allergic to carrots.*

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A: *Snooping through the medicine cabinet.*

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## At the Podium – Ross Birch – Hawaii Island Visitors Bureau

**MARKETING TO AN EVERCHANGING TOURISM LANDSCAPE** - Ross Birch has been executive director of the Island of Hawaii Visitors Bureau for the past six years. The bureau, which changed its name from the Big Island Visitors Bureau in 2016, has been at the forefront of persuading tourists to return to the island following the Kilauea volcano eruptions from May to August of last year. He is currently leading the destination marketing efforts for the Island of Hawaii



Ross was born in Cedar Rapids, IA and raised in a small town with a population of 3000 called Belle Plaine. He moved to Hawaii soon after graduating HS. He has been married to his wife Tammie for 24 years, has 3 boys, not really boys – their ages 28, 23 & 15. He is a grandfather of 1 grandson 19 months. His mother and sister still live in Iowa. He attended Mississippi State University with a major in Professional Golf Management. His second internship in his junior year brought him to Hawaii.

## At the Club – Dr. Monica Scheel – Dr. Monica Scheel Dermatology

Dr. Scheel is a Board Certified Dermatologist with over 20 years of experience in skin conditions and treatments for the skin, hair, and nails. She gave an information and fascinating presentation enjoyed by all.



Great to see President John back at the podium.

August 22, 2019

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## In the Community – Surf for Special Needs Event on Aug 17

Tom Bierlein dropped in to visit with our new friends at Surf for Special Needs. He took a few photos of the event.

Judging by all the smiles and laughter, it was a perfect day on the water for the Joy Mills-Ferren Memorial Surf for Special Needs Saturday at Kahaluu Beach. The event honored Mills-Ferren, a lifeguard and Surf for Special Needs volunteer who was killed last August by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide.



Surf For Special Needs' purpose is to share the healing power of our ocean with special needs families bound by physical and mental limitations and their families. To provide inclusive, family-oriented events and activities unique to our island's culture. To educate participants about the ocean. The ocean is an amazing educational space and tool and in and around it individuals learn about water safety and culture. S4SN advocates and helps families find what they need within our island community by providing a network of caregiver support and resources. We are built upon the principles of Aloha (love) and Ohana (family) and we celebrate ability vs. disability.



Joy Mills-Ferren



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## At Rotary International –

### WATER PROJECT UNITES LEBANON CLUBS ACROSS ALL DIVIDES



A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on and a few other clubs followed suit.

Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country's Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.

"Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education," says Mouawad. "The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity."

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon's government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

"We are building peace and understanding," she says. "There has never been anything quite like this in our country."

## From the Archives – August 26, 2004

### AT THE CLUB - MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED



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

George was a dedicated Rotarian for much of his adult life. He was always known as a great story teller and several of his entertaining and endearing stories have graced the pages of the Coffee Blossom in years past.

Most of us in Kona Rotary knew George casually or well. We will always remember his congenial demeanor, his wonderful sense of humor and his generous spirit.

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Ging Ging Fernandez, principal consultant for Dartagnan Consulting and project manager for the Hawai'i Road Usage Charge Project (HiRUC), has over 19 years of experience in the transportation and communications engineering industries.

Ging Ging will be speaking about HiRUC, the state Department of Transportation's three year research into road usage charges, which is an exploration of charging drivers by the mile versus a tax by the gallon at the pump to maintain Hawaii's roads. She will be addressing the second phase of the project, where volunteers will be tapped to "test drive" how a road usage charge may work in practicality.

She is a seasoned project manager with experience overseeing system deployments, transportation outreach and education, and conducting transportation research. Ms. Fernandez most enjoys working in cross-cultural environments to achieve consensus amongst a wide range of stakeholders. She has worked in Asia, Europe, Abu Dhabi, and across the United States.

## At the Club – August 22, 2019



**Lance Rae of TLCPR Public Relations Company** dropped by to tell Kona Rotarians about the State's Walk Wise Hawaii program. Lance passed out reflective arms bands and urged everyone to remember the Pedestrian Pledge: "I pledge, as a good pedestrian, to always look left, to always look right, to always look left again, and continue looking while crossing the street."



**Tom Fine introduces Alysia Dinneen** to the Club. Sponsored by Janice and Jim Gustin, David Rees-Thomas explains the significance of being a Rotarian to Rotary Club of Kona's newest Rotarian.



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## Just for Fun – Doing Business in Hawaii



I moved to Hawaii 18 years ago fully intending to retire, or at least semi-retire. The plan was to spend my days relaxing in paradise. I looked forward to leisurely days of sipping mai-tais on the lanai and reading all the books I'd never had time for. I eagerly anticipated dabbling in the workshop, on fun projects previously abandoned or not yet begun. I envisioned Saturdays on the tennis court and Sundays at the beach. It was a good plan, structured yet flexible, designed to stimulate mind and body yet avoid anxiety and stress. And it would have worked except for one minor glitch: reality. It turns out, that as wonderful a

place as Hawaii is to live, affordable it is not. My nest egg turned out to be not much nest and even less egg. My retirement plans were shelved; I went back to work; and having been self-employed for over 25 years and thus completely unemployable, I started a business (actually more than one).

The first of many businesses was a snorkel and beach gear rental shop. Off the beaten path, with little money for marketing and lots of competition, the shop lasted about a year. I like to think of the experience as an \$80,000, 12 month, non-credit (pardon the pun), postgraduate course entitled "How Not To Do Business in Hawaii." It was proof of the popular Hawaiian adage, which we all seem destined to learn the hard way: "the way to make a small fortune in Hawaii is to start with a large one."

The second business, a faltering attempt to salvage the first business, was a modest visitor magazine about the beaches and activities available on the Big Island, named in a moment of inspiration, The Beach and Activity Guide to the Big Island. A surprisingly popular publication, our first print run, which we could afford, lasted about three days. Our next print run, which we couldn't, lasted nearly five times as long. The BAG, as we affectionately called it, was our introduction to the all-too-common and universally dreaded Hawaii phenomenon, "the almost-success." Unlike real success, which can provide a living, if not fame and fortune, and unlike dismal failure, which provides a valuable lesson and allows one to move on, almost-success is a cunning creature that resembles real success, yet at the end of the day, or year, or decade, leaves you with little cash, little confidence, and little else.

Many businesses followed. A larger visitor magazine, twice expanded and once reinvented, was a real success. Eventually it was sold, unfortunately to an unscrupulous investor who had neither much cash nor the least hint of a clue. The business was a success; the sale was a dismal failure. We learned our lesson and moved on. A restaurant-and-shops discount program, complete with colorful brochure and embossed plastic membership card, was an almost-success: three rounds, three draws, no harm, no foul, no cigar. A luxury vacation rental property had it all. Real success for a while, admittedly a short while, almost-success for a while longer, and eventually, dismal failure. Another postgraduate course completed (you don't want to know the tuition), another lesson learned, another opportunity for onward moving.

Today my business is marketing. Coupled with graphic design and publishing, it has all the markings of success. With lots of hard work, a little help from friends and family, and a little upturn in the economy, I might be able to retire, or semi-retire, in just a few more years, only 20 years or so behind schedule. I shouldn't feel bad: unofficial statistics indicate that of all the people who move to Hawaii and start a business, 50% to 60% give up and leave the islands within a year, usually having been very successful in making a "small fortune in Hawaii."

With this in mind, and for all those who move to Hawaii with such dreams, my marketing company makes this amazing offer: "We guarantee to save you 75% of your first-year start-up costs in any new business." Normally our methodology is a closely held secret, but I will divulge it here for the very first time. First we prepare for you a thoroughly researched and meticulously delineated business plan for the first year, carefully calculating all costs associated with the first-year operation, including a specific exit strategy. Then we implement the exit strategy. You cut us a check for 25% of those calculated costs, and we buy you a ticket home.



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## At Rotary International – Right at Home



In December 2002, after 25 years of homelessness, drug addiction, and time in prison, Alan Evans was desperate. Alan Evans is a member of the Rotary Club of Seaside, Oregon. He had been contemplating suicide. Instead, he decided to get arrested again. So he made some fake checks on his computer and tried to cash them at a grocery store in Seaside, on the Oregon coast. When Evans got caught, Sergeant Mark Whistler of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department recognized the crime for what it was: a cry for help.

Whistler told him, "You're not a bad person. You're just sick." He urged Evans to get help. Evans took the advice and got clean. In 2004, Evans started a nonprofit called Thugz Off Drugz that offered services to other ex-convicts who were struggling with homelessness and addiction. But after the economic crash in 2008, he started to see a new group of people — people who had never been in trouble with the law or involved with drugs. "The face of homelessness changed then," Evans says. "Average people were falling out of the system."

Evans realized that he needed to make some changes to the program. For one thing, the name didn't fit anymore — not with senior citizens and moms and children in need of help. And it needed to serve more people. In 2004, the organization ran one shelter with eight beds. Today, it's called Helping Hands and it operates 11 facilities with more than 200 beds in four Oregon counties.

One of the members of the Helping Hands board, Mike Caruso, was a Rotarian, and in 2008, Caruso invited Evans to a District 5100 conference to try to persuade Rotary to help his organization. At the conference, Evans saw a video about polio eradication and decided to join Rotary.

"I wanted to be like that," he says. "I had spent my life surviving and wanting to change, and I didn't realize that change happens when we give." Evans joined the club in 2010. This June, he finished a stint as club president.

"When I first joined Rotary, I was scared to death. I didn't ever think I would be accepted by this group of people," Evans says. "But I was wrong. I was welcomed with open arms, and this is my family now."

## From the Archives – August 29, 2002



### MAUNA KEA ASTRONOMY EDUCATION CENTER

George Jacob is the Project Director of the \$28 million Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center being planned at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. Mr. Jacob was educated at the University of Toronto and the Birla Institute of Technology & Science with degrees in Physics, Museum Studies

and Industrial Design. He has over 16 years of museum planning and design experience, having worked on assignment in 11 countries. He trained at the Smithsonian Institution and has held many senior positions including the Directorship of a Planetarium and Science museum complex and most recently as the Vice President of Exhibits and Design

at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. He has served on the Board of Commonwealth Association of Museums, UNESCO affiliate, under the aegis of the Commonwealth Foundation in London, UK and is one of the leading museum professionals of our times. The final campus plan will of course depend on the conceptual plan which is still under development. In general terms, however, it is very likely to include a planetarium, theater, exhibits, class rooms, offices, a restaurant and gift shop.

## Just for Fun –



## Rotary Calendar

### MEET N' EAT

Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria

Free dinners for those in need  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - RELAY FOR LIFE  
August 17 - 18, 808-989-7067,  
Anne.PRFLKona@gmail.com  
www.RelayForLife.org/konahi.

HOSPICE OF KONA - ROYAL  
TEA BENEFIT  
August 28 - 11A to 1P  
Four Seasons Resort Hualalai  
www.HospiceOfKona.Org

AFTERNOON AT PALACE  
Sunday, August 18 - 1 to 6 PM  
Hulihee Palace/Alii Drive  
HKVEvents@Yahoo.com

## Member Birthdays

Darlene Dabbling - Aug 14  
Jennifer Rasmussen - Aug 17

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Linda Jane Kelley  
Aug 02, 2012  
Jose Santaigo  
Aug 03, 1993  
Andrew DeVaney  
Aug 03, 2017  
Harold Meltzer  
Aug 10, 2006  
Rebecca Hamar  
Aug 21, 2014  
James Resor  
Aug 23, 2012  
Kimber DeVerse  
Aug 29, 2019

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September 05, 2019

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2019-2020 Official Rotary Shirts: [www.2020AlohaShirts.com](http://www.2020AlohaShirts.com)



Another successful Keiki Vision - August 23rd, Kuleana



**Ging Ging Fernandez**, project manager for the Hawai'i Road Usage Charge Project (HiRUC), gave an interesting presentation.



**Janice Gustin**, Rotarian of the Year.



Presidents, past and present.

**Stacy Bierlein** pinning the Past Presidents award pin for Rotary Service & Leadership on her husband, Tom.



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

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



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

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

Our neighbors next door were Auntie Alice and Uncle Emil Waterman. Uncle Emil ran a tobacco store downtown. After 1932, and the repeal of prohibition, Mr. Waterman opened a liquor store. My dad used to get his straw-wrapped Perrier water, Poland-brand gin, and Pilsner Urquell beer from him. Being an only child, I had to develop fun and games on my own sometimes. I remember one day I was fooling around with a sprinkler on the front lawn while my mother played bridge on the lanai with some lady friends. One of the women asked, "Georgie wouldn't throw that thing in here, would he?" My mother replied, "Oh, no; he would never do a thing like that." Of course I did just that. Wet the ladies good! Hard shot, too, because you had to get whatever you were throwing over the lower lanai railing and between some huge baskets of maidenhair fern which were dangling from above.

Speaking of maidenhair fern, my mother was noted for her beautiful ferns, for which I was largely responsible. She used to mix my wee wee with water and sprinkle the ferns with it. Something to do with urine from a virgin. An old wives' tale, I'm sure. While living on Lanihuli Drive, we had a Japanese maid by the name of Misae. She tried to discipline me for something by rubbing Hawaiian red pepper in my eyes. I didn't like Misae very much. When I was about to enter the first grade, the family moved farther up in Mānoa Valley to a new home on Kahawai Street. It was a beautiful place on a hill overlooking taro patches and rice fields that grew all the way up the valley. No houses or streets to mar the view.

By 1930 the rice was almost all gone, and taro was all but eliminated a short time later. When I was a little older, the dried-up ditches provided great trenches for our World War I 'over the top' war games. We actually used Daisy BB guns (Benjamin pumps were not allowed), but quit when one boy was hit in the eye with a BB. Fortunately not too seriously. Then we discovered another game for BB guns. There were a lot of kids who lived near us on lower Mānoa Road and so we declared war on them. We used to get them on the run, we with our guns and they with rocks. Of course, we felt we were the winners because of our superior firepower. Some of the older boys in the neighborhood also played war with BB guns. Johnny Nash and I were spies for both sides. We were double agents, don't you know. Finally we got caught and were "shot!"

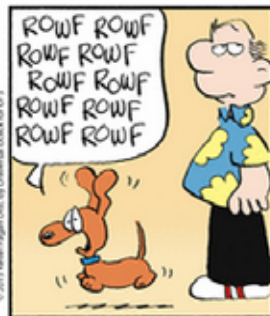
*George was a long time Rotarian and good friend. He is sorely missed.*



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WALLY! NO BARKING!

7-10-15



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## At the Club – September 5, 2019



**Janice Gustin:** One of the 3rd grade classes at Waikoloa Elementary School sent The Rotary Club of Kona thank you letters. The teacher and each of the students wrote a letter thanking us for the eye test and the dictionaries. They all enjoyed the dictionaries and especially the sign language instructions in the dictionary.



**NEW CLUB POLICY:** If it is your turn to provide the door prize for the meeting, and you do NOT bring it or have someone bring one for you, the club will provide a \$35 gift and you will be billed for the \$35 to reimburse the club.



**Allen Sullivan introduced Alex Mitchell of Alex Mitchell Consulting** who gave a brief synopsis of Hospice of Kona. She then showed an excellent video that described in more detail all the wonderful programs that Hospice maintains to help residents and families during and after end of life events.

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### Just for Fun – Moving to Hawaii



I visited Hawaii eight times before deciding to move here. I visited four times with my first wife, three times with my second wife, and once with my third wife. Eight times to Oahu, three times to Maui, once to Kauai, and twice to the Big Island, where I decided to make my home 18 years ago. Life here has been always interesting, sometimes challenging, occasionally sad, and for the most part fun.

Arriving with third wife, minimal clothing (it was Hawaii after all), no furniture, nor anyplace to put any, and little cash; we booked an "affordable, private, rustic, time-honored" hotel for our first few days in paradise. We knew the Kona Surf was on Alii Drive; we didn't know where. We crept along the Drive for hours discovering that every other hotel and condo was named Kona this or Kona that or Kona Alii something or Kona Kai something else. We were sure we had finally arrived when we came to the Kona Surf and Racquet; we hadn't. Of course the Kona Surf was the very last hotel on the strip. Affordable, it turned out, meant not very. Rustic, it turned out, meant, literally, lots of rust. Private, it turned out, meant not near anything, and time-honored, it turned out, meant old and weathered and weary; not just the hotel, but also the staff.

Fortunately, about a week and a few pizzas later (the pizza guy, coincidentally, became an employee years later, but that's another story), we found a house to rent. The gated community was impressive, the lot was pretty, if a bit neglected, the view was magnificent. The house was a disaster. It had been vacant, but not unoccupied, for several months after being vacated by a family who were, shall we say, not very tidy. The new occupants included a mongoose, one or two feral cats, one or two dozen geckos, a few transient turkeys, and a plethora of assorted and various insects and spiders. We were convinced the network of spider webs was designed to trap large rodents and small children. The spiders (harmless cane spiders, we later learned) looked big enough to devour toddlers, if not all at once then leisurely, perhaps "with some fava beans and a nice bottle of chianti."

We nearly didn't rent the "spider house," at first. Deciding that the house was just too trashed and too expensive, we told the owners, a lovely couple who lived in Florida and had built the house to live in, but never did, that we needed to keep looking. A few hours of looking at houses that were even more expensive and rather trashy, if not trashed, convinced us of the potential of "Casa de la Spider." Unfortunately, by the time we got back to them, the owners had agreed to rent the house to a family that had been living on the beach (a family, coincidentally, that we met years later and found to be very weird; but that's another story). It took nearly an hour of compelling reasoning and brilliant negotiation to convince them that we would be better tenants. Or it may have been my promise to fix up the house for free and my agreement to forward a deposit and first month's rent by electronic transfer; that turned the trick.

Having successfully obtained our new home in paradise, we moved into "Hale Spider" the very next day. The first order of business being a careful analysis of the work to be done, I soon realized that the majority was cleaning and painting. Most of the basic systems and appliances were, if not new or clean, at least in working order. Some hardware needed replacing and some trim, having been omitted from the initial construction, needed placing (I suspect that when the intended owners left for Florida, the punch list got real short). I did discover, however, that the heating system in the house was not of any type with which I was familiar. Recently retired from several years of being an architect and builder in Vermont, I found it odd that none of the conventional systems that I had utilized for years were being utilized here. After an extensive search of the house and property, I finally concluded that the heating had to be a radiant system, with electric coils buried in the concrete slab. It was the only thing that made sense. It still bothered me, however, that I couldn't locate the thermostat.

R. Farnham - 12/06/10

(Be advised, if requested biographies aren't forthcoming, you will have to endure more of my ramblings.)



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## At Rotary International – Women's Leadership Skills



**Kathleen Rose:** I attended the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, in June, to widen my own leadership experience as I prepare to serve as club president next year. I was asked to present a breakout session entitled Women's Leadership Skills: Strengthening Our Rotary Legacy. What an experience! Although I have been a scholar of leadership for many years, have written on the subject often, and have had the opportunity to speak nationally, it was a thrill to present to an international audience of Rotary leaders who are clearly motivated change agents.

If ever there were a time to focus on the work of leadership, the development of leadership skills, and the debate around qualified leadership, it is now. Especially for women. It's time to deepen our commitment to Rotary's values through service, innovation, and setting priorities that reflect the needs of our communities. We need to build new relationships that will strengthen the impact of Rotary worldwide.

I have found that women leaders today who are ready to do the thoughtful work around change share the following attributes:

- They understand the importance of human connection away from technology and keep it as a priority.
- They are curious and creative and ask questions that lead to comprehension.
- They look beyond the obvious and provide solutions by using a systems-based ideology that help others stay engaged.
- They are unafraid of transparency in voice and action, and are willing to care for others with authenticity.
- They share their personal growth stories...but in alignment with the growth they experience in the workplace. Lessons are real and meaningful.
- They take purposeful actions and show emotional intelligence in practice, rarely apologizing for showing both strength and emotion in making key decisions.

There are many examples of this type of leadership in the Rotary world. One of my favorite examples is Stephanie Woollard, founder and CEO of Seven Women. In 2006, Stephanie met with seven disabled women working in a tin shed in Kathmandu, and with the last \$200 in her possession, paid for a trainer to teach the women how to produce products for sale locally and abroad. Her potential and leadership was recognized by Rotary in 2016 when she was accepted into the Rotary Peace Fellowship program. Stephanie took purposeful action based upon recognizing a need, and developed a solution that was sustainable with a supportable system that gained strength and momentum over time.

## From the Archives – September 6, 2007

At one of the first meetings of the year, President Diane presented Larry Peckham with the "RED SASH" award for all that he does for Rotary. The idea was that the red sash was to be passed on each week (although Diane did give Larry a month to keep it). Larry since passed it on to Rick Merschdorf - but Rick has yet to relinquish it to the next Rotarian. A fineable offense - particularly since President Diane said the fine was to be \$50.00 per week for each week it was held on to... you might want to get out your wallet Rick!



Speaking of fines....Past President Bill Cliff wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the fine "set-up" by President Diane, and asked that she be fined at her first meeting back, which is today. At the meeting which PP Bill chaired, he received a cell phone call in the middle of the meeting. Fortunately Bill has his phone on silent, but when he had a chance to see who the call was from - it was President Diane!! Bill knows it was a set up - so President Diane, you need to have your wallet with you

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## At the Podium – Bonnie Kinzie – Air Med Care



### Financial Protection in the Event of an Air Evacuation

You never know when a medical emergency will arise. But when it does, time and access to world-class patient care can mean everything. That's why an AirMedCare Network membership is so important. If you or your family have a medical emergency, our alliance of affiliated air ambulance helicopters and airplanes can provide medical transport, dramatically reducing travel time to an emergency treatment facility.

**A few words about Bonnie Kinzie:** I was raised on the island of Oahu. My husband Chris and I have been residents of Waimea since 1989 and married since 1987. We have two daughters and 4 grandchildren. Past employment has been in banking and sales (Bank of Hawaii 27 years). I was also treasurer of Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, Hawaii Island Chapter for over 10 years.

**The Title of my Presentation: Emergent Air Ambulance**

## At the Club – September 12, 2019

Welcome to Visiting Rotarians from San Diego and Lake Tahoe



### Installation of Our Newest Member - Jennifer Heimgartner



September 19, 2019

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Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st-century service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as Rotary Connects the World.

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## Profiles in Rotary – David C Rees–Thomas



### David with a Prospective New Member.

I was born in Wellington, New Zealand, premature but feisty - a war baby whose father was a training officer for the Army (artillery). For the first seven years my growing family lived with our grandparents and although we often had an absent dad, my grandfather was an excellent mentor for this very active little boy. He taught me the value of being generous but frugal, a love for reading and a curiosity to expand my knowl-

edge of the world. Also, the importance of speaking simply but well. He paid for my tuition at a private school where I learned leadership skills and good manners. Although I was weak on the academic side of my education I excelled in the athletic world: cross country running champion; 100, 220, 440 yards sprint champion; boxing and last but not least rugby. My greatest thrill was playing a curtain raiser as a school boy, representing the north Island vs the South Island, before the All Blacks played South Africa.

As a child I always had faith and loved to attend church. At thirteen I experienced a call to enter the ministry. In my formative years I never deviated from this goal that burned within my heart. I wanted to serve God and people.

In 1959 at age 19, I left New Zealand on an Italian immigrant ship for England. All I had was \$100 in my pocket but an assurance that somehow God would provide. I had been accepted at a training college in London for pastors. A five-year course that was academic and yet very practical. It was there I met my wife Eliane Olivetti, from Switzerland. What struck me about her, was her gentleness and strength. (She was also a devoted student having studied in Paris gaining a degree in education.) Three years later we were married in Geneva, Switzerland.

### PLACES OF LEARNING AND SERVING:

Assistant Pastor in Bradford, England- built a youth group from 5 to 80.

Assistant Pastor Cardiff City Temple, Wales. Youth Pastor, Choir director, preaching, home visits 30-35 per week. Salary 5 pounds a week.

Pioneering churches in Switzerland

Ordained in 1964, October 25th Cardiff, Wales.

### A CHANGE OF DIRECTION (from England to America-New Zealand) May 1966-67

For eighteen months, Eliane and I travelled throughout the USA preaching, teaching, motivating young people. We arrived in NYC May 1966. We flew via Iceland where we were forced to stay overnight due to electrical problems on the plane. Although late we were much relieved to be greeted by a Canadian Pastor waiting to welcome us to America. We were tired but our eight suitcases were all intact. Strangely we felt that we had arrived home.

During this time we travelled through NY State, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, California, Route 66 from the mid-west to California, with a short detour from Corpus Christi to Mexico City. It was the journey of a life time. We will never forget the kindness and generosity of the American people. The abundance and variety of food, hamburger stands, milk shakes and French fries. Open hearts, homes and hospitality. We met the rich and the poor. We felt the heartbeat of a changing nation. It was the land of the free. After nearly seven years living in England the contrast of life was starkly amazing.

### BACK HOME IN NEW ZEALAND 1967-69

Three months preaching throughout NZ

Daughter Michelle was born, Auckland.

Briefly sold real estate-sold three houses in one week

Associate Pastor Queen Street Assembly of God Church, Auckland, NZ

### IMMIGRATED TO USA-GREEN CARD:1969

Nine months itinerant ministry, with Michelle who was 9 months old when we arrived in LAX  
Called to be Senior pastor of Evangel Christian Center, Springfield, MO 1970-1977 - Helped



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## Profiles in Rotary – David C Rees-Thomas (cont)

direct the building of a new sanctuary. Son David was born.  
Helped pioneer two churches on the East Coast in NYC and Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Called to be Senior Pastor First Assembly of God Church, Oakland, 1977-1979 - purchased and developed new building program.

### MOVED TO KONA 1979

Called to pioneer Calvary Community Church, Kailua-Kona. Acquired land, built sanctuary, office complex.

Joined the Rotary Club of Kona, December 1979; President Kona Club 1983; Rotary Governors Representative, 1984-87.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Commissioner of soccer – built field at Old Airport  
Kona Ministers Fellowship-Easter sunrise services at the old airport.  
Kona Hospital chaplains team  
Salvation Army Board, 25 years  
Kona Rotary, 40 years

### HOBBIES, PAST AND PRESENT:

Stamp collecting, acquiring old books, garage sales, photography, foraging for old coins, antiques, travel. Motivating people! Cooking!

FAMILY: Still married to Eliane after 57 years. Children: Michelle Romo, Kona; David Gregory Rees-Thomas, Switzerland; Grandchildren: Edana Rees-Thomas, born in Kona and Cealinn Rees-Thomas born in Switzerland.

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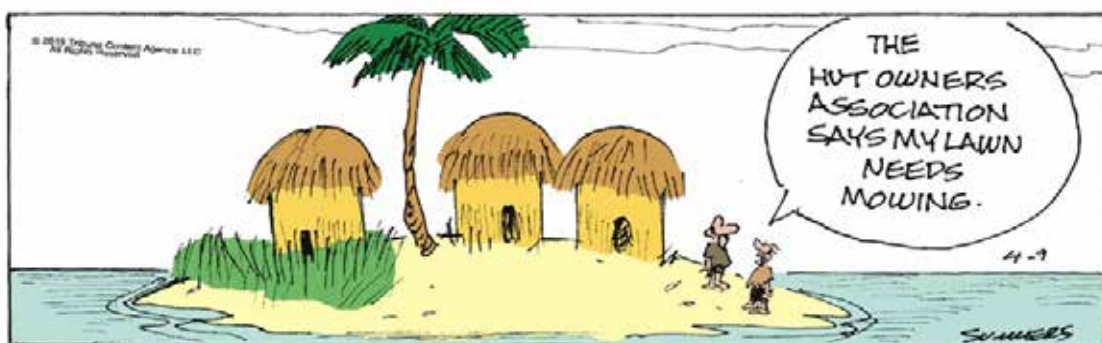
### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Kona Rotarians! Our extended vacation trip was fantastic, but It's great be back here in paradise with all of you! Thanks to all of you for pulling together to keep things moving forward while I was gone. I'm especially excited about the fantastic record of 4 new members that our club has added since the beginning of the Rotary year on 1 July. We all owe thanks to our membership co-chairs, David Rees-Thomas and Tom Fine. Their hard work and persistence (especially Tom's, during David's absence) has already resulted in congratulations on our success from the District Membership chair and several others.

Meeting space will not be available this week at our usual venue, so we're moving the meeting (for this week only) to the Gazebo at the West Hawaii Civic Center - at the usual time of noon on Thursday. The program will consist of some brief talks about their vocations from some of our new members, coordinated by our Vocational Service Chair, Jim Lightner. Dave Buehler has offered to cater box lunches from Buns in the Sun, so we'll be able to partake of a good meal and fellowship for a reduced charge of only \$15. each. Dave needs to how many of each type of sandwich to make, so please, if you didn't do so at last week's meeting, be sure to sign up with him or me by Wednesday evening. I hope that most of you will be able to come try out this "experimental" venue!"

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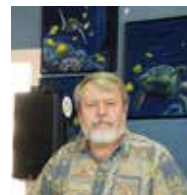
Lorenzo Haindy visiting from the Rotary Club of San Fernando La Union Inc in the Philippines will be discussing the possibility of his club becoming a sister club with The Rotary Club of Kona.

San Fernando, officially the City of San Fernando, is a 3rd class component city in the province of La Union, Philippines. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 121,812 people. The city is bounded by San Juan to the north, Bauang to the south, Bagulin and Nagauihan to the east, and the South China Sea to the west. It has a land area of 10,272 hectares (25,380 acres). San Fernando is the financial, industrial and political center of the province, as well as the regional center of the Ilocos Region (Region I) in the Philippines.

ROTARY CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEETING Thursday, September 26, 2019 at approximately 1:05 pm (just after the Club meeting) at Island Lava Java.

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Three Rotarians: Barbara Kossow - Deputy Managing Director County of Hawaii, Linda Coble - Keynote speaker, former District 5000 Governor, 2000-2001, and David C Rees - Thomas past president of the Rotary Club of Kona; at the Conference for family care givers.



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Regardless of the season, every family has its own traditions. I would like to suggest a new one for yours: Find an opportunity to introduce your family to Rotary. One of my family's traditions is to take our daughters and grandsons to the Rotary International Convention. The 2020 convention in Honolulu will be a wonderful way to introduce your children and grandchildren to the internationality of Rotary. We are planning many family-oriented events for everyone to enjoy.

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Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st-century service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as Rotary Connects the World.

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## At the Club – Letters to the Club

### Aloha from Maverick,

IRONMAN has asked our club again to be marshal's for the Tue, Oct 8th parade. This is an easy volunteer position that not only is a lot of fun but it is a fund raiser for our club as well.

For your 3 hours of volunteer work, you receive an official IRONMAN volunteer t-shirt and a pass for the grand MAHALO party (Mon, Oct 14th)

**When: Tue, Oct 8th**

**Time: From 3-6 (show up by at least 4 pm)**

**Where: Front of King Kam parking lot entrance**

I have turned in a list of people who have already signed up or who signed up last year. If your name is on this list and you can not participate this year, please let me know ASAP. If your name is NOT on this list and you would like to volunteer, let me know ASAP.

\*\* I will be turning in this list to IRONMAN this upcoming week.

Maverick  
The Rotary Club of Kona  
Community Service Projects Director  
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MaverickMalech@HawaiiLife.com

### Dear D5000 Rotarians,

Learn about Rotary's Polio Eradication Efforts and PolioPlus and Why Zero Matters, especially to us here in Hawaii. Most people have heard of polio but few know that the disease still affects children around the world. You can help by spreading the word. We'll give you scoops about what Rotary is doing and the latest on the fight to end polio by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), which includes Rotary, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world, with the support of many others around the globe. World Polio Day is on October 24.

### Topic: Polio and PolioPlus

**Time: Sep 23, 2019 03:00 PM Hawaii**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/3077151348>**

**One tap mobile: +14086380968,,3077151348#**

**Dial by your location: +1 408 638 0968**

**Meeting ID: 307 715 1348**

A series of D5000 Rotary webinars is available for your viewing, either live or recorded. You can also find ton of webinars in the Learning Center at [rotary.org: https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog](https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog)

Here is the schedule of sessions, all are on Mondays, 3:00-4:00pm, unless specified:

### 2019 Tentative Dates (subject to change):

**Sep 23- Rotary's Polio Eradication Program**

**Sep 30 - 2020 RI convention News – Volunteer Duties at the Convention**

**Oct 10 (Thursday) - Global Grant allocations and GGs needing funds –Mark Harbison/James Ham**

**Oct 14-TBD**

**Oct 21- Rotary Opportunities**

**Oct 28 - 2020 RI convention News - House of Friendship**

**Nov 25 - 2020 RI convention News - Convention Promotion**

Naomi Masuno 808-492-0126



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## At Rotary International – Rotarian Rides Again



On his way from his home in California to the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, Edwin Velarde took an unusual detour. Edwin Velarde is a member of the Rotary Club of Westlake Village, California. In an effort to raise awareness of diabetes, Velarde, 57, rode a bicycle for the last leg of his trip, cycling 525 miles from London to Hamburg. After making stops along the way to visit Rotary clubs and talk about the impact of diabetes, he arrived on 31 May after 13 days of riding. He spoke to clubs in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany.

This was not the first time Velarde, a board member of the Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes, had cycled to a convention. "I thought I could create awareness by riding to conventions," says Velarde, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 29. He biked from Busan to Seoul, Korea, in 2016, from Chicago to Atlanta in 2017, and from Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, to Toronto in 2018. This year, the journey had added meaning; Velarde dedicated this ride to his son Davis Edwin Velarde, who died at 22 of lymphoma in April.

Diabetes is a chronic illness that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce insulin (type 1) or when the body cannot effectively use insulin (type 2). When diabetes is not controlled, it can result in severe damage to the eyes, kidneys, and nerves and can double a person's risk of heart attack and stroke. The World Health Organization estimates that the number of people with diabetes rose from 108 million in 1980 to 422 million in 2014.

Several years ago, when Velarde was feeling fatigued and depressed about his illness, a friend gave him a bike. He took it out for a spin. "That ride woke me up to the fact that I was not fit," he recalls. "I realized I wanted to become a cyclist, and not just someone who rides a bike." Velarde's goal is to rally support among Rotarians to find a cure for diabetes, and to spread the word that a healthy lifestyle can help people who have type 2 diabetes better control the illness. "We have what it takes to conquer the diabetes epidemic," he says. "Imagine the 422 million people we could help."

## From the Archives – September 25, 2008

**Dave Buehler, Club President - What is a Club Assembly?**



It is a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors, and committee chairs, held for the purpose of reviewing the programs and activities of the club for the benefit of all members. As club members we 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 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!

## Just for Fun –



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT

Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealahou Intermediate School  
Cafeteria

Free dinners for those in need  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

AFTERNOON AT PALACE

Sunday, Sept 15 - 1 to 6 PM  
Hulihee Palace/Alii Drive  
HKVEvents@Yahoo.com

KUPUNA DAY

Sunday, Sept 15 - 11AM to 6 PM  
Regency Hualalai, Hualalai Rd  
808-329-7878

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS  
Sept 21

Old Kona Airport Walking Path  
808-518-6652  
RMHolloran@ALZ.org

HAWAIIICON

Sept 26 - 29, Sheraton Kona  
CustomerService@Hawaii.com

37TH ANNUAL KUPUNA  
HULA FESTIVAL

Sept TBA, Sheraton Kona  
808-323-4340

## Member Birthdays

M Goldman-Manker - Sep 01  
Allen Sullivan - Sep 30

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Daniel  
Sep 01, 1996 - 23 Years  
Ronald Hansen  
Sep 03, 2015 - 4 Years  
Carol Brown  
Sep 06, 2018 - 1 Year  
Herman Heimgartner  
Sep 24, 2015 - 4 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

David & Eliane Rees-Thomas  
Sep 02, 1962 - 57 Years  
Ben Noyes & Sona Aredjian  
Sep 23, 2006 - 13 Years  
Carol Ann & Clay von Hake  
Sep 23, 1995 - 24 Years

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM  
Humpy's Restaurant  
Above ABC Store  
75-5815 Alii Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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## Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





## At the Podium – Stephen Hicks – Regency at Hualalai

October 3, 2019



Regency at Hualalai, located in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, offers Retirement and Assisted Living options with compassionate care in a professionally managed, carefully designed retirement community. Our focus on wellness and enabling residents to remain as independent as possible provides the perfect alternative for seniors who can no longer live on their own. Our Regency Moments Memory Care Program allows residents with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia to live with dignity in a loving and secure environment.

## At the Club – September 26, 2019

**PLEASE NOTE:** For the October 10th meeting we will be meeting at West Hawaii Community College - Palamanui Campus. The meeting will be from Noon to 1:00 pm. We will have guests from the University system as well as a reporter from West Hawaii Today.

We will have a short tour of the facilities and the Culinary Arts students will be preparing a light lunch, sandwiches, wraps, cookies and ice tea and water (its not their usual "cafe" day, but we are pleased that they will still prepare the lunch). We will have a short presentation and The Rotary Club of Kona President John Spicer and the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation President Ken Kjer will present a \$35,000 check to the school for what is referred to as FF&E. That's furniture, fixtures and equipment. This will be earmarked for the physics science classroom.

We hope to see everyone there for this exciting event. We will be circulating a sign up sheet for the headcount.

**A visiting Rotarian from Tyler Texas** exchanges Rotary flags with President John.

**Lorenzon Haindy from The Rotary Club of San Fernando La Union, Inc** gives an excellent presentation on the possibiity of The Rotary Club of Kona becoming a Sister Club with The Rotary Club of San Fernando.



## This Week

Thursday, 12:00 Noon  
Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

**Program:**  
Stephen Hicks  
Regency at Hualalai

**Greeter:**  
Jennifer Heimgartner  
**Door Prize:**  
Rebecca Hamar

## Coming Up

**Programs:**

Rotary Day	10/10
Cindy and Bill Armer	10/17
Hannah Unger	10/24
Halloween Fun	10/31
Stacy Brown	11/07

**Greeters:**

J Heimgartner	10/10
Preston Crowl	10/17
Darlene Daboling	10/24

**Door Prize:**

Janice Gustin	10/10
Jim Gustin	10/17
Annekiese Graf	10/24

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## 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.

## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President



Rotary's long-term, sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years.

Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, Rotary and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, Rotary has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are major challenges in that region. But it is crucial that we remain optimistic. Look at all that we have accomplished so far. This is no time to get discouraged or to think that the task is impossible. We will end polio forever, but only if we remain steadfast and vigilant. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the globe to come together, recognize the progress we have made in our fight against polio, and plan the action we must take to end polio forever. The key word is action, because we still have important work to do.

This year, we want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Need some ideas? How about organizing a viewing party for friends and club members to watch Rotary's Online Global Update? You could also dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day or create a fundraising event. Remember, every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Once you have created an event, register it at [endpolio.org/register-your-event](http://endpolio.org/register-your-event). Then promote it using the World Polio Day toolkit, available at [endpolio.org/world-polio-day](http://endpolio.org/world-polio-day).

Mark your calendar to tune in to Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update on 24 October. This year we will stream our program on Facebook in multiple time zones around the world. Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP to your region's program. And do not forget to follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

When we reach our goal, polio will become only the second human disease eradicated on the planet, and Rotary will receive international acclaim. But what matters most is the children who will never again have to face this terrible, disabling virus. Rotary must continue to connect the world in the effort toward polio eradication. It is up to us. Let us finish the job.

## The Coffee Blossom



### Just for Fun – Make Mine Wine



pentine “finish.”

Make no mistake: I am not a connoisseur of fine wine. That is not to say I know nothing about wine. I know most wines are fermented from grapes, except for some specialty wines, which are not, including one wine I know of made in Hawaii, from pineapples. I live in Hawaii, and I like wine, and I like pineapples, so I was confident that I would like pineapple wine. I was wrong. As I remember, it had a pleasant fruity “nose,” but a less pleasant, reminiscent-of-tur-

pentine “finish.”

I also know that wines are classified as red or white, depending on the color of the grapes from which they are fermented, except not necessarily, because red grapes can be, and often are, made into white wines. Red, of course, isn't necessarily red red. It might also be Rose (pink to us non-connoisseurs), or amber, or Burgundy, or Ox-blood, or Sangria, or even gray. White, of course, isn't ever white, as in white like milk. It isn't even ever white, as in clear like water. It's usually yellow, but may be orange, or straw, or vin Rose, or juane, or even gray.

I know that wine usually comes in bottles: Glass bottles, not plastic bottles, although I don't know why not plastic bottles, as wine also comes in boxes, with plastic liners. I don't think fine wine comes in boxes, although I once had a box of Zinfandel that tasted just fine to me. I'm pretty sure wine doesn't come in cans, but it should if for no other reason than allowing us Hawaii dwellers to bring wine to the beach. Bottles being disallowed on Hawaii public beaches, an ice-cold can of Chardonnay would be a perfect complement to a snack of spam musubi.

Yes, Chardonnay is my wine of choice: always served very cold, preferably with lots of ice, and in an insulated plastic cup. Winery and vintage are optional; temperature is not. You might say that my preference confirms that I am less than a connoisseur, but I contend that wine is to be enjoyed, not judged, and I thoroughly enjoy a big glass of Chardonnay, icy cold, served in a cup guaranteed to keep it icy cold until the very last icy drop.

Fortunately, as much as I enjoy my Chardonnay, I never overindulge: not so much by conviction as physiology. One glass of wine and I'm cheerful. Two glasses and I'm conversational; some would say obnoxious, but I prefer conversational. Three glasses and I'm asleep. So unless I start to take my Chardonnay intravenously, three glasses will always be my limit. Granted three, or even two, glasses of wine might make it inadvisable to drive after a night out, but as I have no friends to night out with, it isn't really a problem.

At one time, I fancied myself a wine collector. Being a bit of a computer nerd, I created an elaborate database to track the qualities of the Chardonnay labels and vintages I might try over the years. I had several rating categories, with a 10-point scale for each category. I've since forgotten what the categories were, though I'm sure “nose” and “finish” were among them. It didn't really matter, as whenever I would decide to rate a particular selection, I would fail to do so. Always with the best of intentions, I would drink one glass of the subject wine, only to determine that one glass was not sufficient to reach any conclusions. Therefore, I would drink another glass, reach several conclusions, and expound on them at length. Then, to confirm those conclusions before recording them, I would drink one more glass, and subsequently, fall asleep. Inevitably, the next day, what with the hangover and the fuzzy recollections, I would never get around to documenting the research.

R. Farnham - 01/20/12

(Be advised, if requested biographies aren't forthcoming, you will have to endure more of my ramblings.)



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## At Rotary International – The Plus in Polio Plus



Musa Muhammed Ali, a farmer in Borno state, Nigeria, has had to deal with the many ways polio has affected his life. For instance, he used to have to pay for transportation when he needed to buy feed for his animals. But after receiving a hand-operated tricycle funded through Rotary's PolioPlus grants, Ali (pictured above) can now spend that money on other necessities. His life was changed by the "plus" in PolioPlus.

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.

Polio vaccination campaigns are difficult to carry out in northern Nigeria, where the Boko Haram insurgency has displaced millions of people, leading to malnutrition and spikes in disease. When security allows, health workers diligently work to bring the polio vaccine and other health services to every child, including going tent to tent in camps for displaced people. The health workers pictured here are in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno, where the insurgency began 10 years ago.



## From the Archives – October 02, 2003

### At the Club - KKCC/Rotary Focus Luncheon Well Attended

Last week the Rotary Club of Kona was dark and many Rotary members attended the joint meeting/focus luncheon with the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce. The program featured Evan Dobelle, University of Hawaii President, and included a frank discussion about what the University has accomplished in the last few years with Dobelle at the helm. Dobelle's prepared talk was very informative and he gladly fielded several questions from the audience at the end of the presentation.

Interact Club, Relay for Life - Our Interact kids will need help from Rotarians at this event in several areas and I hope our club can begin to plan now to be there for the kids. One team of Rotarians will be welcomed to help with set up during the afternoon of the 8th. Helping even for a few hours will be very welcomed! A second team of energetic and fun adults are needed to join the event and stay all night. There may be teams without adult chaperones that will be disqualified if no adult or not enough adults are present. That means a group of kids who went out and got sponsors then showed up ready to walk will be sent away if they don't have an adult. We really can't have this happen to our kids, right? The last group of Rotarians really needed will arrive and help out on Sunday early to take down the event facility and pack it away. Any and all hands will be sorely needed from 6:30 onward. The kids can also use items as door prizes to be given throughout the night as team incentives or motivating items to help make the event stay fun during the wee hours of the night. Any ideas anybody? These would not be items auctioned off but gifts for the kids. Clipboards will go around the beginning of October for sign up. Ask your spouse, ask a neighbor, maybe that neighbor might be one to ask to a Rotary meeting as well.

## Just for Fun – Fanny Pack?



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OCTOBER 10TH  
Meeting at West Hawaii  
Community College Campus

NOVEMBER 14TH  
Meeting at HELCO

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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF  
KONA CONCERT  
Thursday, Oct 3 - 4:30P to 6 P  
Thursday, Oct 10 - 6:30P to 8 P  
Privateer's Cove, 75-170 Hualalai  
ChamberOrchestraOfKona.com

33rd ANNUAL PATH RUN  
Oct 5, 7:30A Start  
Hale Halewai  
joe.loschiavo@pathhawaii.org,  
pathhawaii.org.

IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIATHLON  
Oct 12  
Ironman.com

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James Lowson - Oct 01  
Katherine Rauch - Oct 25  
John Spicer - Oct 08  
Scott Unger - Oct 27  
Ray Wofford - Oct 27  
Chrystal Yamasaki - Oct 23

## Date Joined Anniversaries

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Oct 04, 2012 - 7 Years  
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Oct 15, 2015 - 4 Years  
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## At the Podium – Change of Venue – Palamanui Campus

Thursday, October 10, 2019, our weekly meeting will be at the Hawaii Community College Palamanui Campus. We will meet at our regular time, noon to 1pm. Lunch will be prepared by the culinary arts students. It won't be their usual elegant affair, but sandwiches, wraps, dessert and a beverage will be provided. Lunch/meeting fee will be \$15.00 per person.

Parking may get full and you may need to park on the access road and walk up to the classrooms. If you need assistance (i.e. a ride from your car to the event) let us know and we'll have someone drop you off at the campus buildings.

The Rotary Club of Kona and the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation will be presenting a check for \$35,000 to the campus for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Physics classroom.

If you haven't already signed up, give Chrys Yamasaki a call (808-937-9700) so we can make sure we have enough lunches available.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** FROM HINA LANI STREET, CONTINUE NORTH ALONG QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY. TAKE A RIGHT AT KA'IMI'NANI STREET. TAKE A LEFT A ANE KEOHOKALOLE TO THE PALAMANUI CAMPUS.

October 10, 2019

### This Week

Palamanui Campus

Program:

Hawaii Community  
College Campus Tour

Greeter:

Jennifer Heimgartner

Door Prize:

NO DOOR PRIZE

## At the Club – October 3, 2019

**The following Rotary pins were given out:** Becca Hamar - International Service Chair, Peter Schonberg - Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Chair, Alan Clark - Assistant District Governor



Permanent Rotary Name Badges were given to: Jennifer Heimgartner and Alysia Dinneen



**Regency at Hualalai:** The speaker was Andrina Uemoto. Andrina, Community Outreach Director, has been with Regency for over 8 years. Andrina was born on Oahu and moved to the Island of Hawaii in 1974. She is an avid tennis player and highly involved in our Big Island Community.

Regency at Hualalai, located in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, offers Retirement and Assisted Living options with compassionate care in a professionally managed, carefully designed retirement community. Our focus on wellness and enabling residents to remain as independent as possible provides the perfect alternative for seniors who can no longer live on their own.

Guess who won the door prize!



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## At the Club – October 31, 2019



**Come for Some Fun to our Halloween Meeting on October 31st! Bring out the kid in you and come dressed in your finest or scariest!**

## Just for Fun – Putting in the Pool



Having lived in Hawaii for about five years and having finally accepted that the weather was indeed “practically perfect year-round,” I decided it was time to put in a pool. There was plenty of room in the backyard. The grass had never really come in, and my feeling that “if it's green, it's ground cover” was rapidly waning in popularity. I had a little extra money from the sale of some property in Vermont; the timing seemed right.

A perusal of the yellow pages resulted in the phone numbers of three companies that installed fiberglass pools (I had heard too many horror stories about poured-in-place pools). One number was “no longer in service,” and another remained unanswered for several dozen rings. I considered it a good sign when an answering machine of the third installer took my call. After leaving several messages over several days (the answering machine and I were becoming quite close), I finally got a return call from Paul Puaai of Pomohai Pools (the names have been changed to protect the guilty). Paul was a really big guy, with a really big smile, and a passion for hyperbole. I must admit I liked Paul from the start, but I should have taken the hint when all my questions were answered with “well, it depends.” As it turned out, “depends” ran about \$2000 extra and two weeks of additional construction time per each.

Things didn't start out well. The “excavator guy” didn't show up on the day construction was to begin, and after several more days of no-show, Paul decided to hire someone else to dig the hole. I should have been suspicious when the new guy arrived with a brand new backhoe in tow--all the warning stickers still affixed--and an Owner's Operating Manual in his back pocket. Needless to say, the final size of the excavation bore little resemblance to the original size of the pool. Nonetheless, the pool sat very nicely in the hole: sitting level, we later learned, not so much. After the pool was full of water, it had to be drained and “adjusted” and refilled. The adjustment was successful, more or less. That is to say, the less water in the pool, the more successful it appeared.

The pool was finally set firmly in the ground, and the pool deck area was prepared for the pouring of concrete. The preparation was uneventful; the pouring was an event worthy of ticket sales. On the day the deck was to be poured, the concrete trucks didn't arrive until nearly 4:00 pm. It was summer, and sunset wasn't until nearly 7:00 pm, but there was definitely not enough time to pour and correctly finish the concrete before darkness fell. This fact escaped Paul, and so pouring commenced. It was about 7:30 pm when Paul asked if I had any high-intensity nighttime construction lights available. Surprisingly, I didn't. I suggested he drive a few cars around back and shine their lights on the work site. He did, and amazingly, it worked pretty well.

I was beginning to think it might all turn out okay, so I headed in for a little delayed dinner. It was then that I heard a very loud splash, followed by an even louder, “OH S\*\*T.” When I rushed back out to determine the cause of the outburst, it became abundantly clear that dinner, delayed or otherwise, was no longer on the agenda. Unfortunately, neither was finishing the concrete. The large, gasoline-powered, concrete-finishing trowel, rented specifically for this job, was sitting peacefully, upside down, on the bottom of the pool. “No big deal,” Paul assured me, “Hand troweling works better anyway.” As it turned out, hand troweling, in the dark, of concrete well past the finishing window of opportunity, was a bit of a big deal. “No problem,” Paul assured me, “we have special state-of-the-art coatings that will make it “smooth as a baby's butt.” True enough, it turned out, if the baby in question had a severe case of diaper rash.

How did the pool look in the end? Well, it depends. If you're looking at it at dusk, on a day with a spectacular sunset, and squint a bit, and are not standing on the pool deck with bare feet, and the water level is a bit low; not bad, not bad at all.

*01-17-11 (Be advised, if requested biographies aren't forthcoming, you will have to endure more of my ramblings.)*



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## At Rotary International – The WOW Factor



The women virtually float down the runway at the “Fall into Fabulous” fashion show. As they smile and twirl, Secily Wilson sits in the back, relishing her role as fairy godmother. Secily Wilson is a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

“When you see before-and-after shots of these women, you can feel the empowerment,” she says. “They’re like, ‘I got this.’” They aren’t models, and their stylish clothes and makeup aren’t the main point of the event. The women are graduates

of a six-month program that aims to lift them out of challenging life situations, whether as a result of domestic violence, a bad relationship, or a financial catastrophe.

The nonprofit Wilson founded, called WOW, or Women Overcoming with Willpower, provides a range of sessions that include mental health counseling, job interview preparation, and résumé-writing advice. Since she founded WOW in 2012, the organization has benefited nearly 1,000 women and children through the empowerment program.



In the women she helps, Wilson also sees herself. Not long ago, she was a well-known local TV news anchor dreaming of a big-time network job. But that was before she had a stroke, on air, just before her 40th birthday. It was the first of a series of misfortunes that hit the mother of two: She was laid off. Her marriage broke up. Her home was foreclosed on. Then she had a second minor stroke.



“Why me?” she remembers thinking. “I lived very silently in this pit of depression and despair, thinking my life was over.” Eventually, a friend told her: “Snap out of it, girlfriend. Enough of this pity party.” A “trained survivor” and “closet party planner,” Wilson set out to teach resilience to others who were in similar situations but lacked the advantages she had. She rallied friends and sponsors to organize the first fashion show and luncheon, but soon realized she needed to offer more. WOW is now a registered 501(c)(3) organization that serves 15 to 20 women a year, assisted by a range of corporate and other supporters.

## From the Archives – October 09, 2008

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE UPDATE - 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 Tycha Community Trust. Thank you Rotary of Kona for your support.

Aloha, Bill

## Just for Fun – Getting a Law Degree



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

OCTOBER 10TH  
Meeting at West Hawaii  
Community College Campus

NOVEMBER 14TH  
Meeting at HELCO

## Community Calendar

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF  
KONA CONCERT  
Thursday, Oct 3 - 4:30P to 6 P  
Thursday, Oct 10 - 6:30P to 8 P  
Privateer's Cove, 75-170 Hualalai  
ChamberOrchestraOfKona.com

33rd ANNUAL PATH RUN  
Oct 5, 7:30A Start  
Hale Halewai  
joe.loschiavo@pathhawaii.org,  
pathhawaii.org.

IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIATHLON  
Oct 12  
Ironman.com

AFTERNOON AT PALACE  
Sunday, Oct 20 - 1 to 6 PM  
Hulihee Palace/Alii Drive  
HKVEvents@Yahoo.com

## Member Birthdays

Tom Daniel - Oct 24  
James Lowson - Oct 01  
Katherine Rauch - Oct 25  
John Spicer - Oct 08  
Scott Unger - Oct 27  
Ray Wofford - Oct 27  
Chrystal Yamasaki - Oct 23

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Lori Burgoon  
Oct 04, 2012 - 7 Years  
Maverick Malech  
Oct 15, 2015 - 4 Years  
Allen Sullivan  
Oct 18, 2018 - 1 Year  
Herman Heimgartner  
Sep 24, 2015 - 4 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

Maverick & Karen Malech  
Oct 15, 2008 - 11 Years

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM  
Humpy's Restaurant  
Above ABC Store  
75-5815 Alii Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Podium – Corrie Gulrud – Coldwell Banker Island Properties

October 17, 2019

### VACATION RENTAL LAWS- WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW!



Corrie was born in Southern California, but was raised between Wisconsin and California. She notes that it was great to see very different points of view as a child (and weather).

She has a bachelor's in Marketing from Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI. She is a Vacation Rental Sales Manager.

"I've lived on Hawaii Island for over 7 years. I truly enjoy teaching our guests about our island home. I feel so lucky to have an opportunity every day to make a lasting impression on each guest."

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Thursday, 12:00 Noon  
Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

Program:  
Corrie Gulrud,  
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## Profiles in Rotary – Alan Clark



I was born in Louisville Kentucky in 1948 to Irish Catholic parents, Tom and Josephine Clark. My father worked for Southern Bell Telephone and my mother was an RN. There were eight children in the family so mom stayed home with the kids until the youngest was in school.

On October 31st 1954, my dad came and took me out of school and to the hospital. I had not been diagnosed but I was losing blood through my urine. It wasn't until Christmas that year that an intern, Dr. Richard Greathouse diagnosed me with acute phnephritis. Interestingly, later in his career as the Jefferson county coroner, he was commissioned to exhume Zachary Taylor's body and determine, if he had been poisoned. He had not but can honestly say, I had the same doctor as Zachary Taylor.

For High School, I attended the Carmelite Jr. Seminary in Niagara Falls, Ontario and Hamilton Mass. I played high school basketball and had the privilege of playing in Boston Gardens finishing 4th in Class B in Mass. After high school, I changed course and attended Bellerme College for one year before joining the Navy to avoid having to go into the Army. The Navy sent me to Electronics Sonar School for two years after which, I learned that I didn't like computer work.

During this time, I married my first wife Susan and we had two children Ed and Connie. Ed has two daughters who each have one son. Connie is the proud mother of three boys and one girl ages 7 to 21.

After the Navy, I became a Real Estate Broker, Insurance Broker and Mortgage Banker for Midwest Realty/Mortgage Co. Susan and I divorced in 1975. I moved to California in 1977 with less than \$20 by the time I arrived, looking to start over. In California, it took at least a year to take the classes and get licensed as a Realtor. While working on this, I started selling cars (a free demo was my incentive). By the time I had my Real Estate License, I had risen to Finance Mgr. Used Car Manager and then Sales Manager by 1979.

While this was evolving, I met and married my Wife Wendy, in Yosemite in 1980. We have two children, both girls, Jodie and Aimee. Working for a Toyota Dealer had its advantages as well. From 1979 to 1985, I was fortunate enough to win 6 incentive trips 5 to Hawaii, 1 to Tahiti. In 1991, I was recruited to come to Hawaii to be General Manager for Kona Coast Jeep Eagle Mazda. (No one called me from Tahiti). After less than a year, I resigned because of issues with the owner. I was hired as General Manager of Hawaii Motors in Kona, then over both Hilo and Kona in 1998. In 2001, I purchased the dealership which became Island Chevrolet. In 2009, I was encouraged to retire and closed the business.

I joined Rotary in 1993 and we have lived here happily ever since.



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## At Rotary International – 2021-22 RI President

SHEKHAR MEHTA OF INDIA SELECTED TO BE 2021-22 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

"A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries. As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology. Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster. Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards. He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

## From the Archives – October 13, 2005

JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE

The program was devoted to Vocational Service and recognition by various club members of their "Outstanding Employee". These included employees of Life Care Center of Kona, West Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, The Salvation Army, Farnham and Associates, Regency at Hualalai, and the YMCA with lengths of service ranging from 2 months to 16 years.

Each employee was greeted with a lei and an ovation from the members. President Dick then presented the "Service Above Self" medallion to Eric von Platen Luder for his many years of service to the Rotary Club of Kona and the community of Kona. Ann Goody closed the meeting with a discussion of the possible establishment of a "community" Rotaract club. Such clubs are usually associated with college campuses but the local UH students appear indifferent whereas youths working in the community expressed a definite interest. She went on to point out that Kona Rotary Club presently sponsors the Kealakehe Interact Club, best in state for 3 straight years, and RYLA but there is no Rotary service program between high school and the usual age (30 years) when business people enter Rotary.

## Just for Fun – Stuff Your Wife Won't Let You Eat



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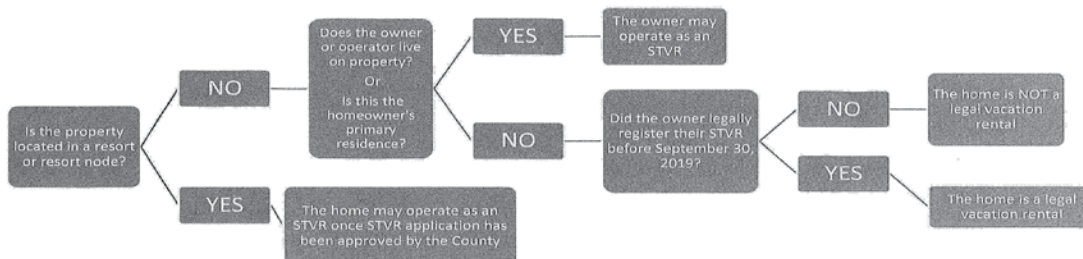
### Corrie Gulsrud, Vacation Rental Laws - What You Really Need To Know!



A few months back the County enacted a Bill dramatically reducing the number of properties on the Big Island that can legally be offered as vacation rentals. Specifically those properties not in designated “Resort” areas had to cease vacation rental operations by September 31 of this year. The only exceptions being those that applied for a non-conforming use and could meet all the criteria for same. As it turns out the criteria are so onerous as to be, in most cases, unattainable.

By some estimates the number of properties offered in the past approached 7000 Island wide, the vast majority of those outside of “Resort” areas. To date only a handful of properties have received non-conforming use permits and it is likely the total of non-conforming permits will be just a few hundred, if that, when all is said and done.

Hawaii County Bill 108, which was passed in November 2018, is in effect under Ordinance 18-114. Ordinance 18-114 limits the continuance and creation of short-term vacation rentals effective April 1, 2019.



Corrie was born in Southern California, but was raised between Wisconsin and California. She notes that it was great to see very different points of view as a child (and weather).

She has a bachelor's in Marketing from Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI. She is a Vacation Rental Sales Manager.

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### Just for Fun – She Doesn't Love Me Best



Well, it finally happened. I knew it was coming, in fact, has been coming for some time. And today it happened. My wife no longer loves me best. I'm no longer number one in her heart.

Of course, I can't really blame her. The other guy has only been in the picture for a while, but from day one, he could do no wrong. He was always there, always loving, never talked back, never asked for anything, and never, ever complained. Sure, he had his faults, but it didn't really matter what little indiscretion he might have committed, one look into those sad, apologetic eyes, and he was instantly forgiven.

Oh, I knew they were taking long walks together. I knew she chatted with him endlessly, but who could blame her, he was such a good listener. I even knew about her constant praise, and all the little treats she was giving him, usually to get him to do her bidding, but sometimes for no reason at all. I even knew that they were sleeping together and had been for months.

Yes, I knew all the details, but still felt she loved me best. Sure I wasn't the best looking, or in the great shape that he was, but I did earn the money, provide and maintain the home, and even take out the garbage. I was the who had been there the longest and shared the most. But he was the one who never left her side when she was sad, or worried, or not feeling well. He was the one who proffered unconditional love, unconditionally.

And so today, when I left for work, and the dog stayed home, and she was OK with that, even expected it, even desired it; I knew I was number one no longer.

I like to think I am still number two, but she is awfully fond of her son, and awfully fond of my daughter, and seems to worry far more about them than about me; so I may be number three, or even four. Of course, there is also her best friend from years before we ever meant, who has always been there for her; but he hasn't called for a while, and isn't planning to visit any time soon; so, with a bit of luck, I may not end up number five, even if she doesn't love me best.

Richard Farnham - 04/29/19

### Just for Fun – I'm Beginning to Suspect





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## At Rotary International – The Rotary Foundation

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Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 12th consecutive year  
By Rotary International

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

“Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Rotary Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work,” says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. “This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

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Keiko Bonk



Dr. Fred Holschuh



Harry Kim

This Thursday’s meeting is a great chance for the Rotarians of the Kona Mauka Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Kona to join in fellowship and get to know our Mayoral candidates. As of press time we anticipate participation by three of the four candidates for this very important office .

Former Councilwoman Keiko Bonk, Dr. Fred Holschuh and former Civil Defense Director Harry Kim will be in attendance. The format will be a short opening statement by each of the three candidates, followed by questions put forth by our moderator and club president Ken Kjer. Each candidate will have an opportunity to briefly answer the questions.

Club members are encouraged to email or call President Ken Kjer with specific questions in advance of the meeting. If time permits, questions will be entertained from the floor.

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Rotary  
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To register and get a hotel: [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org)

To volunteer: [signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2852226/false#/invitation](http://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2852226/false#/invitation)

To order shirts: [rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/district-shirt-order](http://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/district-shirt-order)

## Profiles in Rotary – Dennis Austin Krueger



### DENNIS AUSTIN KRUEGER

1951-2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to:  
The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge Hawaii  
In memo: In memoriam of Dennis Krueger  
American Cancer Society Hawaii field Office,  
58 Kinoole Street, Suite 104, Hilo, HI 96720

## Just for Fun – You're Late





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## At Rotary International – Rotary Peace Centers



**The Rotary Peace Centers** program educates current and emerging peace leaders, enabling them to act as catalysts for peace in their communities.

### Vision:

The Rotary Peace Centers program has a vision of sustainable peace: encompassing a network of peace builders and community leaders dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts across the global community.

### Mission:

In order to serve this vision, Rotary has created a unique partnership with top universities around the world.

The Rotary Peace Centers program empowers, educates, and increases the capacity of peace builders through rigorous academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities.

Through this experience, Rotary Peace Fellows build the skills needed to act as leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their communities and around the globe.

### General Information:

For more information about the fellowship and centers, please visit our website at [www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships).

## From the Archives – October 29, 2009

**Project Compassion** will be happening at Denny's on Sunday, November 15th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the Host Agency will be Polio Plus. Come and support this great cause!



**The dictionaries are in** and the testing will soon begin. A sign up sheet to help with the keiki vision will be passed around today. If you have not yet signed up, please do because we will be having a lot of fun! The following schools will be participating:

Innovations Public Charter School at 8:30 am on Fri., Nov. 13th, Hualalai Academy, Kona Christian Academy, Holualoa Elementary, Kealakehe Elementary, Waikoloa Elementary on Tues., Nov 17th at 8:00—11:20 am, Kahakai Elementary. Mahalo to Tom

Fine and Scott Unger for taking on the task to be our team leaders

for Kahakai and Waikoloa Elementary. Each of the schools will be confirmed over the next couple of days. Sign ups will be emailed and provided at our weekly meetings.

### Halloween Jokes:

Why did the ghost pick his nose? Because he had boogers.....  
What kind of car does a ghost drive? A Boo-ick.....



## Rotary Calendar

**MEET N' EAT**  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

**OCTOBER 10TH**  
Meeting at West Hawaii  
Community College Campus

**NOVEMBER 14TH**  
Meeting at HELCO

## Community Calendar

**CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF KONA CONCERT**  
Thursday, Oct 3 - 4:30P to 6 P  
Thursday, Oct 10 - 6:30P to 8 P  
Privateer's Cove, 75-170 Hualalai  
[ChamberOrchestraOfKona.com](http://ChamberOrchestraOfKona.com)

**33rd ANNUAL PATH RUN**  
Oct 5, 7:30A Start  
Hale Halewai  
[joe.loschiavo@pathhawaii.org](mailto:joe.loschiavo@pathhawaii.org),  
[pathhawaii.org](http://pathhawaii.org).

**IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIATHLON**  
Oct 12  
[Ironman.com](http://Ironman.com)

**AFTERNOON AT PALACE**  
Sunday, Oct 20 - 1 to 6 PM  
Hulihee Palace/Alii Drive  
[HKVEvents@Yahoo.com](mailto:HKVEvents@Yahoo.com)

## Member Birthdays

Tom Daniel - Oct 24  
James Lowson - Oct 01  
Katherine Rauch - Oct 25  
John Spicer - Oct 08  
Scott Unger - Oct 27  
Ray Wofford - Oct 27  
Chrystal Yamasaki - Oct 23  
Jim Gusitn - Nov 01

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Lori Burgoon  
Oct 04, 2012 - 7 Years  
Maverick Malech  
Oct 15, 2015 - 4 Years  
Allen Sullivan  
Oct 18, 2018 - 1 Year  
Herman Heimgartner  
Sep 24, 2015 - 4 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

Maverick & Karen Malech  
Oct 15, 2008 - 11 Years

## Island Clubs

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Wednesday, 6:45AM  
VFW Hall  
Behind Kona Locksmith  
74-5543 Kaiwi Street, 185A  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

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Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
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## At the Podium – Stacy Brown – Early Head Start

### Making a Lasting Difference in the Lives of Infants, Toddlers and Their Families

About Stacy: I was raised in the city of La Verne, in Southern California. Beginning at 16, I performed in Disneyland parades and shows and even played the “Big Boss” (Mickey Mouse)!

I have been married for 22 years. I have two grown children who now live on the mainland. I attended the University of California at Riverside in Riverside, California where I earned a Bachelor’s Degree in History and Education. I was working on my Master’s Degree in Education when we moved to Hawaii.

In Hawaii I began working for the Head Start program, where I worked for about three years. I began working for Family Support Hawaii in 2007, first as the Early Head Start Education Manager. In 2012, I became the Program Director. I am still in this position.

November 07, 2019

### This Week

Thursday, 12:00 Noon

Lava Java - Upstairs

Coconut Grove Marketplace

75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1

Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

Program:

Stacy Brown

Early Head Start

Greeter:

Andrew DeVaney

Door Prize:

Tom Fine

### Coming Up

Programs:

Sharon Suzuki 11/14

J & R Santiago 11/21

Thanksgiving NM

Ray Kester 12/05

Cindy/Bill Armer 12/12

Greeters:

Richard Farnham 11/14

Kimber DeVerse 11/21

Alysia Dineen 12/05

Door Prize:

Richard Farnham 11/14

Ken Kjer 11/21

Dani Knapp 12/05

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## At the Club – October 31, 2019 – Halloween Fun



Food Bank Contributions  
Every Week is Food Bank  
Week - Keep Bringing Food



Fun &  
Games

Six RCOK members were at the Fall Membership and Foundation Seminar. Recognized for financial support of End Polio Now.



### Costume Contest Winners



Pirates



“Poison Ivy”



Runners Up



### 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.

## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President



Rotary's long-term, sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years.

Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, Rotary and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, Rotary has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are major challenges in that region. But it is crucial that we remain optimistic. Look at all that we have accomplished so far. This is no time to get discouraged or to think that the task is impossible. We will end polio forever, but only if we remain steadfast and vigilant. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the globe to come together, recognize the progress we have made in our fight against polio, and plan the action we must take to end polio forever. The key word is action, because we still have important work to do.

This year, we want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Need some ideas? How about organizing a viewing party for friends and club members to watch Rotary's Online Global Update? You could also dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day or create a fundraising event. Remember, every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Once you have created an event, register it at [endpolio.org/register-your-event](http://endpolio.org/register-your-event). Then promote it using the World Polio Day toolkit, available at [endpolio.org/world-polio-day](http://endpolio.org/world-polio-day).

Mark your calendar to tune in to Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update on 24 October. This year we will stream our program on Facebook in multiple time zones around the world. Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP to your region's program. And do not forget to follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

When we reach our goal, polio will become only the second human disease eradicated on the planet, and Rotary will receive international acclaim. But what matters most is the children who will never again have to face this terrible, disabling virus. Rotary must continue to connect the world in the effort toward polio eradication. It is up to us. Let us finish the job.

## The Coffee Blossom



### Profiles in Rotary – Tom Daniel



I was born and grew up in Rochester, NY, with three younger sisters. Dad was an engineer/manager at Kodak, and our mom was very active in community activities. We all attended public schools through high school. We did more things together as a family than most of our friends, including travelling across the country and back in our old Chevy station wagon, and sailing from NY to Europe on the Queen Mary.

I started out majoring in Electrical Engineering at MIT, but finally got my BS in Humanities and Engineering in 1964. My father had died of leukemia in 1963 (age 49 - shortly after becoming VP/Pres Elect of the Rochester Rotary Club). I spent two years teaching physics (and everything else!) for the Peace Corps in Cameroon, before I returned to teach at a suburban Rochester high school. After walking to school in February 1967 through Rochester's usual 6 ft of snow, I saw a teachers' room bulletin board notice: "Interviews this afternoon for teaching jobs on Maui." I and my new wife taught on Maui from September 1967 to June 1969. We then moved to O'ahu where we both had NSF Science Teaching Fellowships at UH, and our daughter Sara was born in June 1970.

I spent 9 years in grad school at Mānoa, getting an MS in 1972 and PhD in 1978 - both in Physical Oceanography, specializing in acoustics and electric field measurements of deep ocean water motions.

After my divorce was finalized in 1978, I met Alice at a New Year's Eve party, and we were married the following year. We spent 3.5 years in Santa Clara, where I worked on many interesting projects at Lockheed Ocean Systems. I worked briefly off Keahole Point on Mini-OTEC, the first at-sea demonstration that produced net power (50 kW) using Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion. I also spent the summer of 1981 in London working on a project to reduce manning levels on Shell UK platforms in the North Sea.

In June 1982 I began as Lab Director of the new Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i at Keahole Point. Our son Michael was born in early October. At NELH (later NELHA), among many other projects, I oversaw the installation of the NELH 18-in cold water pipeline in 1986; the execution of several OTEC feasibility and demonstration projects; the 1997 "closing-in" of the original HGP-A geothermal well; and the installation of NELHA's 55-in seawater supply system, still the deepest and largest in the world.

In 1995, at the invitation of my longtime friend, Alan Clark, I joined the Rotary Club of Kona, and became active as Community Service Chair and International Service Chair, before being asked to become VP/President Elect in 2000 - 37 years after my father had held that position in the Rochester club. I served as Club President in 2001-02 - a year during which we grew from 60 to 80 members and won the District Membership Growth Award.

In Feb 2003 - after almost 21 years - I was abruptly fired from NELHA; the Board of Directors and new Executive Director felt that my strong support of continuing scientific research projects interfered with their new goal of turning NELHA into a commercial source of revenue for the State. Rotarian Lynn Walton, then CEO of Kona Community Hospital, established a new position for me as the Facility Engineer for West Hawai'i hospitals, allowing me to retire within the state system 3.5 years later with full credit for 25 years of service.

Our son Michael graduated from Kealahou HS in 2001 and went on to get a degree in film scoring from the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

### Just for Fun – I'll Be Back





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## Profiles in Rotary – Tom Daniel (cont)

After retirement in Dec 2005, I substitute taught (almost every subject!) at Kealahou HS. In 2008, I joined a start-up company from Silicon Valley, Liquid Robotics, Inc., that was developing a new wave-powered open-ocean surface vessel, the "The Wave Glider," in Kawaihae. As Staff Scientist, I was in a good position to assist LRI with grant proposals, due to my experience as a proposal reviewer and Technical Advisory Board Member for CEROS, the Center of Excellence for Research in Ocean Sciences, which provided grant funding to Hawai'i companies for innovative ideas for new ocean technology.

I've been retired since Dec 2010, with the exception of a few small consulting contracts for Deep Cold Seawater Applications projects at South Point, the Maldives, Reunion Island and Mauritius. I've remained active in Rotary, the Kona Choral Society, the Friends of NELHA, and ham radio (which I've enjoyed since High School).

Our daughter, Sara, works as webmaster for the public school system in Arlington, VA. Our grandson Mac was born in January 2014. Our son Michael and his wife, Gina Reynolds, live near Anaheim, where Michael pursues an elusive music composing career in Hollywood. My wife Alice succumbed to recurring metastatic breast cancer in December 2018. Family members were able to come together to celebrate an early Christmas with her, and were gathered around her hospice bed when she died peacefully on the evening of December 22nd.

Adjusting to life alone has been difficult. My youngest sister Susie has been a big support, staying with me in Kona off and on, and serving as a travel companion on trips to the mainland, New Zealand, and the coast of Spain and Portugal on a sailing ship. I'm currently working on cleaning out our home of 32 years, contemplating building an 'Ohana on our lot, figuring out how to stay in Kona as long as I'm physically able, and looking forward to a big family reunion here in Kona this Christmas.

## From the Archives – November 09, 2000

### Rotary Club of Kona Employer of the Year Award - Body Glove Cruises



Body Glove Cruises is a small ocean tourism business based in Kailua-Kona that takes visitors and residents out on the boat, the Body Glove, for snorkel cruises so that they are able to enjoy the coral, fish and other marine life in a pristine and safe environment. Scotty and Maggie Bell are well known in the community and beloved by employees and residents alike. When we went to the Body Glove Cruises office to announce to Maggie and Scotty that they had been chosen for Rotary of Kona's Employer of the Year, we couldn't even get near Maggie's desk. It was her birthday and her desk was piled high with flowers, balloons and other decorations. She was wearing several leis, and while we were meeting with her an employee came in and presented her with yet another lei. It was obvious that she was highly regarded.

**Service to Employees:** Body Glove Cruises offers paid vacation and full medical and dental benefits. Matching funds are provided for contributions to the employee retirement plan. Maggie and Scotty have a policy to offer advancement from within. For example, the company pays for half of the \$1200 cost when an employee wishes to advance by studying for a boat captain's license. If the employee qualifies, the company pays the entire \$1200 fee. They pay for CPR and life guard training and send selected employees to marketing and sales seminars. They give special recognition to employee birthdays and anniversaries. At a recent team building party, they recognized an employee's 10-year anniversary with the company by surprising him with a new pick-up truck, a company truck that he can also have for personal use. They further recognize employee efforts with quarterly bonuses. Employees are included in the hiring process. After a prospective employee has been screened, he goes out on a cruise where the crew rates him. A positive rating is essential to hiring. Body Glove Cruises is a Drug Free Workplace. All employees are informed of this policy before applying for any position. The policy is strictly enforced including random drug testing.

#### Service to the Industry:

Scotty and Maggie are active in trade organizations. Scotty helped found the Ocean Tourism Coalition, which has four representatives, one each from Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Oahu. The purpose is to provide community input and enhance communication with state agencies such as DLNR for the benefit of the entire boating and ocean tourism industry. They are active members of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and Destination Kona Coast. They are the only visitor activity that belongs to the Big Island Group, a networking and long-range planning group composed mostly of the large hotels and resorts from the Big Island. In addition, Scotty has been working hard with the State for the last 18 months to have the Kailua Pier repaired. A large section has been closed as it has been undermined by wave action and is unsafe. It is an eyesore and curtails commercial activity. Repairs will be completed in 2003.

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CULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
Nov 1 - 10  
Various Events/Locations  
[www.konacoffeefest.com](http://www.konacoffeefest.com)

**100% PURE KONA COFFEE  
MARATHON**  
Nov 09 - 5:30A to 12:30P  
Coconut Grove Mkt/Alii Drive  
[www.purekonahalf.com](http://www.purekonahalf.com)

**6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BY THE  
SEA FUNDRAISER**  
Nov 10 - 5:00P to 8:30P  
Royal Kona Resort/Alii Drive  
[www.royalkona.wixsite.com/holidaybythesea](http://www.royalkona.wixsite.com/holidaybythesea)

**2nd ANNUAL HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY FUNDRAISING  
GALA**  
Nov 16 - 5:00P to 10:00P  
King Kam Hotel/Alii Drive  
[habithawaiiisland.org](http://habithawaiiisland.org)

## Member Birthdays

Jim Gusitn - Nov 01  
T Buswell Ordenez - Nov 21  
Kris Hazard - Nov 26  
Jose Santiago - Nov 29  
Larry Web - Dec 01

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein  
Nov 14, 2003 - 16 Years  
Dave Buehler  
Nov 16, 2006 - 13 Years  
Allen Clark  
Nov 01, 1993 - 26 Years  
Darleen Dabbling  
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Nov 03, 1973 - 46 Years  
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## At the Podium – Jose and Raghel Santiago – Salvation Army

November 21, 2019



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## At the Club – Nov 07, 2019 – Stacy Brown – Early Head Start



Early Head Start provides a rich variety of learning opportunities and experiences to infants and toddlers which support them on their journey towards school readiness. We believe that children are born ready to learn. We at Family Support Hawaii's Early Head Start Program strive to inspire the curiosity of children and support the families so they are able to create a learning environment in their homes.

## At the Club – Nov 14, 2019 – Sharon Suzuki of HELCO



Sharon is the President of Maui County & Hawai'i Island Utilities. Throughout her 25+ year career at Maui Electric and Hawaiian Electric Company, she has served in many diverse leadership roles. Prior to assuming the role of President of Maui County & Hawai'i Island Utilities, Sharon served as Maui Electric's president, manager of renewable energy services and was temporarily assigned to Hawaiian Electric as the project resource manager for the corporation's Customer Information System project. She also served as Maui Electric's manager of customer service, Hawaiian Electric's director of customer account services, and program manager for their residential and commercial/industrial energy efficiency programs.

Active in the community, Sharon serves as Treasurer on the board of directors of the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, Vice-Chair of the County of Maui Civil Service Commission, and Chair of the Soroptimist International of Maui's Youth Citizenship Awards. She also serves on the boards of the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board, the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, the Maui Economic Development Board, and the American Red Cross of Hawaii Maui Advisory Council.

Sharon holds a Masters of Business Administration in Finance from California State University at Fullerton, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Japanese from the University of Michigan.

Sharon's talk was on the new initiative at HELCO to dramatically increase the quality of service and dramatically reduce the cost of energy to the consumer. Actually I wasn't there, but I'm pretty sure that was the gist of it.

### This Week

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Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

**Program:**  
Jose and Raghel Santiago  
Salvation Army

**Greeter:**  
Brandie Henderson

**Door Prize:**  
Ken Kjer

### Coming Up

<b>Programs:</b>	
Thanksgiving	NM
Ray Kester	12/05
Cindy/Bill Armer	12/12
TBA	12/19
No Meeting	12/26

**Greeters:**

Thanksgiving	NM
Brandie Henderson	12/05
Brandie Henderson	12/12

**Door Prize:**

Dani Knapp	12/05
Katherine Rauch	12/12
David Rees-Thomas	12/19

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## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President



Rotary's long-term, sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years.

Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, Rotary and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, Rotary has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are major challenges in that region. But it is crucial that we remain optimistic. Look at all that we have accomplished so far. This is no time to get discouraged or to think that the task is impossible. We will end polio forever, but only if we remain steadfast and vigilant. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the globe to come together, recognize the progress we have made in our fight against polio, and plan the action we must take to end polio forever. The key word is action, because we still have important work to do.

This year, we want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Need some ideas? How about organizing a viewing party for friends and club members to watch Rotary's Online Global Update? You could also dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day or create a fundraising event. Remember, every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Once you have created an event, register it at [endpolio.org/register-your-event](http://endpolio.org/register-your-event). Then promote it using the World Polio Day toolkit, available at [endpolio.org/world-polio-day](http://endpolio.org/world-polio-day).

Mark your calendar to tune in to Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update on 24 October. This year we will stream our program on Facebook in multiple time zones around the world. Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP to your region's program. And do not forget to follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

When we reach our goal, polio will become only the second human disease eradicated on the planet, and Rotary will receive international acclaim. But what matters most is the children who will never again have to face this terrible, disabling virus. Rotary must continue to connect the world in the effort toward polio eradication. It is up to us. Let us finish the job.

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## At the Club – Announcements

**From Janice Gustin: President John has formed a committee to create a 3 year plan for our club.**

To help the committee plan a direction for the club, they need to hear from you, the members, on what you like and don't like about our club. This will help them plan a direction that is satisfying to you, our members.

Attached is the survey which was handed out at the meeting today and we are emailing it as well. Thank you to those who turned it in today! This survey will be kept anonymous. Please help us make your club one you can be proud of by completing the survey and returning it to me: [MemberSatisfactionSurveyenpdf.pdf](#)

You have choices on how you return it:

- 1 - Fill out and email back to me and I will print
- 2 - Bring it to a club meeting and give to me
- 3 - Mail it to our PO Box 2445, Kona, 96745

We appreciate you showing your interest in helping us plan a direction for our club!

**From Jenaya Rockman: Thanksgiving Meet N Eat - November 27, 2019 - 6PM**

We need folks to either donate and or cook a turkey for the Thanksgiving Meet N Eat. We need 10 turkeys from our club. Another Rotary club has a business that is going to cook their turkeys so are also able to cook any we donate if we don't have people to cook them. Please let me know if you want to: 1) Donate a turkey for someone else to cook 2) Donate money to buy a turkey that someone else will cook 3) Cook a turkey donated by someone else 4) Donate AND cook a turkey

**From Jenaya Rockman: Rotary Club of Kona Holiday Party - December 06, 2019 - 5P**

Mark your calendars, the Rotary Club of Kona Holiday Party will be Friday, Dec 6 at Linda Jane's House 5PM onward. I will send out directions closer to the event. As usual it will be a potluck. With some fun and games by Maverick and Karen. Feel free to invite friends, family, neighbors.

**From Jenaya Rockman: Rotary Club of Kona Board Meeting - November 26, 2019 - 5P**

Reminder that the Rotary Club of Kona board meeting will be next Tuesday, (not this Tuesday) Nov 26 at 5 pm at Hawaii Life Office. Just wanted to give ample notice and will send another reminder closer to. I will also send the last meetings minute's with the next reminder.

## Just for Fun – I've Got Another Idea!





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## At District 5000



### Rotary Provides Rescue Tubes

Members of Rotary Clubs of Lahaina Sunrise, Lahaina and Lahaina Sunset installed the first of several rescue tube stations at Launiupoko Beach Park. Tori Taylor (left) and David Ristau (in foreground), demonstrated how to install the poles. Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset past president Mariko Higashi said the clubs planned to install 22 rescue tubes at Maui County beach parks

from Papalaua to Kamehameha Iki.

She said the tubes cost \$175 apiece, and the clubs still are raising funds to purchase tubes for the rest of West Maui's beach parks. "Our plan is to go all the way to D.T. Fleming," Higashi said. "We welcome donors and volunteers to monitor and maintain the tubes." Those interested may call her at (808) 866-8116. The first rescue tube stations were installed on Kauai 10 years ago. Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea brought the concept to Maui in 2017, installing tubes along South Maui beaches.

## From the Archives – November 17, 2016



### Alex Iglecia: What is the Future of Communicating?

Authenticity is the only way forward for many leaders today, but how do we do that? What you have believed about yourself and others has brought you this far, but what will take you further? In our short time together, you'll get to explore the impact of sharing your deepest gifts and understand more of what is powerful and valuable about you. You'll leave with in-novative ideas and practical tools that make it easier to do anything you're meant to do.

Former NASA Engineer and born-again Ninja turned Mind-Body Enthusiast with a Masters in Conscious Evolution & two black belts, Alex Iglecia is an authority in developing personal authenticity and a cre-ative facilitator for communities of creators, artists, movers, shakers and visionary men and women with a message and a mission.

Despite unique achievements and years of deep personal growth, global experiences and expensive coaching, Alex struggled to find his way. It was so painful that he often wanted to quit on himself, on his marriage, his calling, and sometimes – quit being here on the planet.

When he finally discovered a way to make sense of his life and see his life as a message, he was able to stop living other people's lives and choose his own. Alex felt driven to share these discoveries and cre-ate activating experiences for leaders dedicated to their natural energy, purpose, inspiration and contribution.

Alex will invite you to question your assumptions and discard what's not true so you can enjoy your gifts, celebrate your unique path, trust that you're strong enough and be who you're truly here to be.

## Just for Fun – The Dark Side



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

KONA COFFEE  
CULTURAL FESTIVAL  
Nov 1 - 10  
Various Events/Locations  
[www.konacoffeefest.com](http://www.konacoffeefest.com)

100% PURE KONA COFFEE  
MARATHON  
Nov 09 - 5:30A to 12:30P  
Coconut Grove Mkt/Alii Drive  
[www.purekonahalf.com](http://www.purekonahalf.com)

6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BY THE  
SEA FUNDRAISER  
Nov 10 - 5:00P to 8:30P  
Royal Kona Resort/Alii Drive  
[www.royalkona.wixsite.com/holidaybythesea](http://www.royalkona.wixsite.com/holidaybythesea)

2nd ANNUAL HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY FUNDRAISING  
GALA  
Nov 16 - 5:00P to 10:00P  
King Kam Hotel/Alii Drive  
[habithawaiiisland.org](http://habithawaiiisland.org)

## Member Birthdays

Jim Gusitn - Nov 01  
T Buswell Ordenez - Nov 21  
Kris Hazard - Nov 26  
Jose Santiago - Nov 29  
Larry Web - Dec 01

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein  
Nov 14, 2003 - 16 Years  
Allen Clark  
Nov 01, 1993 - 26 Years  
Darleen Dabbling  
Nov 16, 2006 - 13 Years  
Tom Fine  
Nov 03, 1973 - 46 Years  
James Lowson  
Nov 02, 2017 - 2 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
VFW Hall  
Behind Kona Locksmith  
74-5543 Kaiwi Street, 185A  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

## Submissions

Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Richard Farnham by Tuesday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Helm



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Mark Daniel Maloney  
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Eric Kaler  
D5000 Governor



Alan Clark  
WH Asst Governor

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## Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





## Coming Up – Annual Christmas Party

The Rotary Club of Kona Holiday Party is this coming Friday, December 6.



If you want to participate bring a small gift (no more than \$25 in value) wrapped. You can use this as a time to regift! Also, if you are able, please bring a pupu and/or drinks to share. The Club (ie Linda Jane on behalf of the Club) will provide a main dish and desserts. If you are busy and can't rally anything, please still come. There is never a shortage of food.

Where: Linda Jane Kelley's House, Hualalai Farms, off of Mamalahoa Hwy, 75-5494 Keke Street, Holualoa, HI 96725

## At the Podium – Ray Kester – Musician



Ray has a diverse background in both business and the arts. He owned and managed several businesses that encompassed the Real Estate industry in Oklahoma.

As an artist Ray has traveled the world extensively on tour with his debut album, *Faces and Faraway Places*. He is a singer, songwriter, and photographer and continues to perform at venues in West Hawaii.

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Brandie Henderson

Door Prize:  
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Ribbie Lee	12/19
No Meeting	12/26

Greeters:	
Brandie Henderson	12/12
Renee Kraft	12/19
No Meeting	12/26

Door Prize:	
Katherine Rauch	12/12
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## President's Position

### Mark Daniel Maloney RI President



There is no experience quite like attending the Rotary International Convention. Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians from 6 to 10 June in Honolulu. It is the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.

There are two types of people who enjoy visits to Hawaii — those who have never been to the islands and are about to have unique and wonderful experiences, and those who have had those Hawaiian moments etched into their memories already and cannot wait to create some new ones.

The convention is the best place to find and share your aloha, which you will soon discover is much more than a greeting. Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, aloha is a way of life for Hawaiians — one that focuses on living in harmony, being patient, treating everyone with respect, and sharing joy with your family, or 'ohana.

Our host committee has arranged some fabulous events for you and your family. This includes a Hawaiian Culture and Lunch Boat Cruise, a two-hour tour that will feature spectacular views of Diamond Head, Waikiki, and the Kahala Gold Coast. On board, you can learn to play the ukulele, take part in hula dancing, and create your own Hawaiian flower lei.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a full range of island hospitality events, from small backyard picnics to multicourse family meals. There will be fantastic service projects to see, including two ancient Hawaiian fishponds. And a sunrise Walk for Peace will take place at the beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park, a 3-mile stroll in the shadow of the iconic Diamond Head crater.

Inside and outside the convention halls, we are going to hold the most family-friendly convention in Rotary history, including a family-centered opening ceremony and family-focused events in the House of Friendship. The opening session will, of course, include our traditional flag ceremony.

Our 2020 convention will also be a time to celebrate Rotary's historical ties to the United Nations. As I mentioned in my November message, June 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. On the day before the start of the convention, Rotary and the UN will host our fifth joint event of 2019-20, one focused on environmental sustainability.

In addition, we are planning the greenest convention in Rotary history — and I will share more details about this in the months ahead. But now, go to [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) and click the REGISTER button right below the Honolulu Hawaii 2020 logo. Early registration discount pricing ends 15 December, so do not delay.

Rotary Connects the World in no better way than at the Rotary Convention. Bring your family to meet our family. See you in Honolulu!

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## Just for Fun – Diminishing Vocabulary

I enjoy writing. I don't love it. I might have loved it once, years ago when I was rich in words. Today, when the times have robbed so many of us of so much, I find my vocabulary, like my fortune, has dwindled to a tiny fraction of what it once was. So many dollars and so many words have somehow gone missing. Wouldn't it have been nice had I thought to put away a few dollars for a rainy day, or a few words for an interesting thought? Were it not for dictionaries and Google (incidentally, according to my dictionary, it really should be "googol"), my writings would certainly be reduced to ramblings. Or has that ship already sailed?

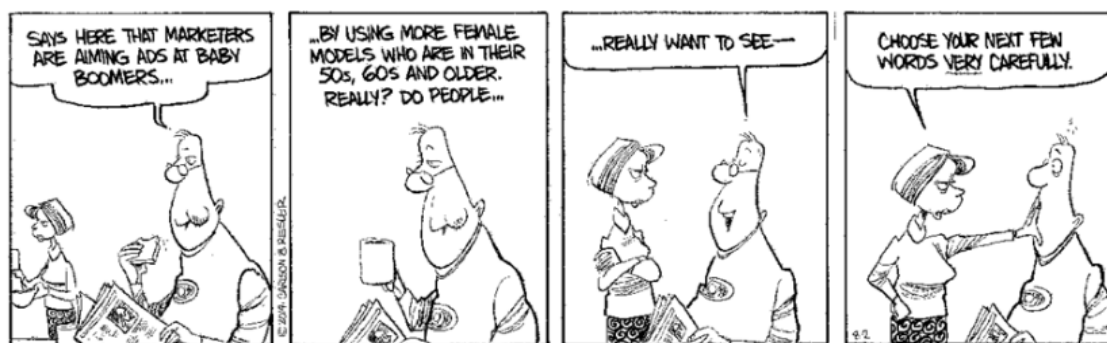
I have always loved words. The lovely, liquid, often long, sometimes lugubrious language of poetry. The splashing, hissing, buzzing, hiccupping, knocking, and kerplunking of the comics. The articles about animals, including mammals, specifically camels, who are often found trammeling the desert. And the stories of young (or not so young) Casanovas who promise, "I'll walk you down the aisle on a tropical isle if you just say yes."

Unfortunately, each passing year marks the passing of a few hundred more words from my lexicon. More and more things become "things," whose given name escapes me. Fortunately, I live in Hawaii, where most everything can be described as "da kine" (that's another story), so my limitations are perhaps less obvious to those outside my immediate family. Speaking of immediate family, compared to my mother-in-law (bless her heart, which is huge) I am still a verbal giant. She retains only a few hundred words, including a few carefully chosen mild expletives, which serve her very well. Never mind that she loves to drink "Formosas," or that her daughter gave her a "pedophile" for her birthday, or that the same daughter's "autopsy" came back negative, or that her dear departed husbands "asses" are buried in the back yard next to the "syphilis" bushes.

No longer a verbal giant (if ever I was) and more akin to a verbal midget (I'm sorry, verbal small person, but that's another story), it would be nice if I still had the vocabulary and skills I once possessed (or the wealth I once enjoyed, but that's another story). If my memory wasn't failing me and I still possessed a wealth of words, I could surely be prolific. I could pen worthy articles and correspond with important people. I could verbalize my great thoughts and compose treatises about my original, innovative ideas. If only I were just still rich in words and still loved writing, and could remember even one of my great thoughts or innovative ideas.

R. Farnham - 11/07/10

## Just for Fun – Choose Your Words





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## At Rotary International – Are You Proudly Rotarian?

By Frank Kofi Owusu Debrah, Foundation Chair and Past President of the Rotary Club of Sunyani Central, Ghana

It is certainly true that the reasons for a person joining Rotary are varied and many. For some, it's the personal and business networking that motivates them. For others, it's fellowship and a sense of belonging to a world-wide organization of people. Still for others, it's a status symbol. Whatever the reasons, everyone has one. Sadly, some of the reasons don't fit Rotary's primary purpose; a network of problem solvers living the mantra of Service Above Self.

Networking for professional and personal development is laudable, so is the quest for social recognition through association with entities that have an impact, and so is an opportunity to travel around the world to Rotary events. My fear is that the essence and core responsibility of being a Rotarian is being lost on many around the world, at least from my club.

Many of us travel on expensive budgets to Rotary events, yet we have not contributed a single cent to The Rotary Foundation where our investment into communities around the world comes from. I simply cannot comprehend this and I am certain that there are many of us thinking alike.

However, it is obvious that there are also many who do not feature the Foundation in their budget priorities, and that, whether they donate or not to the Foundation, they consider themselves a Proud Rotarian as long as they pay dues. This must change. Privileges come with responsibilities whether voluntary or compulsory. Whoever enjoys the privileges has an inherent moral obligation to live the responsibilities as well.

It is unbelievable that many clubs struggle to have members offering themselves up for leadership, club service, community service, and even participation in club meetings, projects, and other events. Being Proudly Rotarian is not just an empty accolade and status symbol. Rather, it is a call for service and commitment to hold true the driving motive of Rotary. It's a call to give of yourself to the world community in giving to support and strengthen the Rotary Foundation's humanitarian efforts around the globe. It's a call to build strong clubs and use our skills, professional knowledge, and technical know how to bring happiness to people in our communities.

If this is not your core understanding of what it means to be Proudly Rotarian, I guess you are simply and unfortunately a mere member of Rotary. I am a Rotarian and Proudly so. Which are you?

## From the Archives – December 6, 2001



**ComBridges founder and president Jon Leland is a leading communication expert who has been an innovator for over 25 years.**

In the seventies, Mr. Leland founded one of the first narrowcast radio networks. In the eighties, he was a cable and pay-TV pioneer who founded the onair promotion department at cable's USA Network. And, in the nineties, Leland has written and produced original video programs, leading edge web sites and interactive TV prototypes.

Corporate projects have included two interactive TV "future vision" videos for Pacific Bell and an interactive TV prototype application for Oracle Corporation which was displayed at Disney World's Epcot Center. Corporate clients include AT&T, Dolch Computers, HBO, Hooked on Phonics, Lifetime Cable Television, Madison Square Garden Network, NEC America, New York Telephone, Paramount Home Video, Silicon Graphics, Simon & Schuster Video, TEN-TV, Viacom, VDOnet and Xerox, among others.

An evangelist for low cost video production tools, in 1994, Leland wrote, produced and directed "The Digital Video-Video," a half-hour overview of new technologies for video professionals which received sponsorship support from eight companies including Adobe, Avid Technologies, Media 100, Specular International and Videography magazine.

Jon is also a contributing editor to Videography magazine with a monthly column "The Video Web", and is a contributor to Computer Graphics World, Publish and TV-Broadcast magazines. Jon has also published a series of online articles about how businesses can use the World Wide Web to gain a strategic advantage. It's called "The Web Edge" and it appears on ComBridges' own Media Mall web site. (Writing samples are available via this link.)

Mr. Leland has led workshops at the Inc. 500, Inc. Growing the Company, Mac-World, Image Expos, Corporate Computing Expo and other conferences. He has also served as the conference director of the Rocky Mountain Film & Video Expo and as the West Coast on-camera correspondent for the American Business Journal TV series. Articles about Mr. Leland and his work have been published in Business Week, Presentations, Electronic Media, MPC World, PC Today, San Francisco Business Times and Videomaker magazines, among others.

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Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

**CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHEFS**  
Dec 7 - 5:30 to 8:00P  
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[www.konakohalacheffs.org](http://www.konakohalacheffs.org)

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### At the Club – Annual Christmas Party



### Coming Up

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*Ho 'olaule'a Kailikimaka Kō Kona  
"Kona's Christmas Celebration"*

**SATURDAY 5PM  
DECEMBER 14th, 2019**

**Announcing Stations:**

- West Hawaii Today • Splasher's Grill
- UWAM Ships • Huihe'e Palace
- Hale Halawai • Island Lava Java

Presented by  
the Rotary Clubs of Kona and  
the Kailua-Kona Community Parade Association

For more information and applications visit:  
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**Rotary's 8th Annual Kailua-Kona  
Menehune  
Holiday  
Food Drive**

Please help us  
**raise 100,000 pounds of food!**  
**Your Shop & Drop - We Deliver**

**Canned Soups, Stews, Spam,  
Vegetables, Tuna, Chicken,  
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**Juices, Breakfast Cereals,  
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**FACTS REGARDING MONETARY DONATIONS:**

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Join us Dec. 14th  
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**You can drop off  
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Mahalo to our many Food Drive Sponsors

### Just for Fun – You look good in purple!





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## At Rotary International – Why Donate to the Foundation?

**When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. Here are five reasons to make Rotary your charity of choice.**

### Accountability

Our accountability and transparency have earned The Rotary Foundation 12 straight years of four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator Charity Navigator. More than 90% of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs. No high administrative costs dilute your gift.

### Impact

We partner with other organizations to increase our impact and make your donations work even harder. When you give to PolioPlus, for example, you have the satisfaction of knowing that every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched by \$2 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this partnership, all donations to end polio (up to \$50 million per year) are tripled, providing critical funding toward creating a polio-free world.

### A Record of Success

Rotary unites leaders who have the skills and resources to tackle some of the world's most difficult problems and deliver sustainable, long-lasting results. For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio and with the help of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. The infrastructure developed to facilitate both immunizations and eradication is being used to fight and protect against other diseases as well. For example, the method known as contact tracing was critical to containing an Ebola outbreak in Nigeria in 2014.

### Global Reach

Our 1.2 million members span the globe, uniting people who have a common desire to serve others. From teaching children to read in Ecuador to a microcredit program in Indonesia, Rotary members identify local problems and use Rotary's vast network and the resources of The Rotary Foundation to take action in their communities.

### Bringing about Peace

Peace holds a unique status in Rotary. We approach peace not as an abstract concept, but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. As a humanitarian service organization, it is both a cornerstone of our mission, and one of our six areas of focus – one of the main ways in which our members make their mark on the world.

Each year, the Rotary Peace Centers train some of the world's most dedicated professionals to resolve conflicts and promote national and international cooperation. Rotary Peace Fellows study in a two-year master's degree program or a professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities. Rotary members themselves also address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. Our collaboration with the Institute for Economics and Peace is providing free, self-guided training to individuals who want to be peacebuilders in their communities.

## From the Archives – December 12, 2002

**Participation in the Food Bank has been a Rotary Club of Kona tradition for decades. Below is a reminder for the club on December 12, 2002.**

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The important piece is for us to participate and share.

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**MEET N' EAT**  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
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“I’m known as the guy who can do anything on the ukulele. I have a very unique style, I call it contemporary ukulele,” Lee said. “I do everything, and I take requests. I do Johnny Cash one moment, Lady Gaga the next. You name it, I can do it.”

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## Just for Fun

### THE SYMMETRY OF LIFE

My parents, may they rest in peace, loved to tell the tale of how I came into the world kicking and screaming, unlike my older brother who arrived with a wink in his eye and a smile on his face. I suspect his wink was just one eye opening sooner than the other, and I'm pretty sure his smile was just gas. He certainly contained an abundance of it later in life. That I was kicking and screaming may have been a reaction to the sound spanking I received soon after entering, but more likely it was due to being suddenly extracted from a warm, wet, and wonderful womb.

Being just born, my new world was understandably quite small, a world of regimen, carefully controlled activities and little excitement. I was incapable of speaking, walking, feeding myself, except out of a bottle, using the bathroom or doing pretty much anything else, except lying around and sleeping. As with all babies, I required constant attention and round-the-clock care. Failing to receive it, I would make my displeasure known, often by kicking and screaming.

Of course, as time went by, I learned to babble and finally speak, crawl and finally walk, use the bathroom, and even feed myself. Over the years, I grew larger in size, became more coordinated, even a bit athletic, and slowly expanded my horizons. I attended schools and universities where I garnered a wealth of information. I started businesses, not a few, where I attained a modicum of wealth. I married, more than once, and raised children, several, over far too many years (but that's another story). I moved several times and traveled to many faraway places. As I grew older my world got larger and larger. And then it started shrinking.

I am now settled down, settled in and considering retiring. My kids are grown and moved away (not so much, but that's also another story). My workload is decreasing, my wealth of information is decreasing (as is, unfortunately, my modicum of wealth) and my athleticism is rapidly becoming couch potatoism. I'm smaller in size (not so much smaller as shorter and wider), as is my vocabulary, of which I used to be quite proud.

I know the day is coming when I will become far less coordinated, followed soon by far less ambulatory. My vocabulary will no doubt shrink to a few hundred words and then a few dozen words, which I will insist are the really important ones. I'll soon get to the point when I can no longer walk without a walker, when I babble instead of speaking, when I wear my depends with pride and have to drink all my meals.

Eventually I will re-enter that world of regimen, carefully controlled activities, and little excitement. I won't be doing a whole lot except lying around and sleeping, and will again require constant attention and round-the-clock care. When even round-the-clock care is not enough, it is my fondest hope that I will depart this world as I came in, kicking and screaming.

R. Farnham, 10/27/10

## Just for Fun – I hope you asked Santa for some crutches!





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## 2020 Rotary International Convention Host Organization Committee (HOC) Special Bulletin

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Rotaract registration: 246  
Total Countries/Geographic Areas: 167 (Top Countries: 6,066 US, 1,519 Taiwan, 1,366 Japan, 671 Philippines, 560 Canada, 474 India)  
Hotel Rooms Booked: 4,554

The Host Hospitality Night is sold out! There are 1,000 people registered for about 29 events hosted by District 5000 clubs!!

The Rotary International Convention will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center, June 6-10, 2020. Opening session is on Sunday, June 7th.

### News

#### Hurry! Register Fees increase on Dec 16

Register today! The registration fee will increase by \$100 after December 15. What you'll get out of attending? How about hearing inspirational, world-class speakers, experiencing the energy and breadth of Rotary in the House of Friendship, learning more in one of the almost 100 breakout sessions or what about the pure excitement being in the midst of Rotary leaders and shakers from all over the globe!!

To register, go to [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org). Registration is open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, alumni, Youth Exchange students, club and district employees, and spouses of deceased Rotarians. Guests can also attend at the appropriate fee. See [registration fees](#) for all eligible attendees.

[Read more...](#)

### Notes:

#### HOF ENTERTAINERS NEEDED:

Sonya is accepting suggestions for entertainers for the House of Friendship. The HOF will be open Saturday through Wednesday and we need to fill the entertainment schedule in 30 minute increments. Got a suggestion? Need to know type of music, will they play gratis for 30 minutes, who is the contact and phone/email. Email Sonya at [sonyamendezrotary808@gmail.com](mailto:sonyamendezrotary808@gmail.com)

#### HELP WANTED! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

As you can imagine, a lot of volunteers will be needed. Committee Chair Laura Steelquist is getting help from other Districts, but who better to show the aloha spirit and answer questions about Hawaii than District 5000 Rotarians! If your club sponsors an Interact or Rotaract club, what an opportunity for them to witness first hand the Power of Rotary by attending the Convention and volunteering to pass out delegate bags or helping to assemble the world's longest money lei! Let Laura know if your club is interested at [laura@himed.cc](mailto:laura@himed.cc) Shift times to be added in January. To sign up, [CLICK HERE](#)

#### HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP VENDOR BOOTHS:

If you know of a vendor who would like to sign up for one of the limited booths for Hawaii products, Chair Ron Mabry is collecting information of possible vendors. Contact Ron if there is a vendor who is interested at [ronmabry5000@gmail.com](mailto:ronmabry5000@gmail.com)

#### SUPPORT THE HOC WITH SPONSORS:

The HOC needs funds to cover expenses, such as the HOC website, volunteer vests, event expenses and more. If you, your employer, or companies you know would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Rotary does a lot of good in the world and the Convention brings information to Rotarians to support the causes. The benefit to sponsors can be found in the sponsor brochure on the District website. The economic benefit to Hawaii is estimated to be \$73 million. Go to this Sponsorship webpage for more information and documents: <https://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/sponsorship-information/>

[Read more...](#)

### HOC Events

These are the events the HOC is responsible for: (click "Learn More")

[Read more...](#)

### Stories

#### Resources

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#### Resources:

Website for activities: [rotaryhonolulu2020.org](http://rotaryhonolulu2020.org)  
Website to register: [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org)  
District Website: [rotaryd5000.org](http://rotaryd5000.org)  
Sponsorship info: <https://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/sponsorship-information/>  
Aloha Shirts: <https://2020alohashirts.com/>  
Volunteer Sign up: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2852226/false#/invitation>

#### Webinars:

Host Organization Committee Point of Contact: <https://youtu.be/F9tq2B0dMCw>  
Sponsorships - <https://youtu.be/eXK3UqUZPII>  
Host Hospitality - <https://youtu.be/ouDjja-WAZk>  
House of Friendship: <https://youtu.be/z6ZTNUXkEFw>

Official Aloha Shirts are still available!

Buy one through this website: <https://2020alohashirts.com>



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHEFS

Dec 7 - 5:30 to 8:00P  
King Kam Hotel  
[www.konakohalacheffs.org](http://www.konakohalacheffs.org)

### 22nd ANNUAL ARC OF KONA BAZAAR

Dec 07 - 9A to 2P  
81-1065 Konawaena School Road,  
Kealakekua  
[www.arcofkona.org](http://www.arcofkona.org).

### ANNUAL KAILUA-KONA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec14 - 5P  
Alii Drive  
[www.paradesinkona.com](http://www.paradesinkona.com)

### AFTERNOON AT THE PALACE CONCERT/HULA, VILLAGE STROLL AND FREE CONCERT!

Dec 15 - 4 to 5P  
Hulihe'e Palace/Alii Drive  
[historickailuavillage.com](http://historickailuavillage.com)

### 15th ANNUAL JINGLE BELL BEACH 5K FUN RUN/BENEFIT

Dec 22 - 8A to 2P  
[www.kona5k.com](http://www.kona5k.com)

## Member Birthdays

Larry Webb - Dec 01  
Jennifer Heimgartner - Dec 04  
Hermann Heimgartner - Dec 30

## Date Joined Anniversaries

David Rees-Thomas  
Dec 01, 1979 - 40 Years  
John Spicer  
Dec 14, 2017 - 2 Years  
Loi Chang-Stroman  
Dec 16, 2010 - 9 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Alice (deceased) Daniel  
Dec 31, 1979 - 40 Years  
Richard & Nancy Farnham  
Dec 31, 1992 - 27 Years

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
VFW Hall  
Behind Kona Locksmith  
74-5543 Kaiwi Street, 185A  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
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At the Podium – Rotary Day – President John Spicer

January 09, 2020



President John will be hosting this weeks meeting when it's time to get up to date on all things Rotary.

We are in need of volunteers to help with tonight's (1/8) Meet & Eat meal. Preston has agreed to take care of the main dish - but we still need volunteers to do the salad and the fruit (2 large foil trays of each). If you are able to assist, please let Hannah or Scott know.

At the Club – Dec 19, 2019

The club welcomes new member Mahlon Whittle.



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



Musician Robbie Lee provides entertainment for the Xmas season.



## This Week

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Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
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Program:  
Rotary Day - President John  
Greeter:  
E Hamar/B Riley  
Door Prize:  
James Resor

## Coming Up

Programs:  
No Meeting 01/16  
Eric Golub 01/23  
Dr. Carol Brown 01/30

Greeters:  
No Meeting 01/16  
James Resor 01/23  
Jose Santiago 01/30

Door Prize:  
No Meeting 01/16  
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This is particularly important in our efforts to reach younger new members. We want to see a Rotary where no one is ever asked to choose between being a good Rotarian and being a good parent, business owner, manager, or employee. When we ask busy young people to join us, we should not be asking them to give up their time and freedom. We should be rewarding them with an experience that makes everything they already do even more inspiring.

Providing greater balance within Rotary will have another benefit as well: It will create opportunities for other Rotarians, including Rotaractors, to step up and take a leadership role on projects and committees. This will ensure that they remain engaged in our clubs and inspired to be Rotarians for life.

Throughout the world, Rotary is admired for its vocational service and for the time-honored values we instill in all business relationships. As we continue our work to grow Rotary, let us remember that vocational service remains a crucial selling point to potential members.

Rotary Connects the World, and by making Rotary's vocational service work known to people in more professions and at different stages of their careers, we will help grow our organization and make it stronger and more diverse.

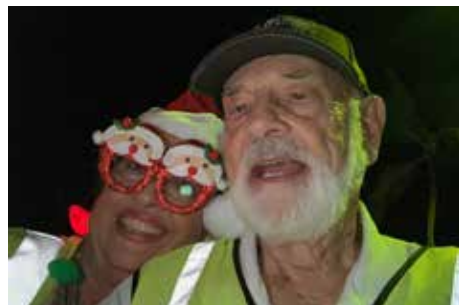
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## Around Town – Parade

THE ROTARY SPONSORED CHRISTMAS PARADE. FIND THE ROTARIANS!



## Just for Fun – It's a Date





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At the Club – Hualalai Golf Tournament



**MITSUBISHI  
ELECTRIC**

CHAMPIONSHIP  
*at Hualalai*

## 2020 Fact Sheet

**Event:** Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai

**Location:** Hualalai Golf Course, Ka'upulehu, Hawaii

**Dates:** January 16, 17 & 18, 2020

**Title Sponsor:** Mitsubishi Electric

**Format:** 54-Hole - Stroke Play Competition

**Purse:** 1.8 million

**Defending Champion:** Tom Lehman

**Charities:** Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation;  
Big Island Junior Golf, Daniel R. Sayre Foundation

**Television:** NBC Golf Channel

**Tickets:** January 16-18, 2020  
Advance Purchase – [pgatour.com/mec](http://pgatour.com/mec)  
Gate Sales – January 16-18, 2020  
\$25 One Day Pass / \$45 Tournament Pass

<b>Broadcast:</b>	<b>FIRST Round</b>	Thursday, January 16	Golf Channel	2:00p - 5:00p (Hawaii Time)
	<b>SECOND Round</b>	Friday, January 17	Golf Channel	2:00p - 5:00p (Hawaii Time)
	<b>FINAL Round</b>	Saturday, January 18	Golf Channel	2:00p - 5:00p (Hawaii Time)

TV Broadcast Times "Subject to Change"

### 2020 Eligible Player Field:

- |                          |                       |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Woody Austin          | 18. Jerry Kelly       | 36. Ken Tanigawa  |
| 2. Doug Barron           | 19. Bernhard Langer   | 37. David Toms    |
| 3. Paul Broadhurst       | 20. Tom Lehman        | 38. Kirk Triplett |
| 4. Bart Bryant           | 21. Davis Love III    | 39. Tom Watson    |
| 5. Mark Calcavecchia     | 22. Sandy Lyle        |                   |
| 6. Fred Couples          | 23. Jeff Maggert      |                   |
| 7. John Daly             | 24. Scott McCarron    |                   |
| 8. Marco Dawson          | 25. Rocco Mediate     |                   |
| 9. Joe Durant            | 26. Colin Montgomerie |                   |
| 10. Ernie Els            | 27. Mark O'Meara      |                   |
| 11. Steve Flesch         | 28. Scott Parel       |                   |
| 12. Fred Funk            | 29. Tom Pernice Jr.   |                   |
| 13. Retief Goosen        | 30. Kenny Perry       |                   |
| 14. Jay Haas             | 31. Gene Sauers       |                   |
| 15. Hale Irwin           | 32. Wes Short Jr.     |                   |
| 16. Miguel Angel Jimenez | 33. Vijay Singh       |                   |
| 17. Brandt Jobe          | 34. Jeff Sluman       |                   |
|                          | 35. Kevin Sutherland  |                   |

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Jan 11 - 11A to 2P  
Old Airport Beach Park, Kai-lua-Kona  
[JapaneseCulturalCenterOfKona.com](http://JapaneseCulturalCenterOfKona.com)

**39th ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**  
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[historickailuavillage.com](http://historickailuavillage.com)

**IOLANI LUAHINE HULA FESTIVAL**  
Jan 24 - 26  
Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa  
[IolaniLuahineFestival.org](http://IolaniLuahineFestival.org)

## Member Birthdays

Gregary Ogin - Jan 10  
Harold Meltzer - Jna 10  
Annaliese Graf - Jan 10  
Dani Knapp - Jan 17  
David Rees-Thomas - Jan 24  
Janice Gustin - Jan 26

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## At the Podium – Eric Golub – Comedian



Eric Golub is a national Jewish columnist, author, speaker and comedian who has spoken in all 50 states. “Jewish Lunacy” is his newest comedy book where he teaches people how to use humor to be better advocates for their religion of choice. He also speaks about American politics, foreign policy, and the stock market. In his spare time, he monitors the Middle East Studies departments of college campuses and exposes anti-Israel professors. Before going on the speaking circuit, he spent 15 years as a stockbrokerage and oil professional on Wall Street. He lives in Los Angeles. His hobbies include the National Football League, trying new hamburger joints, and watching “Murder, She Wrote.”

## At the Club – January 9, 2020 – Rotary Day

### Guests and Visiting Rotarians



### President John Hosted the Rotary

**Day Meeting.** He gave us an update on programs, goals, and his desires for the rest of the year.

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Dr. Carol Brown 01/30  
Lauren Nicholson 02/06  
Nae Halani 02/13

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Mahlon Whittle 02/13

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### At the Club – Help Needed for Mahalo Party

We are in need of folks to help out at the Mahalo Party on Sunday, Jan 26. This is a really fun event to thank all of the volunteers who make the tournament possible. And who make the donation to Rotary possible! We need:

- 1) One Truck: Someone with a pickup truck to help pick up tables and chairs from Service Rentals (New Industrial) on Saturday (Jan 25) by noon and drop them off again by 8 am on Monday. On Saturday we can pick and drop at the Pavilion so they are there for set up on Sunday. I have one truck but we need two to hold all of the tables and chairs. Then we will load them up after the party to be dropped back at Service Rental by 8 am on Monday. Service Rentals is closed Sunday so we have to wait until Monday to drop them off.
- 2) Want to help decorate? We can just use greenery from nature like monstera leaves, ginger, etc. Want to help collect greenery and put on tables? Decorating can start at 1130 am on Sunday. Interact is going to set up the tables and chairs starting at 1030 am. They are really speedy and decorating can happen at the same time so if you want to come sooner its possible.
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- 4) Someone with a truck to take the recycling after the event.

Day of the Event: The event starts at 2 pm so if assistants could arrive around 1 pm that would be great

- 1-Check in table (5 people)-check off names and hand out food and drink tickets
- 2-Supervise buffet line (1 person)-collect tickets
- 3-Cake table (1 person)-cut and put out cakes, keep cakes coming
- 4-Bar (3 people)-Help Hans and Lori set up bar and serve the alcohol
- 5-Monitor Silent Auction table (1 person)-make sure people are following the rules of minimum bid increase, etc

Please let me know if you would be willing to assist in any of these areas.  
Thanks! Jenaya 808-937-2541

### Other Announcements

Just an advanced reminder that the Rotary Club of Kona board meeting will be next Tuesday, (not this Tuesday) Jan 28 at 5 pm at Hawaii Life Office.

Also, this week's speaker is coming from Oahu via the mainland. His accommodation fell through so we are trying to find him alternative. He seems pretty flexible is just looking for a place to sleep on Wednesday night. He has his own transportation.

If you have a spare room or couch let Ben Noyes know at 808 936 9136 or via email at ben\_noyes@yahoo.com

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## At Rotary International – Toastmasters and Rotary

**Toastmasters and Rotary partner to help members grow professionally and make a difference in their communities.**

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The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

“The strategic alliance with Rotary is exciting and allows both organizations to leverage our unique and similar strengths,” says Deepak Menon, Toastmasters’ 2019-20 International President. “We look forward to providing our current and prospective members with ongoing additional offerings that meet their evolving needs.”

With its first unofficial meeting held in Bloomington, Ill., in March 1905, Toastmasters is a global nonprofit organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Its members attend club meetings where they learn how to be more confident speakers, communicators and leaders. Toastmasters’ vision for the ongoing collaboration with Rotary is to change more lives for the better, and positively impact communities around the world.

“Collaborating with Toastmasters will provide our members with even more opportunities to develop and improve their leadership and communication skills,” said John Hewko, general secretary and CEO of Rotary International. “In turn, members of Toastmasters can connect with more people, take advantage of new speaking and learning opportunities, and make a difference in their communities through Rotary.”

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For FAQ and to learn more about this partnership, please visit [www.toastmasters.org/Rotary](http://www.toastmasters.org/Rotary).

For further information or interviews from Toastmasters International, please contact [dolson@toastmasters.org](mailto:dolson@toastmasters.org) or call +1720 619 5344.

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He is a national Jewish columnist, author, speaker and comedian who has spoken in all 50 states. He also speaks about American politics, foreign policy, and the stock market. In his spare time, he monitors the Middle East Studies departments of college campuses and exposes anti-Israel professors. Before going on the speaking circuit, he spent 15 years as a stockbroker and oil professional on Wall Street. He lives in Los Angeles. His hobbies include the National Football League, trying new hamburger joints, and watching "Murder, She Wrote."

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February 06, 2020



Kirstin Kahaloe's career has been defined by service to people – in higher education, in advocacy for economic growth, and now in helping people live healthier lives. Having grown up in a family where many kupuna passed away prematurely, and losing her own father at the age of 57 to health issues that could have been prevented, Kirstin took a special interest in this subject. With the Blue Zones Project in our community, she hopes to keep families together longer by keeping people healthier.

Born and raised on Oahu, Kirstin is a proud graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. After over a decade on the Continental U.S. attending and working at institutions of higher education, she returned to her family's ancestral home – Hawaii Island – to take the helm of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. As executive director, Kirstin guided the chamber in its mission of providing leadership and advocacy for a successful business environment in West Hawaii.

Kirstin earned a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Political Science and a Master's degree in Public Service Administration from the University of Evansville, and a Master's degree in Management & Leadership from Webster University. Kirstin lives in Kona with her family and is looking forward to engaging the community in healthy lifestyle activities, while getting back into the ocean herself as a paddler and swimmer.

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roughly 1.7 billion. Today, it is 7.7 billion. There were 5 telephones per 100 people in the United States 115 years ago. In 2020, it is estimated that 96 percent of the U.S. population has a cellphone — and both China and India have more than a billion cellphones in use.

In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except Rotary values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service Above Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words had already been ingrained by Rotary's founders.

As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate, the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. It's one thing to read about service projects, quite another to see them in action and to see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them. Rotary projects change lives and connect the world. And over the past year, I have seen some amazing Rotary projects in action.

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## At the Club – January 30, 2020

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Tom Schwarzgruber, Rotary Club of Woodland, CA,  
Tabb Randolph, Rotary Club of Woodland, CA

Aloha All,

**We are in need of volunteers to help with the salad & fruit for tomorrow night's Meet & Eat meal. If you are able to assist, please let me or my dad Scott know. We could also use a few people to help serve/clean-up.**

**\*Drop off time for the food is 5:30 pm @ Kealahou Inter. School cafeteria**

**\*\*It is not necessary to stay and help serve if you assist with food prep.**

**Mahalo, Hannah (808) 989-9244**

## The Rotary Club of Kona receives recognition as the Organization of the Year 2019, by Special Olympics.



## Two of Our Favorite People.



## Just for Fun – Better Late Than Never?





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## At Rotary International



### ROTARY AND THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION EXTENDING FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP TO ERADICATE POLIO

Partnership will infuse an additional US\$450 million into global polio eradication effort

EVANSTON, IL. (January 22, 2020) – Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.

“Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, almost 19 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed,” said John Germ, Past President of Rotary International who leads Rotary’s polio fundraising efforts. “By partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we’re ensuring that children in polio-affected countries get the lifesaving vaccines they need to be protected from polio for life. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world, Rotary is more committed than ever to delivering on our promise that one day, no child will ever again be paralyzed by polio.”

To an audience of Rotary volunteer leaders from around the world, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation delivered a video message announcing the extension of a funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

“The Gates Foundation’s longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio,” said Mr. Gates in today’s message to Rotary volunteers. “That’s why we’re extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality.”

In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization.

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While only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, the remaining challenges to global eradication—like difficulty reaching children amid insecurity and conflict and weak health systems—have proven to be the most difficult. In order to meet these roadblocks head on and ensure the continuation of program efforts, funding and support from donors and world governments is imperative.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

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At the Podium – Nae Halani – Ola Brewing Company

February 13, 2020



*Our mission is to encourage growth in Hawai'i's agricultural economy by purchasing local ingredients and incorporating them into our beers and ciders.*

We know that the quality of a product starts with the quality of ingredients. And what better than to use the freshest ingredients from our island. Ola Brew works to increase the demand for local farms not because it looks good on paper, but because we

care about our local community, the land we occupy, and drinks that we are providing and distributing to our island community. Ola Brew is both Employee and community owned. We have 650 small investors and 20 employee owners which results in dedicated staff and an engaged community.

At the Club – February 6, 2020 – Kirstin Kahaloa – Blue Zones Project



### Blue Zones® Food List

Select from the Top 50 Blue Zones Foods to create healthy, delicious meals inspired by Blue Zones communities.

Ikaria, Greece	Arcangelo, Italy	Nogara, Pennsylvania, Lower Blue	Okinawa, Japan	San Luis Obispo, California
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Informed by the world's longest-lived cultures, the Blue Zones Project was founded to help people live longer and live better.

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## President's Position

### Mark Daniel Maloney RI President



February 2020  
Happy 115th birthday, fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary!

Much has changed in the world since 1905. Then, the global population was

roughly 1.7 billion. Today, it is 7.7 billion. There were 5 telephones per 100 people in the United States 115 years ago. In 2020, it is estimated that 96 percent of the U.S. population has a cellphone — and both China and India have more than a billion cellphones in use.

In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except Rotary values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service Above Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words had already been ingrained by Rotary's founders.

As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate, the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. It's one thing to read about service projects, quite another to see them in action and to see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them. Rotary projects change lives and connect the world. And over the past year, I have seen some amazing Rotary projects in action.

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During her presentation on the 30th Dr. Brown recommended a few supplements that we all could benefit from taking to improve health and longevity. Available at Costco or Amazon.



### At the Club – Welcome District Governor Eric Kaler

Aloha All,

Next Saturday, Feb 15 we will have an all club gathering at Linda Janes house to welcome DG Eric.

When: Saturday, Feb 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm

What should I bring? Rotary Club of Kona will provide the main dish (lasagna).

Please bring a side, salad, beverage or pupu to share. But even if you can't rally a food item, be sure to come. Soft drinks and water will be provided.

Who: YOU and any guests you would like to bring.

Where: Linda Jane Kelley's house in Hualalai Farms, off of Mamalahoa Hwy.

75-5494 Keke Street

Holualoa, HI 96725

If coming from the South, the turn off, Kamalani St is a bit after the Kona Memorial Park. If coming from the north, the turn off, Kamalani St, is a bit after Mauka Meadows Coffee Farm.

Once on Kamalani you will pass through a gate, it will be open. Go up Kamalani St, turn left on Keke Street and it is the first house on the left. You will see cars parked on the roadside. There is plenty of street parking.

If you get lost call Linda Jane at (808) 936-0469.

Thanks and hope to see you all there.

Jenaya



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## Coming Up – Sunsert Whale Sail

Alohas Club Members,

Just a reminder that Rotary Club of North Hawaii is having a fundraiser Sunset Whale Watch cruise on Leap Day (Feb 29) out of Kawaihae. It would be great if we could get out there and help support their club.

\$95 includes pupus and refreshments.

Thanks, Jenaya

**JOIN ROTARY FOR A  
SUNSET WHALE SAIL**

**Saturday Evening February 29, 2020**  
**Cruise 4:30pm- Sunset**  
**Check in at Alala in Kawaihae 4:15pm**  
*Located behind Matson. Turn into the main Matson gate and then left at the guard check.*

**Proceeds to benefit Rotary Youth CAMP**  
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February 20, 2020



I've been a HomeOwnership Coach with the Hawai'i HomeOwnership Center for almost 3 years. I've been a homeowner for over 20 years and have bought and sold homes in 3 states including Hawai'i. I'm both a NeighborWorks America and HUD certified HomeOwnership Counselor.

Before working for the Hawai'i Home Ownership Center, I was an engineer for almost 30 years and volunteered with several money management ministries.

## At the Club – February 13, 2020

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My first computer was an I-Omega Super Brain. It contained a super-size, six-inch (diagonally measured) monitor that displayed “brilliant white letters on a jet black screen.” An obese (or perhaps just big-boned) beauty, it boasted a whopping 64 kilobytes of internal memory and two (not just one, but two) external drive bays that accepted floppy disks up to 48 kilobytes each. A floppy disk was a plastic, magnetic coating, recording device. Think of an anorexic CD that's bendy and hides in a paper sleeve; 48 kilobytes of data on something you could hold in your hand was very impressive at the time.

By comparison, today's flash drive (or thumb drive, or jump drive, or pocket disk or san disc, pick a generic name already), those cute little gadgets about the size of your pinky that plug into a USB port (Universal Serial Bus, in case you cared), hold up to 264 gigabytes of data. That's more than a million times more information. One pinky-sized thumb drive (pinky drive, perhaps) can hold all the information in the Encyclopedia Britannica including pictures, Roget's Thesaurus, and your Funk and Wagnalls, unabridged edition. By the way, if these book titles don't ring a bell, you probably won't get this article. If the term “book” doesn't ring a bell, you're probably my youngest son.

Today's computers are true wonders of modern technology. They allow us to do things we've never done, and do things we've always done, better and faster. They help us learn and to teach what we have learned. They have changed the way we gather information and the information available to gather. They have changed the way we get the news, the good news we enjoy, the bad news we need to hear, and even the very bad news we'd rather not. They have changed the way we are entertained, the way we shop, even the way we pay our bills, or not (the electronic transfer has been e-mailed, really).

As wonderful as computers are, at times, not so much. At times, they are incredible time-wasters and can steal time needed for work or study. Addictive video games, cyber bullying, and, worse, cyber stalking, can steal time and self-esteem and innocence. Just trying to keep up with the technology - the hardware, the software, the accessories, the add-ons, the strap-ons (sorry, different technology) - can steal our money and our resources. Not keeping up is not an option because the software keeps changing and the old hardware won't run the new software. Sometimes the new hardware won't run the new software because the new software has been replaced with the newer software which is needed to be compatible with new operating system which was developed to be compatible with the newest processor.

And then there's the age-old question, what to do with the old hardware? You can't give it away; schools can't teach today's children with yesterday's technology. You can't sell it; nobody wants hand-me-down electronics. You can't even throw it away unless you can find an authorized electronics disposal facility (open only on alternate Thursdays between 12:00 and 1:00, please call ahead, we may be at lunch). Computers; we love them, we hate them. We can't live without them, can't live with them, and can't bring them to the dump.

R. Farmham - 10/25/10

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## Coming Up – Sunset Whale Sail

Alohas Club Members,

Just a reminder that Rotary Club of North Hawaii is having a fundraiser Sunset Whale Watch cruise on Leap Day (Feb 29) out of Kawaihae. It would be great if we could get out there and help support their club.

\$95 includes pupus and refreshments.

Thanks, Jenaya

**JOIN ROTARY FOR A  
SUNSET WHALE SAIL**

**Saturday Evening February 29, 2020**  
**Cruise 4:30pm- Sunset**  
**Check in at Alala in Kawaihae 4:15pm**  
*Located behind Matson. Turn into the main Matson gate and then left at the guard check*

**Proceeds to benefit Rotary Youth CAMP**  
**THIS IS A FUNDRAISER- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

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## Michael McCray - Hawaii Home Ownership Program



The Mission of Hawai'i HomeOwnership Center is to provide education, information and support to create successful first-time homeowners in Hawai'i. By addressing barriers and increasing rates of home ownership, the HomeOwnership Center aims to build stronger families and communities throughout the state of Hawai'i.

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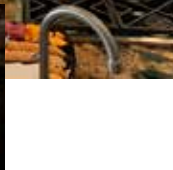
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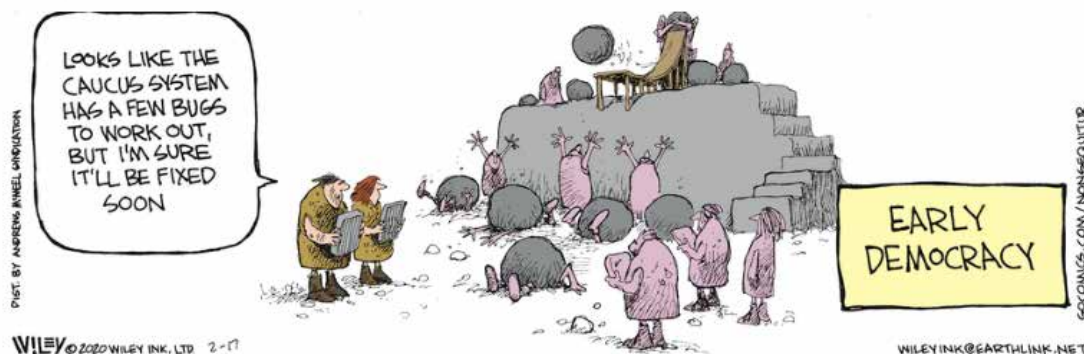
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**NEW OFFICERS** — The newly installed Kona Rotary officers posed for a photo during their first board meeting. They are, from left to right, standing, Ron Luizzi, vocational service director; Bill Crockett, secretary and state youth exchange chairperson; Rick Merschdorf, president; Ken McClain, treasurer; Paul Loughridge, bulletin editor; Greg Ogin, immediate past president; and John Williams, youth service director. Sitting, left to right, David Rees-Thomas, international service director; Lori Lynn Keziah, community service director; and Gene Charles, club service director. The club is soliciting community service project ideas. If you or your organization would like to make a suggestion, call Rick Merschdorf at 329-3135 or Lori Lynn Keziah at 329-1341.

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"Bill and I both were elementary school principals in Colorado until we retired the summer of 2001. We really appreciated the volunteers in our schools and with retirement we looked forward to having more time to

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## From the Archives – March 08, 2012 – Elena Budanova, Founding member of Ekaterinburg Rotary Club in Russia



Dear Rotarians,

My name is Elena Budanova. I am from Russia. I am a founding member of Ekaterinburg Rotary Club in Russia in 1998. We organized our Rotary Club with the group of the CCI PEP fellows- the alumni of the training program which was held and organized by the Center for Citizen Initiatives, San Francisco based NGO with generous support of American Rotary clubs. This program was created by a great lady from your country – Sharon Tennison. She held the program (Productivity Enhancement Program) with the help of the American Government -USAID. She shared her program and blessed her Russian partner for 18 years – NGO-BSI Business School International, formerly CCI, to continue and run this program.

We have been administrating the program for more than 18 years and know all the nuances of it. We have the professional staff and all the necessary resources to continue PEP. But unfortunately, now the American Government doesn't subsidize the program any more, though sees a big need in it. We have to help small business in Russia as the economic basis of the country. There is a need for Russian entrepreneurs to study the best experience from the developed small business of the developed countries. Everyone, who will come from Russia, has their own small business in Russia: real estate company, restaurant, construction company, etc.

We would like to ask you and your Club :

1. To invite our group of (6 – 10 people) to visit your meeting any Wednesday and allow them to share about Russia and its economy, small business development in Russia and receive information about Rotary and its mission and about your club.
2. Our big request- Can you please, share your business ideas with Russian delegates and invite them into your business and tell about your business in the USA.

Thank you very much in advance. The importance of this program for Rotary is in growing the numbers of the Rotarians. The majority of the PEP fellows learn about Rotary Clubs and after their American visit- join Rotary clubs or even organize new Rotary clubs in their towns of Russia.

### President/President-Elect's Greeting



Aloha Rotary Club of Kona Family,

Well, I am off to President Elect Training! Although it seems a bit odd that being a Past President and Current President, that I should be attending this conference. Actually, I am looking forward to it. If you take a look back at your years in Rotary, I am sure that there have been years where you were really involved and enjoying the whole Rotary Experience. In other years, I know for myself, I tired and thought, "I've done enough for awhile. I think I'll back off and just attend meetings for a bit."

That was okay for the time, but I knew I was either going to back off more or decide to get a involved just a little. That just a little re-ignites the fire. A little bit more and before you know it I am Chairman for the major fund raiser. I am still not sure though how I got to be President again so quickly but I am happy and excited I did. Before I can be as effective as I would like, I really need to do some catching up with all the changes that have occurred since 2004-05 and learn what's in store for this coming year.

PolioPlus is winding down and the Peace Forum is coming to the forefront. Future Vision will help us through the next many years with our International Service Projects. I can't wait to bring back all the information and enthusiasm for Rotary I know will be presented in San Jose. The program this week should be very interesting especially in light of the March 4th Elections in Russia. You can fill me in when I return.

Yours in Rotary, Alan Clark



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## At RI – Rotary Leaders Visit Pakistan in Support of Polio Eradication

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan. (February 6, 2020) – A delegation of Rotary International leaders from around the world traveled to Pakistan this week to meet with government leaders including Prime Minister Imran Khan, Minister of Health Dr. Zafar Mirza, Army Chief of Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Dr. Rana Safdar, head of Pakistan's Polio National Emergency Operations Centre. The Rotary delegation included Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 2020-21; K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation 2020-21; and Michael K. McGovern, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. The group was accompanied by incoming Rotary Foundation Trustee Aziz Memon, who leads efforts for Rotary's Pakistan PolioPlus program.

The government leaders praised Rotary for its prominent role in polio eradication and for providing vital financial support to Pakistan and other polio-threatened countries. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to ending polio. Rotary is the organization credited with initiating the global effort to eradicate polio. When Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, there were more than 350,000 cases of polio annually around the world. Today, due to the efforts of Rotary, its partners and world governments, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

In this week's meetings, the Prime Minister acknowledged recent challenges in the effort to rid Pakistan of polio, and confirmed that Pakistan considers polio eradication among its highest priorities. The Government of Pakistan has already taken a series of highly effective organizational steps to manage the polio vaccination program and provide much-needed resources to ensure the resurgence of polio in Pakistan is put to an end. General Bajwa assured the Rotary delegation of the unwavering support and cooperation of both the Army and the civil forces to ensure that every child in every community throughout Pakistan is reached with the lifesaving polio vaccine.

Dr. Zafar Mirza, Minister of Health of Pakistan confirmed the country's improved efforts to eradicate polio, noting that during the last round of national polio immunizations, approximately 40 million children were vaccinated. Mr. Holger Knaack expressed his satisfaction with the visit and efforts by the Government of Pakistan to eliminate polio, stating, "We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with key leaders in Pakistan to learn about renewed efforts to eradicate the disease once and for all. We're confident that with the support of the government and the Army, that Pakistan will get the job done." Mr. KR "Ravi" Ravindran agreed, stating, "Polio eradication is a massive effort that will require all elements of society to band together and work towards our ultimate goal of ensuring no child ever again is paralyzed by polio."

During their visit, the Rotary delegation met with local Rotary leaders from Pakistan, which is home to more than 230 Rotary clubs and nearly 3400 Rotary members. They engaged with some of the major donors of the GPEI, and visited the National Emergency Operations Centre, where a high-tech data collection system monitored progress in real time. While only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, the remaining challenges to global eradication—such as difficulty reaching children amid insecurity and conflict and weak health systems—have proven to be the most difficult. In order to meet these roadblocks head on and ensure the continuation of program efforts, funding and support from donors and world governments is imperative.

## Rotary Works

On Tuesday Tom Fine and Tom Bierlein delivered the Club's surplus water bottles and sodas to the Salvation Army. They were very grateful.



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## Four-Way Test

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## At the Podium—Marshall Akamu – Food Basket

March 12, 2020



### Brief Bio for Marshall Akamu:

- Born and raised in Naalehu (Ka'u)
- Went to Bethany Bible College in Santa Ana and got a degree in Business Administration.
- Went to Hilo Community College and got a degree in Criminal Justice
- Worked in retail business for over 25 years
- Owned my own retail business for over 12 years
- Sold business and retired
- Started new career with The Food Basket as Operations Manager for West Hawaii District

I'm currently working at The Food Basket in Kona as their West & North Hawaii Operations Manager. The Food Basket is the only Food Bank on Hawaii Island. We help everyone who need help with food. We also have other programs that we do, for example we are in charge with the Snap Outreach program. We have the Kapuna program. The HKH program, the box program, the bux program, keiki backpack program.

Through a mix of supplemental food programs, traditional food pantries and congregate meal sites, The Food Basket aims to provide people with access to the type of food assistance they need. In addition to food, this community food access program provides social contact and promotes community cohesiveness — critical components in building individual and Hawai'i Island resiliency.

## At the Club—Bill & Cindy Armer – GEMS



Richard Cunningham dropped by to encourage the Cub and members to remember the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation in their annual contributions.

Each year, West Hawaii's fifth grade girls are invited to **Girls Exploring Math and Science or GEMS**, the most important event of the calendar for AAUW-Kona. Through hands-on exhibits and workshops, women from the local community introduce girls to their occupations and show them how math, science, and technology are used in their daily work. The program is designed to stimulate interest and promote the confidence of girls in these fields. Workshop topics include marine science, architecture, financial planning, veterinary medicine, land surveying, chemistry, astronomy, dentistry, culinary science and archaeology.



### This Week

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Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
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Marshall Akamu  
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#### AT THE PODIUM - SARA PECK - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT



Sara Peck, Education Specialist West Hawaii, is currently with the UH Sea Grant Extension Service, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, SOEST located at the Natural Energy Lab. She has worked here in West Hawai'i for approximately nine years.

Well known in the community for her events and activities related to SOEST, Sara previously was the UH Sea Grant Education Director of the Waikiki Aquarium, and a teacher of marine science and related topics in formal and informal settings in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Belize, Cayman Island and Turks and

Caicos Islands.

Popular activities such as the well attended Reef Talks, her work with the West Hawaii Fisheries Council and the Reef Teacher programs all help inform and involve local residents, students, and a concerned public in marine science topics and environmental issues.

Her topic for the Rotary Club meeting is: University of Hawaii SEA GRANT in West Hawai'i. She will highlight the multi faceted approach to education and outreach here in our community to raise awareness and understanding of our marine and coastal resources. The goal is to have Rotary members be able to know what Sea Grant is doing and to encourage community members to join volunteer programs that protect and preserve our unique habitat.

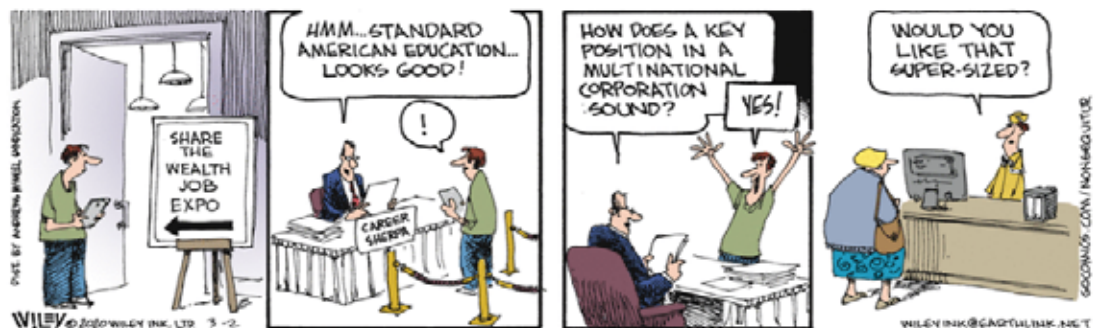
#### AT THE CLUB - CENTENNIAL PROJECT WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY

PLEASE come out to the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path this Saturday, March 13th to help with our Centennial Project. This is also our Malama Aina Day project. We've invited the Interact Club to join us (although the Senior Ball is Saturday evening...)

We'll do have some clean up to do as some damage was done a couple of weeks ago from all the rain and wind. We also have 30 holes to dig for trees to be planted, and trees to plant. It's always a fun and exhilarating morning topped off with a great BBQ and potluck. Come out and Join in the Fun! We'll start at 7A and be done by 11:30A.



### Just for Fun – Would You Like That Super-sized?





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## Just for Fun – Dieting



I admit I have been gravity challenged much of my life. I was not a chubby baby, as was my brother. He was so rotund as a baby that Mom and Dad nicknamed him “Pumpkin.” “Pumpkin” soon became “Punky,” and unfortunately the nickname, as nicknames are prone to do, stuck. I suspect it was a good part of the reason he left home at 17 to join the Navy. I’m pretty sure he wasn’t thereafter known as “Seaman Punky.”

My gravity problem began when I was about seven years old. I was, in fact, a slim and healthy seven-year-old until the aforementioned Mom and Dad decided that slim and healthy were mutually exclusive. They were both a bit “big-boned,” as were most of their friends, so their conclusion was probably predictable. In any case, I was put on a regimen of vitamin B7 to cure my weight deficiency. Or was it B12, or perhaps B14, or perhaps B22? BINGO! But I digress.

Fortunately (or maybe not), the regimen worked. By the time I became eight, I was a virtual chubby cherub. And a relatively happy cherub I remained all through grade school. It was in high school, when girls suddenly became much more interesting, that I discovered the nickname “Chubbs” and the term “girlfriend” were mutually exclusive. It was in high school that I began dieting.

I have, to some degree, been dieting ever since. I believe I have, at one time or another, been on every diet known to man (okay, maybe not every diet, but a whole lot). I have tried (in alphabetical order for easy reference) the Atkins Diet, The Apple Cider Vinegar Diet (I grew up in Vermont’s apple country), the Bio Slim Diet, the Bio Trim Diet, the Cambridge Diet, the Carb Buster Diet and the Dexatrim Diet. The Dexatrim Diet wasn’t so much a diet as a way to stay awake during class in college; so many late nights studying and such. Being on a “diet” meant I could get pills from the infirmary for a buck each, instead of from Drug Store Bob (he actually worked in a drug store) for considerably more.

I have tried the Egg Diet, the Grapefruit Diet, the Hawaii Diet (after I moved to Hawaii, it seemed appropriate), the Ice Cream Diet (my personal favorite, but didn’t work at all) and the Nutrisystem Diet. I called it the “Cash for Cardboard Diet.” Can food that needs absolutely no refrigeration and has a five year shelf life really be good for you? I have tried the Pritikin Diet, the Slim Fast Diet (more accurately the Slim Slow Diet), the South Beach Diet, the South of the Border Diet (lots of beans, not recommended for people with spouses and/or friends), and even the Weight Watchers Diet.

Make no mistake, most of the diets worked, at least for a while. I have gone from as much as 235 pounds to as little as 155 pounds, time and again. For some reason I just can’t seem to keep the weight off. I have always followed each regimen religiously (well maybe a little binge here and there), except maybe for the parts about “lifestyle change” and “exercise.”

R. Farnham - 10/29/10

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## At the Podium—No Meeting This Week

**ROTARY CLUB OF KONA MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!**

There will be no meeting this week or on March 26. Decisions about future meetings will be made at a later date based on developments with the Coronavirus Pandemic and recommendations of the CDC and local governing bodies.

## At the Club—Marshall Akamu – Food Basket



Through a mix of supplemental food programs, traditional food pantries and congregate meal sites, The Food Basket aims to provide people with access to the type of food assistance they need. In addition to food, this community food access program provides social contact and promotes community cohesiveness — critical components in building individual and Hawai'i Island resiliency.

The Food Basket is the only Food Bank on Hawaii Island. We help everyone who needs help with food. We also have other programs that we do, for example we are in charge with the Snap Outreach program. We have the Kapuna program. The HKH program, the box program, the bux program, and the keiki backpack program.



### VISITING ROTARIANS

Linda and Jim Bauer joined us and exchanged banners. They are from the Rotary Club of Richland - Richland, WA.

### PROSPECTIVE ROTARIANS

Tom Hasslinger and Patrick Wong from Kona, who are considering membership, also joined us.

March 19, 2020

### This Week

Thursday, 12:00 Noon  
Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace  
75-5801 Alii Drive, Bldg 1  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

**Program:**  
No Meeting  
**Greeter:**  
No Meeting  
**Door Prize:**  
No Meeting

### Coming Up

<b>Programs:</b>	
No Meeting	03/26
TBD	04/02
TBD	04/09

<b>Greeters:</b>	
No Meeting	03/26
Ctystal Yamasaki	04/02
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### Rotary Prayer

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## President's Position

### Mark Daniel Maloney - RI President



March 2020

March is the month we celebrate Rotaract — and this has been quite a year for our young partners in service.

Last spring, the Council on Legislation elevated Rotaract in our constitution: Rotary International is now the association of both Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Then in October, the Rotary Board of Directors eliminated the artificial Rotaract age limit and took other steps to break down barriers that were preventing Rotaract from growing in some parts of the world.

These steps were long overdue, because Rotaract is a vision of what Rotary must become. Not only do we need to open our doors to our young colleagues, but we also have to open our ears and minds to the Rotary experience they find most engaging. That is one of the best ways we will meaningfully grow Rotary.

When I say grow Rotary, I mean it in many ways. We need to grow our service and to grow the impact of our projects. Most importantly, however, we need to grow our membership, so that we can achieve more. Rotaractors provide this opportunity, not only because they can transition to Rotary at the time that is right for them, but also because they understand what it will take to attract others like them.

Business as usual will not work for us anymore. Bringing in more members to replace the ones we lose is not the answer. It is like pouring more water into a bucket full of holes. We need to address the root causes of member loss in many parts of the world: member engagement that is not what it should be, and our member demographic that skews steadily older.

It is time to make some fundamental changes. We already know what the barriers are to an engaged and diverse membership. It is time to act on what we know: creating new membership models, opening new paths to Rotary membership, and building new Rotary and Rotaract clubs where the existing clubs do not meet a current need.

New club models represent an opportunity to connect with a more diverse group of individuals — particularly those who are unable or unwilling to join our traditional clubs. While new club models have been emerging for some time, it is up to district governors to make them a reality. In January at the International Assembly, our incoming district governors took part in an exercise called Build Your Own Club Model. It was a wonderful experience that put them in the right frame of mind for the work ahead.

Ultimately, however, it will be up to Rotaractors and young Rotarians to create new club models that are most meaningful to the next generation. We may think we know what young people want from Rotary clubs in the future, but I am confident that what young people say will surprise us. It will be our job to support their innovation, for it will help us grow Rotary as Rotary Connects the World.

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### From the Archives – March 20, 2014

RON D. BURTON, PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



MARCH 2014

Growing up in Duncan, Okla., USA, I took it for granted that everyone could read. In my own elementary school, not only were we expected to be reading by the age of seven or eight, we were expected to read upside down. We each took turns reading books to the entire class, and of course, if you want to read out loud to a group while you show them the pictures, you can't do it the right way up. All the way through elementary school, we did that every week, until it didn't really matter to us which way we were holding the book.

I never thought too much about that skill at the time. But a few months ago, on a visit to a Rotary project in Decatur, Ala., I walked into a first-grade classroom and was asked if I would read a book to a class of six-year-olds. Naturally, I was happy to oblige. I sat down, opened the book they had chosen, and started reading to about 30 little kids - upside down, just the way I did it back in second grade. In a sense, I was doing exactly what I'd learned to do more than half a century earlier. But as an adult, and especially as a Rotarian, I saw that experience in a different way. I was reading to a group of children who were well on their way to literacy themselves. We were sitting in their classroom, in a school where Rotarians came every week to read one-on-one with children who needed a little extra help. There wasn't any question that every child in that room would grow up to be a literate adult. And all of them took that completely for granted - as they took it for granted that adults would care enough to read them a book while showing them the pictures, even if that meant reading upside down.

We all know that millions of children all over the world aren't that lucky. That's why we make basic education and literacy a priority in our Rotary service. As we mark Literacy Month in Rotary, we remind ourselves what a gift we are giving when we help a child to read - whether it's a child on the other side of the world or right in our own hometown.

DG PHIL SAMMER



Aloha Energizers!

March is literacy month in Rotary. Most of you take for granted the fact that you can read this sentence but literacy is not universal either in the United States or in the world. Currently fourteen percent of adults in the USA cannot read while twenty-one percent read below the fifth grade level. World wide over seven hundred million adults are illiterate, sixty-six percent of whom are female.

Rotary has long been a champion of literacy and many clubs use their annual Foundation allotments to buy dictionaries for third graders including most clubs in Hawai'i. Read aloud programs to encourage literacy are also very prevalent both in the USA and in other countries. The Andy and Elmer's Rotary Literacy Project has been developed to promote the Four Way test and reading in general among young children and is being used in our district. Recently there has been more emphasis on adult literacy facilitated by modern teaching methods including the use of electronic note pads. District 5000 has been approached about this type of learning and will be participating in an initiative launched by a Rotary scholar in New Zealand. Information about other Rotary literacy projects world wide for both adults and children is available in the publication Literacy Project Guide available for download on the Rotary International website.

Mark Twain once wrote: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness." The same can be said of literacy which is the key to opening the door to the vast universe of ideas, persons and places that leads to greater understanding and acceptance of the differences and similarities among the peoples of the world.



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## Just for Fun – Green Thumbs



I do not have a green thumb. That is NOT to say that either of the short thick digits on my hands, next to the index finger and opposable to each of the other four digits, is green, although it isn't. That IS to say that I am congenitally incapable of creating, supporting, or even sustaining plant life. In my care, cut flowers wilt in minutes as opposed to days. Oddly, anthuriums seem to last for weeks. I suspect they have low self-esteem and thrive on neglect. Potted plants do not fare much better. Plants that are healthy and full of color at Lowe's Garden Center, inevitably become pale and sickly in Richard's Living Room. The tasteful, if sparsely attended, funeral soon follows. Even artificial plants, to which I invariably resort, start

dropping pieces of foliage within a few months of taking up residence at my house.

My attempts at gardening have been, at best, disappointing. I love corn-on-the-cob. My effort to grow it resulted in neither corn, nor cob. I thoroughly enjoyed the one cucumber I coaxed from the soil, but failed completely to grow green beans, or peas, or carrots, or squash, or even radishes (yes, I admit it, I failed to grow radishes). My tomatoes, on the other hand, thrived. I was feeling quite proud of myself until I discovered that the tiny tomato roots had found their way to the cesspool. Needless to say, my plans to put by some home-canned tomatoes for winter, were dashed by the discovery. I was pleased that my plans for personally surviving the winter after eating copious amounts of naturally fertilized fruit (yes, tomatoes are a fruit), were not.

If my attempts at gardening were disappointing, my attempt at farming was a disaster. In Kona, Hawaii, everybody (well almost everybody) grows Kona Coffee. I was told it was essentially a weed and would grow despite my best efforts to sustain it. I planted 100 plants on my quarter acre. Properly interred, properly fertilized, properly watered and suitable spaced from each other (and the adjacent cesspool), 70 plants didn't last the week. The rest struggled on. I planted 70 more plants, 10 survived, the rest were laid to rest in the growing green waste pile (I don't know why it's called green waste, it isn't green, at least not anymore). I planted 60 more plants, 5 survived, and so I decided I really preferred a 45-plant orchard anyway. 40 plants survive to this day and produce occasional coffee beans. Probably enough for several cups of coffee if I had the energy or inclination to pick, process, and roast them. I don't.

My friend Bob DOES have a green thumb. His biggest problem is controlling the lush jungle that surrounds his house. My hibiscus hedge looks like a tank ran through it repeatedly. His is a work of art in green, white, and red. My ground cover is heavy on the ground, light on the cover. His ground cover is a carpet of undulating green with sparkling accents of red and yellow. His fruit trees bear voluminous amounts of delicious fruit every year. My remaining fruit tree (don't ask, I don't like to talk about it) will bring forth a few morsels every few years.

I don't know why my thumbs are so un-green. I care for my plants. I water them on occasion, and I've been known to fertilize them on rare occasion, but then I put on lots of fertilizer to make up for it. It may be because I don't talk to them, although I have been known to utter a mild expletive over a newly discovered plant corpse. I don't read to them, or play music for them, or gently wash their little leaves and petals. I don't even spritz them on a regular basis as advised in my Plant Care for Dummies.

I suspect my plants know I don't really, really care about them. I like the idea of having plants, but I'm just not willing to make the commitment. Sure, I purchase them with the best of intentions, and I try, I really do, but my plants just don't understand me. It's all about their wants, their needs. It doesn't matter that I work hard every day so they can have a pot to live in. And then a newer, younger, prettier plant comes along and I admit it, I want it. Hmm, I wonder if my plants aren't just dying from lack of care and attention. I wonder if they are committing suicide.

R. Farnham - 11/19/10

## Just for Fun – Coronavirus, Layoffs Are Coming!



## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT  
Every Wednesday - 6 to 7 PM  
Kealakehe Intermediate School  
Cafeteria - Free Dinners  
Hannah Unger: 808-989-9244

## Community Calendar

FIRST FRIDAY CELEBRATION  
March 06 - 5:30P to 8:30P  
Holualoa Village

AFTERNOON AT THE PALACE  
CONCERT/HULA, VILLAGE  
STROLL AND FREE CONCERT!  
Mar 15 - 4 to 5P  
Hulihe'e Palace/Alii Drive  
historickailuavillage.com

WEST HAWAII BEACH CLEAN  
UP  
Mar 07 - 7:30A  
Old Airport Beach Park  
Jeff Fear (808) 896-6966

25th ANNUAL KONA BREW-  
ERS' FESTIVAL/FUNDRAISER  
Mar 14 - 3P to 7P  
King K Luau Grounds  
summer@konabrewersfestival.  
com, www.konabrewersfestival.  
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## Member Birthdays

Renee Kraft - 03/01  
Lori Burgoon - 03/03  
Maverick Malech 03/11  
Ken Kjer - 03/18  
Alan Clark - 03/24  
Brian Asbjornson - 03/25  
James Resor - 03/30

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Brian Asbjornson  
Mar 12, 2009 - 11 Yrs  
Richard Farnham  
Mar 14, 2019 - 1 Yr  
James Gustin  
March 1, 2018 - 2 Yrs  
Janice Gustin  
March 1, 2018 - 2 Yrs  
Harry Hart  
Mar 28, 201 - 7 Yrs  
Kris Hzard  
Mar 10, 2011 - 9 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Kris & Jim Hazard  
Mar 16, 1986 - 24 Years

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
VFW Hall  
Behind Kona Locksmith  
74-5543 Kaiwi Street, 185A  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Richard Farnham by Tuesday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Podium – President John – The State of the Club

April 2, 2020

**THIS IS OUR FIRST ONLINE MEETING. MEETINGS WILL BE ONLINE FOR APRIL. SEE PAGE 2 FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING.**



I'm pleased to report that your board voted unanimously a week ago Tuesday to make a major effort to help our community during these difficult times.

As you know, under the best of circumstances many Kona residents are challenged every day to put enough food on their tables to feed their children and themselves. Our club has addressed this challenge in part through our Meet N' Eat efforts and our support for the Kona Salvation Army.

On Tuesday we voted to expand that effort. We looked at our budget to find funds to help. Maverick identified \$3,500 available in his Community

Service budget. Our Treasurer, Janice, suggested we use the funds allocated for travel to PETS and the International Convention (\$9,000) that we are not going to spend this Rotary year.

\$2,500 will be spent immediately to purchase food and supplies for the programs. The remaining \$10,000 is earmarked as matching funds from which we will match donations from our members and the community to reach a goal of \$25,500 in total. Our hope is to quickly make the money available to meet the nutritional needs of the less fortunate in our Kona ohana.

To give you some perspective on the magnitude of the need, the Kona Salvation Army was serving 80 to 100 families from their food bank prior to the outbreak. Last week they fed 280 families, nearly three times their normal capacity. That number will doubtless increase as the pandemic continues.

When our schools were closed the administrators began working to feed their hungry students Monday through Friday. Meet N' Eat is now focusing on feeding our underserved youth and families on Saturdays. That program also needs additional funds and resources to make that happen.

Along with our Board of Directors, I encourage all of us to consider donating an amount that approximates what each of us would spend every month attending our lunch meetings, \$125. Donating is easy. Go to our website <https://www.rotaryclubofkona.com> and click on the word "Donate."

We are also reaching out to other West Hawai'i clubs to explore further opportunities to collaborate and serve our community. We will report soon in that regard.

**UPDATE:** I was talking to Rachel the other day and she informed me that not only do they need clamshell boxes, which I think we have a resource on, but they actually ran out of food for their homeless residents. This is a major problem because the homeless' other sources of food are drying up, including other meal programs and food banks. Her feeding program has gone from 100 to 203 in two weeks and they are currently turning people away. Even when the homeless collect bottles and try to purchase a hamburger at McDonald's, they are turned away because they do not have a car and people are not allowed to use the traffic lanes.

We must keep in mind that the homeless have problems most of the rest of us do not have. It's not only a lack of food, they also do not have the ability to constantly wash their hands and they do not, as a rule, maintain social distancing

### This Week

#### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 375 583 970

Opt Phone: 408-638-0968

#### Program:

President John  
State of the Club

#### Greeter:

Richard Farnham  
Online Facilitator

#### Door Prize:

DNA

### Coming Up

#### Programs:

Alan Clark	04/09
TBD	04/16
TBD	04/23

#### Greeters:

Richard Farnham	04/09
Richard Farnham	04/16
Richard Farnham	04/23

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## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney -  
RI President



April 2020

I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping

in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to [ideas.rotary.org](https://ideas.rotary.org) to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karacak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbali and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength — how Rotary Connects the World — we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

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## At the Club – Joining the Online Meetings

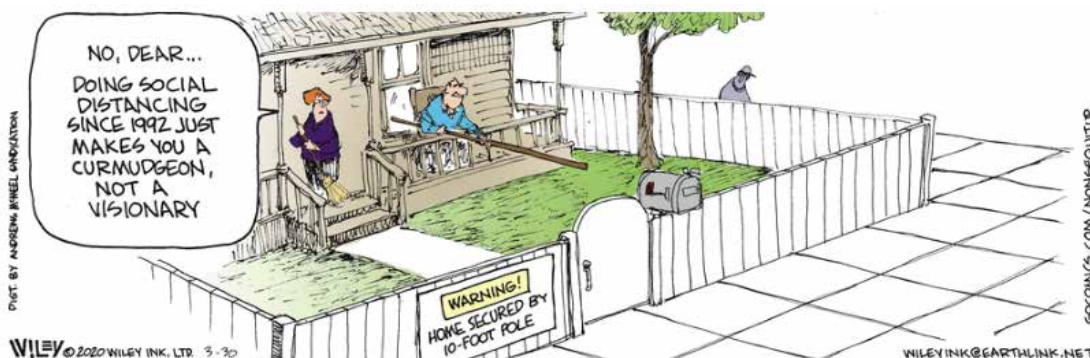
TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE MEETINGS, YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- A computer, smart tablet, or smart phone.
- The Zoom app installed on your device.
- A microphone installed on your device (if you don't have a microphone, you can use your telephone for an audio only meeting).
- A camera installed on your device (if you don't have a camera, you can still attend the meeting using your telephone for audio).

TO JOIN A MEETING, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 - If it's not already on your device, **Download Zoom**.
- 2 - Go to: **Zoom.US/Download** and follow the prompts. (If you do not download Zoom ahead of time you will get the opportunity to do so when you join the meeting).
- 2 - On Thursday (anytime after 11:45A) go to: **Zoom.US**
- 3 - In upper right hand corner of screen, click on: **JOIN A MEETING**
- 4 - Enter meeting ID: **375 583 970** and click on: **JOIN**
- 5 - If prompted to, click on: **Open zoom.us.app**
- 6 - When prompted, click on: **Join with Video**, or **Join without Video**
- 7 - When prompted, click on: **Computer Audio**, if available or **Phone Call**, if computer audio is not available.
- 8 - If using **Computer Audio** select **Join With Computer Audio** or **Test Speaker and Microphone** if you need to see if they are working correctly.
- 9 - If using **Phone Call**, dial one of the listed phone numbers and follow the prompts.
- 10 - **Congratulations! You're part of the meeting!**

## Just for Fun – Social Distancing





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## Just for Fun – Handy is Dandy



I've never been accused of being the brightest bulb on the tree. I've been accused of not being able to see the forest for the trees, but the brightest bulb on, not so much. I have, however, been recognized by several people (okay, only by my wife, but she's very perceptive), of being handy. That is to say, I have a way with things mechanical. When it comes to things intellectual or social or, as it turns out, matrimonial (present matrimony excluded), maybe not so way. I still, after these years, find people, politics, beliefs, and mores mostly a mystery, but machines I get.

I'm proud to say that back in the day of VCR's I could actually set the clock on mine. I could even do it as quickly as my ten year old son, so I'm also proud to say that I might be as smart as a fifth grader. I can install and operate a DVD player and even know that it will play CD's (it's true, give it a try). I can install and operate a BluRay player, an LCD or Plasma TV, and even a DLP projector. I can install a surround sound system with only a few parts left over, and with a few hours and a few instruction manuals I can make all my players play together nicely. I can get all the remotes to function, more or less, but cannot for the life of me get any of the several "universal remotes" I have purchased to be anything but universally worthless.

I'm a fixer. That is to say, I can fix things that are broken. Not anything of course: I was never very good at fixing broken hearts, broken relationships or races (the running kind). I couldn't "fix it" when my second wife got sick and died from cancer (not funny, just very sad). But if it's a machine, I'm your man. I could even fix cars, back before cars became smarter than people, far more complicated and far more fickle. If it's part of a house, I can fix it. Plumbing doesn't scare me. Bring on your faucets that leak, your drains that clog, your toilets that don't flush, or don't stop flushing. Wiring scares me a little, less since I started turning off the breaker before the repair instead of during (don't ask, suffice it to say I was trying to be the brightest bulb on the tree, literally).

Of course, I have tools, lot and lots of tools. I started out with hand tools and even have a few antiques. They're beautiful objects, handcrafted by skilled craftsmen, that still work beautifully. Work being the operative word, I have since purchased several power tools. They make little jobs easier and bigger jobs possible. I even have a Shop Smith, a wonderful machine that does it all, developed several years ago by a very handy man (pardon the pun). It's a great rip saw, a great cross cut saw, a great band saw, a great masonry saw, a great metal saw, a great drum sander, a great disk sander, a great grinder, a great dadoer (no I didn't make that up), a great router, a great joiner, a great planer, a great shaper, a great drill press, and a an incredible adjustable lathe. Of course, switching between functions is a great time-waster, but that wasn't mentioned in the brochure.

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## At the Podium – Alan Clark – Serving a Community in Crisis

**THIS IS OUR SECOND ONLINE MEETING. MEETINGS WILL BE ONLINE FOR APRIL. SEE PAGE 2 FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING.**



Alan will be discussing ways that the Rotary Club of Kona can best serve our community during this crisis of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

President John has already taken the initiative and recently reported: "I'm pleased to report that your board voted unanimously a week ago Tuesday to make a major effort to help our community during these difficult times."

As you know, under the best of circumstances many Kona residents are challenged every day to put enough food on their tables to feed their children and themselves. Our club has addressed this challenge in part through our Meet N' Eat efforts and our support for the Kona Salvation Army.

On Tuesday we voted to expand that effort. We looked at our budget to find funds to help. Maverick identified \$3,500 available in his Community Service budget. Our Treasurer, Janice, suggested we use the funds allocated for travel to PETS and the International Convention (\$9,000) that we are not going to spend this Rotary year.

\$2,500 will be spent immediately to purchase food and supplies for the programs. The remaining \$10,000 is earmarked as matching funds from which we will match donations from our members and the community to reach a goal of \$25,500 in total. Our hope is to quickly make the money available to meet the nutritional needs of the less fortunate in our Kona ohana."

Alan will be updating current efforts and discussing possible additional avenues to help out.

## At the Club – President John Addresses the Club Online

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



April 9, 2020

### This Week

#### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 375 583 970

Opt Phone: 408-638-0968

#### Program:

President John  
State of the Club

#### Greeter:

Richard Farnham  
Online Facilitator

#### Door Prize:

DNA

### Coming Up

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Alan Clark	04/09
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## President's Position

Mark Daniel Maloney -  
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April 2020

I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to [ideas.rotary.org](https://ideas.rotary.org) to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karacak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbali and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength — how Rotary Connects the World — we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

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### At the Club – Joining the Online Meetings

TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE MEETINGS, YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- A computer, smart tablet, or smart phone.
- The Zoom app installed on your device.
- A microphone installed on your device (if you don't have a microphone, you can use your telephone for an audio only meeting).
- A camera installed on your device (if you don't have a camera, you can still attend the meeting using your telephone for audio).

TO JOIN A MEETING, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 - If it's not already on your device, **Download Zoom**.
- 2 - Go to: **Zoom.US/Download** and follow the prompts. (If you do not download Zoom ahead of time you will get the opportunity to do so when you join the meeting).
- 2 - On Thursday (anytime after 11:45A) go to: **Zoom.US**
- 3 - In upper right hand corner of screen, click on: **JOIN A MEETING**
- 4 - Enter meeting ID: **375 583 970** and click on: **JOIN**
- 5 - If prompted to, click on: **Open zoom.us.app**
- 6 - When prompted, click on: **Join with Video**, or **Join without Video**
- 7 - When prompted, click on: **Computer Audio**, if available or **Phone Call**, if computer audio is not available.
- 8 - If using **Computer Audio** select **Join With Computer Audio** or **Test Speaker and Microphone** if you need to see if they are working correctly.
- 9 - If using **Phone Call**, dial one of the listed phone numbers and follow the prompts.
- 10 - **Congratulations! You're part of the meeting!**

### Just for Fun – The Cure?





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## Profiles in Rotary – Elvin Mahlon Whittle



I was born 8/17/43 San Angelo, TX. My father was a USAF (Army Air Corps) so there was a lot of relocation: Bakersfield, Tacoma, OK City, San Antonio and then Ashiya, Japan from 1956-1959, where I saw the sunrise from the top of Mt. Fujiyama in 1957 with my Boy Scout Troop. I didn't make Eagle Scout because I couldn't pass water lifesaving. I then moved to Vacaville, CA where I graduated from Vacaville H.S. in 1961. I graduated from CSU, Sacramento in 1968 with a degree in business.

From 1961-1978, I worked at several part time and full time jobs: Travelers Insurance as a claims adjuster, as an escrow officer, and as assistant county manager for Western Title Insurance Co.

In 1978, I obtained my Real Estate Brokers license and opened Whittle Realty in Woodland, CA. In 1980, I started my property management business company, and at its peak in 2018 I managed about 400 "doors". I was president of the Yolo County Board of Realtors in 1984.

I joined Rotary in Woodland, CA in 1982, and served several years on the BOD. I was club Foundation chair from 1985-2007, Club president for 2007-2008; served "Meals on Wheels" once monthly from 2008-2015. I was Realtor of The Year in 1982.

Our current home is in Kona Heavens, above Costco. We've owned it since 2005 and have lived here part time until August last year when we retired and moved here permanently. Sunsets from our lanai have always been special.

My wife Janet and I got married on 11/29/89 in Woodland, CA. We met in Orlando, FL (but that's another story). We have a son, Todd, his wife Dominique, and the cutest baby granddaughter on the planet, Sloan who was born on 11/11/2019. Todd's family live in Long Beach. I have two sons from a previous relationship, one who lives in Davis, CA (23 year old grandson and 21 year old (beautiful) granddaughter; and one who lives in Denver, CO (two grandsons 10 and 13).

We love to travel and have visited most of the Caribbean Islands, the South Pacific, the UK, and Europe (especially Italy since Jan has "roots" there with her family, which is primarily in Northern Italy).

My favorite hobby is golf. I can't hit my drive very far anymore and my chipping is not quite adequate, but my putting is OK, sorta. My favorite course is Makalei. For many years Janet and I have enjoyed and belonged to many wine clubs. We are members of Domaine Chandon, Rombauer and Vine Cliff, all from the Napa Valley, and continue to receive member shipments several times a year. Gardening is another hobby. We have numerous gardenias in our yard, orchids (75 or so), white pineapple, cilantro, parsley, bay, ginger, rosemary, basil, mint, and, of course, all the "local" plants including aloe, bougainvillea, monstera, ti, and pikake, etc.

This isn't a commercial, but I feel that Rotary is doing the right thing in this world with programs like Polio Plus and many clean water programs. Rotary is always ready to tackle whatever problem is next (malaria, cancer, global warming, or whatever other help our planet needs).

But to end this non-commercial, I am happy to be a resident of Kona and a member of the Rotary Club of Kona. When this "virus thing" is finally over, perhaps we can have a sunset gathering at our home with pupus and cocktails..

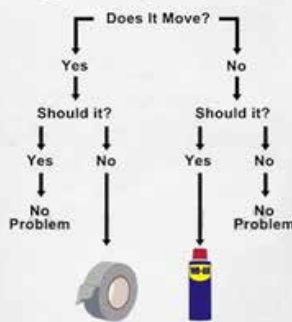
PS: A few quips I discovered recently: • Behind every retired man is a wife wishing he would go back to work. • I started a new ritual today...I do diddly squat. • I love you more than yesterday...yesterday you got on my nerves. • Some people should use gluestick instead of chapstick.

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## At the Podium – Senator Lorraine R. Inouye – Covid-19 Update

April 16, 2020

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye represents Hawaii's 4th District on Hawai'i Island. An experienced legislator, she formerly served in the Hawai'i State Senate for ten years from 1998-2008. Additionally, Senator Inouye was Hawaii County Mayor from 1990-1992 and was elected to the Hawai'i County Council from 1984-1990.

For the 2019 Legislative Session, Senator Inouye was appointed Majority Whip. She also sits as the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee (TRS), and is a member of Energy, Economic Development and Tourism (EET); Government Operations (GVO); and Ways and Means (WAM) committees.

COVID-19 UPDATE April 12, 2020 (previous report April 11, 2020)

Total Cases Statewide – 499 (13 new since previous report)  
Hospitalized – 44 (no change since previous report)  
Deaths (statewide) – 9 (no change since previous report)  
Released from Isolation - 310 (no change since previous report)

Hawaii County – 39 (5 new since previous report)

## At the Club – Alan Clark – Covid 19 Discussion



Alan, along with President John, led the continuing discussion on how to best serve the needs of the Big Island's homeless and the otherwise underserved during these very tough times. It was noted that several people stepped up to plate and donations through the Rotary Club of Kona website and other avenues have been impressive. Rebecca Hamar has been especially active in finding sources of much needed donations. As usual, the Salvation Army has been leading the effort as other agencies have been experiencing staffing and supplies shortages.

Item	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price	Notes
1. 1. 11/11/2020 11/11/2020 11/11/2020	100	\$14.88	\$3.50	2,500 \$274.36
2. 1. 11/11/2020 11/11/2020 11/11/2020	100	\$22.99	\$9.23	2,500 \$574.75
3. 1. 11/11/2020 11/11/2020 11/11/2020	100	\$16.99	\$9.17	2,500 \$424.76
4. 1. 11/11/2020 11/11/2020 11/11/2020	500	\$12.49	\$9.23	2,500 \$52.48
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Costco prices for needed supplies



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Covid-19 Update

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Representative	
Nicole Lowen	04/30
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John Spicer - President,  
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Rotary Club of Kona wishes to draw attention to the hardships that threaten the health and well-being of some of our most vulnerable local residents with the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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As for the Rotary Club, our Meat-and-Eat program, which once served 50-100 meals per week, is now providing 400 weekend lunches plus food baskets, and many of our own members have donated both money and manpower to the cause. Rotary is also providing lunches for a county housing program for the homeless in which the Holiday Inn provides 40 rooms for the homeless during this crisis.

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### How our club is helping our community through COVID-19.

Our goal centers on helping feed those in need during this Pandemic.

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Third, some of the homeless are being sheltered and we are providing a bag of specific grocery items weekly to those being sheltered.

### How you can help!

Volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches for the Saturday distributions and/or help hand out the lunches and a bag of groceries on site at the schools.

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Yours in Rotary,  
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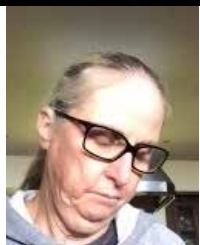
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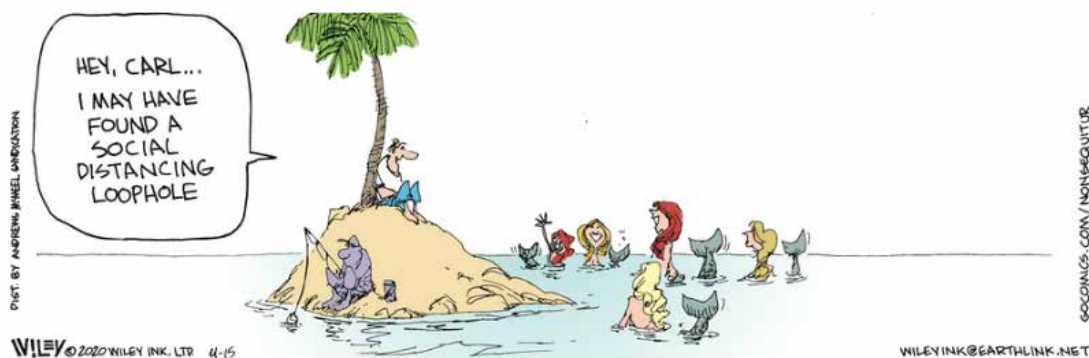
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## Around Town – Letter from Bank of Hawaii's Roberta Chu

**Subject: SBA guidance/communication on payments for SBA guaranteed loans per CARES**

I have sent direct communication to our Senators and Representatives at the US Congress. I am sending this email to all of you because I know you are deeply involved with the COVID-19 impact to Hawaii Island. I hope you will send communication to the national offices of SBA and the US Treasury with my request below to get the process and guidance to the financial institutions on SBA guaranteed loans.

I work for Bank of Hawaii (BOH) as manager of the Commercial Banking Center on Hawaii Island. Because of the pandemic and CARES Act which created the Paycheck Protection Program through the SBA, BOH has been mobilized to receive, process and fund thousands of applications with limited guidance from SBA and US Treasury. What I see as very problematic is the lack of any communication regarding payments to be made by SBA for SBA guaranteed loans per the CARES Act. US Treasury and SBA have been silent on any direction to financial institutions.

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Thank you for allowing me to express my concern.

Mahalo, Roberta Chu

## At the Club – Girl Scout Cookie Aloha!

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Marci has directed us to Kona Troop 242. Check out their site if you want to order cookies for yourself OR to donate to others. Cookies can be delivered locally or shipped elsewhere.

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop599773> The cookies purchased for donation will be given out by the Troop to a local organization of their choice.

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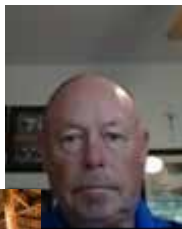
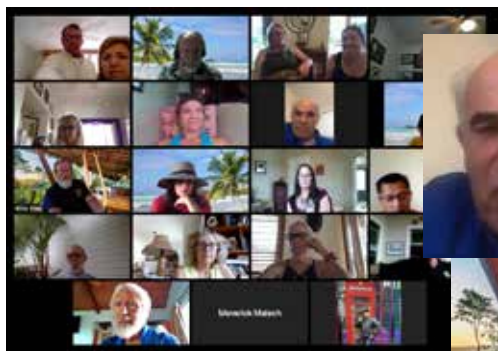
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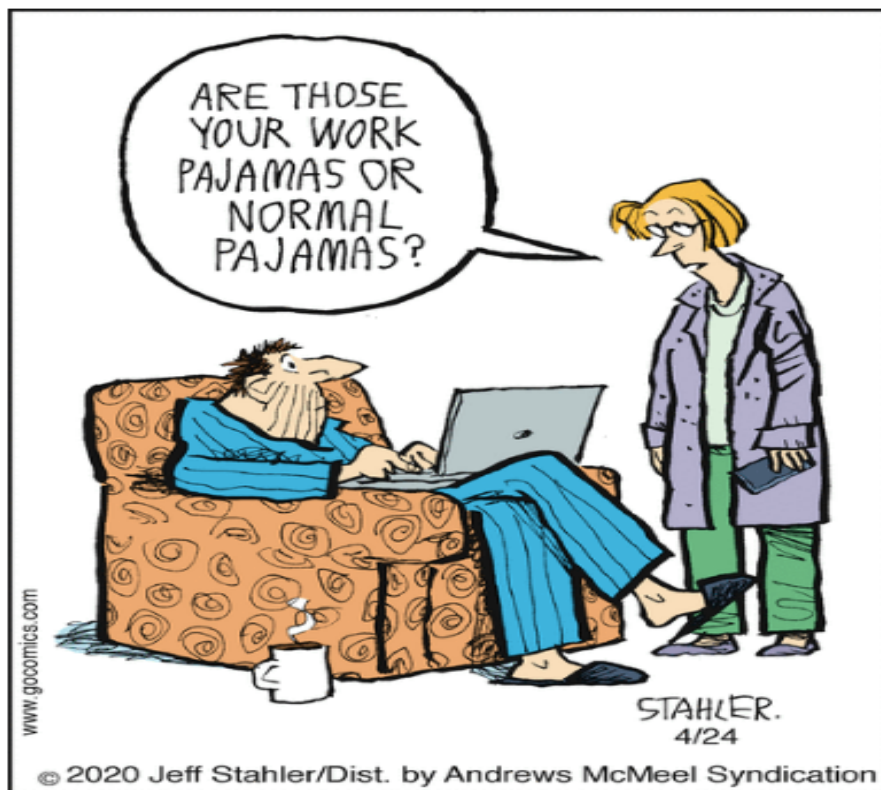
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## Just for Fun – Work Pajamas?





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## At the Club – Harold Metzger Passes



*Hi Richard - Here's the letter I read during meeting this week should you like to put in next week's Coffee Blossom.*

*Darlene*

From: Betsy Goddard <betsygoddard@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 12:51 PM

Subject: Harold

I am so sad to be sending this e-mail.

My dad passed away this morning. As much as it was not sudden, it was still surprising. I spoke with him yesterday before he moved from the hospital to hospice and he was in great spirits (his exact word was "glorious") and looking forward to being moved to hospice yesterday. They moved him last night and he was pleasantly surprised to see it was greener and prettier there than he'd expected. He was thrilled to have a whole new audience for his jokes and stories and to have his first in person friend/family visitors since we left in mid March. Added bonus, they brought him a Costco hotdog! His health has definitely been declining and I am grateful he's no longer struggling physically. He believed strongly in destiny so I know this all happened exactly the way it was meant to happen. He was a hell of a character whose greatest joy was bringing laughter to others and I will miss him very much.

For those of you wondering, he will be transported to Massachusetts and interred next to his parents and older sister at the B'nai Brith Cemetery in Peabody. Given the way of our world right now, there will be no funeral or services for the time being. We will eventually have a celebration of life but I'm not sure yet where that will be or what it will look like. Maybe in Hawaii next January 10th for what would have been his 80th birthday... he was a big fan of surprise parties (even if he threw them himself) and he won't be expecting an 80th birthday party.

Xoxo,

Betsy/Grace

## At the Club – Board Meeting Tuesday at 5:00PM

Aloha Board and Committee Chairs,

Reminder that the Virtual Board Meeting is on Tuesday at 5 pm.

Meeting ID: 903-351-893

Phone in 1-408-638-0968

Thanks and let us know if you have any problems getting in.

Jenaya

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Alysia Dinneen - 04/29

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Ken Kjer  
Apr 1, 1973 - 47 Yrs  
Renee Kraft  
Apr 1, 2004 - 16 Yr s  
Jenaya Rockman  
Apr 7, 2016 - 4 Yrs  
Buswell-Ordenez  
Apr 11, 2019 - 1 Yr  
Jennifer Rasmussen  
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Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

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Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
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S&G Laboratories has advanced the science of medication monitoring with cutting edge technology and drug detection services. Our company's goal is to provide clinicians with resources and critical assessment tools to help create treatment plans for more personalized care while reducing healthcare costs.

## At the Club – Representative Nicole Lowen – Covid-19 Update



Nicole Lowen (Democratic Party) is a member of the Hawaii House of Representatives, representing District 6. Lowen assumed office on November 6, 2012. Lowen's current term ends on November 3, 2020.

Representative Lowen gave an informative talk on the state of the State's programs to address the Coronavirus Pandemic. On the positive side, she indicated that things could be opening up in middle to late May for the local economy and non-visitor related businesses. Unfortunately, the visitor industry is apt to be in shutdown mode for a while longer,

until there is little likelihood of any visitors bringing the virus back in. She also congratulated our Club on the amazing job we are doing to feed the out of work and underserved in our community. We have been able to provide nearly \$10,000 per month in food support.



May 07, 2020

### This Week

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Zoom.US

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Opt Phone: 408-638-0968

#### Program:

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## At the Club – Harold Meltzer Obituary



**Harold "Happy Hal" Meltzer of Kailua-Kona, passed away on April 21, 2020 at the age of 79, sadly just short of his predicted "happy healthy 111 years," at Hospice of Kona's Nakamaru Hale.**

Harold was born January 10, 1941 and raised just outside of Boston in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Harold graduated from Lawrence Academy Prep School in Groton, MA in 1958 and went on to receive his Bachelor's degree from The University of Rochester in 1967 and was fond of saying, "it only took me 9 years". Harold was married and divorced 3 times to; Virginia (m. 1967-1977), Gale (m. 1980-1982), and Deborah (m. 1993-1994). He lived in Massachusetts, New York, Cali-

fornia, and ultimately in Hawaii for just short of 40 years, though he refused to let go of his Boston accent and whenever he encountered someone else with a similar accent he'd say "it's nice to hear someone else speaking prahpahly". He always said of living in Hawaii, "everyone owes themselves the best, and this is the best."

As a young man, Harold sold paint brushes for the Fuller Brush Company, was in the Army Reserves, worked for McGraw-Hill Publishing, and sold mobile homes before finding his true calling in real estate. Harold was head broker, owner, and "big cheese" at Real Estate Consultant of Kona for nearly 40 years until his death. He bought and sold wholesale text books on the side and enjoyed regularly calling on and interacting with college professors who he described as "some of the greatest minds". He took great pride in being a member of the Rotary Club for more than 50 years and being instrumental in starting an over 40 basketball league in Kona. Harold was well known for his eccentric loud shirts (when complimented on them he often replied, "Thanks, I just got new batteries for this one"), his greeting of "do you have time for a joke?" and his trademark sign off "ta-ta". Harold believed the purpose of life was "to feel good, and to help others do the same" and he lived his life accordingly.

Harold is survived by his daughter Grace "Betsy" Goddard, his son in law Casey and his granddaughters Isabella and Gabriella, all of Colorado, along with countless other friends and family who will miss him very much. He was preceded in death by his sisters Frances Meltzer and Isabel Rice, mother Sara "Shirley" Meltzer, and father Jacob Meltzer.

Harold will be buried at B'nai Brith Cemetery in Peabody, MA next to his parents and sister. No funeral or services are planned but we hope to have a celebration of life at some point in the future. The staff at Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel in Salem, MA is honored to care for Harold and his family. For more information or to register in the online guestbook, please visit [www.stanetskyhymansonsalem.com](http://www.stanetskyhymansonsalem.com).

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President John and Jose & Raghel Santiago will be giving us an update on the many initiatives that our club is currently pursuing in conjunction with the Salvation Army and other organizations working so diligently to serve the nutritionally challenged during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

May 14, 2020

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Governor Nominee Sandy Masuno Works at University of Hawaii at Manoa (Past: California State University, Bakersfield and Honolulu Community College). Studied at University of California, Santa Barbara. Lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. From Sacramento, California

## Dr. Victoria Haynes – W Hawaii Community Health Center



Dr Haynes, a Psychologist and Chief Operating Office of the West Hawaii Community Health Center, gave us a brief description of what the health center does and how it is operating during the Pandemic.

Operating primarily as a digital diagnosis and advice facility at the moment, they are offering Telehealth Services to patients. They are also offering Covid-19 testing for the general population and are pleased to report that of 450 patients tested recently only 5 tested positive. For patients that test positive, they have set up an external treatment area per CDC guidelines.

Their ongoing outreach program is getting great support and recently received a supply of locally hand sewn masks for distribution to staff and patients. Dr. Haynes is proud of how the Center is handling the Pandemic and warns that it will be a while before it's "business as usual."

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 Mayor Harry Kim 05/21  
 Tricia Buskirk 05/28  
 Victoria Hanes 06/04

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Today I had my truck worked on at Toyota and took an hour or so to go to Hope Services (HS) to find out what was really happening. I spoke to the ONLY employee around, Lisa, a staff psychologist and social worker, and Auntie Carrie Lynn, who is sort of the Kapuna. Carrie Lynn was formerly homeless and spends most of her days volunteering. She actually looks homeless so she really has a lay of the land.

I asked them if there was one thing we could do for them what would it be. The resounding answer was "toilet facilities." As I had noted before there are facilities inside and outside the gates of HS. The ones inside have shown themselves to be a little more reliable. The ones outside simply don't make the cut, due to capacity issues or desirability. Either way they are "outsiders".

Inside the compound is a shower house and bathroom building. BUT, as it turns out, the open hours are 8:30A to 11:30A, Monday through Friday only. WTH???? I asked why they weren't open all the time and was told that due to various issues they had to be monitored, and currently MANY HS employees aren't coming in due to health concerns. WTH2??? As so they are closed.

We all know that due to Covid-19 all public restrooms at supermarkets, gas stations, etc are currently closed. This leaves the homeless no other choice but to urinate and defecate in the surrounding neighborhood. We have all heard that the Pier and a couple of other places are now open, BUT, when you have to go, you have to go! No one's doing the Reverse Ironman and sprinting back to the Pier, etc.

I saw this evening that many neighbors want this whole facility shut down and moved. In my opinion it's with good reason as HS has basically pushed these people into their neighborhood making it dirtier and more dangerous. I believe that we need to push HS and our elected officials to get that shower and bathroom facility open, at least until the homeless have other



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options that currently aren't in place. I think if local business's actually knew the facts they would be more understanding of why the homeless are doing what they are doing and absolutely irate with HS.

### Anyway, as for feedings:

Prior to the pandemic, Starbucks saved all of their pastries and foodstuffs at the end of the day and prepared them for early morning pickup by HS, to allow them to feed breakfast every morning. Currently, with Starbucks closed, HS (Lisa in particular) is left scrambling to come up with day old pastries, etc from KTA and Poi Dog Deli. Not very nourishing but a little something every morning to ALL inside and outside the gate.

### Lunches are currently being served as follows:

Mon - By a single individual parishioner of St. Michaels who has taken this upon himself.

Tue - St Michaels Church and United Methodist are switching off.

Wed - Hope Services.

Thu - Living Stones Church.

Fri - 1st and Last Fri, Phillipino Club at St Michales Church • 2nd and 3rd Fri, Hope Services.

SAT AND SUNDAY NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

### Dinners are currently being served as follows:

Thu & Sat - Salvation Army.

Sun - Auntie Carrie Lynn is scraping together food around town and cooking in the kitchen which is attached to the shower house/toilet building. Evidently, Carrie Lynn is the only non-staff member allowed to use that kitchen. She LOVES to cook and said that during this time she would do it EVERYDAY if she had supplies to cook with. She said, hamburger meat, roasts, chilli, etc would all be hits and could be versatile products.

In Total about 60 people need to be fed EVERYDAY, some days more.

### In conclusion, fact and my opinion intertwined:

I don't care how these people got to where they are, be it mental illness, drugs, etc. They are currently in a bad spot as they are now cooped up (as there is safety in numbers) and can't roam around like before. No one is allowing them to use their restroom facilities, etc. The neighborhood all this is taking place in will continue to go down and neighboring businesses with grow more frustrated by the issues. They don't realize that a significant number of people are being locked out of HS and no restroom facilities are being made available.

Firstly, WE NEED TO GET THE RESTROOMS OPEN AT HS.

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I believe that taking these two steps should greatly help the cause.

I look forward to others feedback.

Brian

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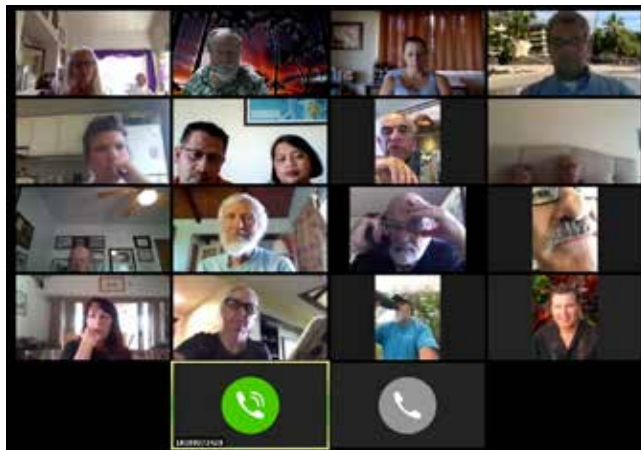
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## At the Club – President John and Jose & Raghel Santiago



President John and Jose & Raghel Santiago gave us an update on the many initiatives that our club is currently pursuing in conjunction with the Salvation Army and other organizations working so diligently to serve the nutritionally challenged during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

John indicated that Rotary sponsored efforts are providing about 500 meals a week to those in need. With the Food Bank providing another 600 plus meals and other organizations providing up to 4000 meals, the total meals being provided in the Kona



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Rotary Club of Kona wishes to draw attention to the hardships that threaten the health and well-being of some of our most

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Food supplies, in particular, are becoming increasingly scarce because many of the resources which the needy once had at their disposal are no longer available. For example, Salvation Army resources have diminished significantly since the organization had to close its thrift store and daycare facilities due to the crisis; at the same time, the demand on its resources has experienced an extreme increase due to the growing needs of the homeless and other underserved residents. The Salvation Army hot meal programs have gone from serving out 100 meals a week to 460-500, largely because they have added a weekend component to their program. Their demand for food baskets – which include an average of 30 meals per basket – has gone from 80-100 to 500.

As for the Rotary Club, our Meat-and-Eat program, which once served 50-100 meals per week, is now providing 400 weekend lunches plus food baskets, and many of our own members have donated both money and manpower to the cause. Rotary is also providing lunches for a county housing program for the homeless in which the Holiday Inn provides 40 rooms for the homeless during this crisis.

Not surprisingly, the increase in such services comes at a cost – it is estimated that the price to properly provide these services for ten weeks will be \$140,000. We have raised \$30,000 so far, leaving us well short and in desperate need of an infusion of funds to support these programs. If you have the means to contribute to some of these worthy projects, please consider a donation through the Rotary Club of Kona Web site at: <https://www.rotaryclubofkona.com/>

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Jeff Martin, Major  
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Aloha Mr. Spicer.

You and your Rotary club have been doing a wonderful job of supporting our Salvation Army Kona Corps recently. I have been watching with interest as Lt.'s Raghel and Bob have been posting pictures of food stacked up high and ready to be delivered to those in need. Your club has raised nearly \$20,000 according to the last report I heard to help with our feeding programs.

As a fellow Rotarian I admire the work you are all doing to help the Army, and as an Officer of The Salvation Army I feel humbled that we are the recipients of your efforts to serve those in our community who are in need. Here at Divisional Headquarters we have the privilege of seeing fine officers like the Santiagos make a difference in their communities every day. Your support of their efforts makes a huge difference that cannot be measured, but it changes lives and makes our community stronger.

John, please accept my gratitude for all your work and for the work and support given by your Rotary Club. It is because of this kind of support that the Army is able to continue its mission of meeting human need in His name without discrimination.

Mahalo and God bless!



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## Around Town – Mahalo Nui Loa

A BIG Mahalo Nui Loa to all who have donated to help the Rotary Club of Kona feed those in need during this Pandemic.

We'd like to acknowledge those individuals who have so graciously donate to our cause: Kona Castle Ranch, LLC, Tom Fine, The Gustins, Becca Hamar, Peter Schonberg, Tom Daniel, Renee Kraft, Brian Riley, Mahlon Whittle, Chrys Yamasaki, Brian Asbjornson, Jenny Rasmusen, Alysia Dinneen, Preston Crowl, Scott Unger, Tom Beirlein, Dani Knapp, Darlene Dabbling, Alan Clark, Linda Jane Kelley, Barbara Stahly, John Spicer, David Rees-Thomas, Shirley Stoffer, Shirley Seal, Gretchen Watson-Kabei, Susan Tanaka, Don & Shirley David, Geri Eckert, David Glass, Katherine Sims, David Brooks, Douglas Perrine, John & Zola Ingram, Mary Ellen Smith, Morris Branch, Greg Ogin, Kelly Flielar, Thomas Myers, Janie Peterson, Kris Hazard, Diane Yeh, Jane Galante, June Masada, Allen Sullivan, Alan Hale.

How we are using those funds:

Firstly: Due to school closures, we have modified our Meet N' Eat program rather than closing it. We are providing 400 take out lunches and a bag of groceries on each Saturday at 2 schools – Kahakai Elementary and Kealakehe Intermediate.

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Thirdly: Some of the homeless are being sheltered in a hotel and we are providing a weekly bag of lunch items which is about 287 lunches per week.

And last but certainly NOT least: A BIG thank you to all our members and the members of Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise who are putting themselves at risk, and putting in the time and the labor needed for this cause.

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The attached photo shows some of the truckloads of food your donations have allowed us to purchase so these programs can continue to feed those in need during this pandemic.



## Around Town – Rotary Keiki Fun Night



Click on the picture for a message.

Hey Rotarian Moms, Dads, Grannies, Paps and the Young-at-Hearts! It's me....Ricki Rotarian, and I'm inviting you to "Rotary Family Night" from 5pm to 5:30pm on Friday, May 22nd. It will be a fun 30 minutes filled with kiddie stories by Joanne Laird....and magic tricks by Glen Bailey! We might even have that funny English lady, and fun for the whole family. Anybody wanna share some kiddie songs? It's gonna be so much fun...and I can't wait to meet all you crazy Rotarians and your cute keiki....so join me...Ricki Rotarian...for "Rotary Family Night"...at 5pm on Friday, May 22nd.

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



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

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## At the Club – A Mahalo from Jeff Martin – Salvation Army

Jeff Martin, Major  
Divisional Commander  
Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division  
Salvation Army

Aloha Mr. Spicer.

You and your Rotary club have been doing a wonderful job of supporting our Salvation Army Kona Corps recently. I have been watching with interest as Lt.'s Raghel and Bob have been posting pictures of food stacked up high and ready to be delivered to those in need. Your club has raised nearly \$20,000 according to the last report I heard to help with our feeding programs.

As a fellow Rotarian I admire the work you are all doing to help the Army, and as an Officer of The Salvation Army I feel humbled that we are the recipients of your efforts to serve those in our community who are in need. Here at Divisional Headquarters we have the privilege of seeing fine officers like the Santiagos make a difference in their communities every day. Your support of their efforts makes a huge difference that cannot be measured, but it changes lives and makes our community stronger.

John, please accept my gratitude for all your work and for the work and support given by your Rotary Club. It is because of this kind of support that the Army is able to continue its mission of meeting human need in His name without discrimination.

Mahalo and God bless!



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## At RI – Non Invasive Bubble Helmets are Saving Lives



**Rotarians in Lithuania and the United States promote the use of bubble helmets to help patients avoid mechanical ventilators**

Rotarians in Lithuania and Chicago, Illinois, USA, are using their influence to promote the use of “bubble helmets” and potentially lessen the need for mechanical ventilators for COVID-19 patients who struggle to breathe on their own.

The Rotary Club of Vilnius Lituanica International, Lithuania, participated in Hack the Crisis, an online event in March that brought together innovators in science and technology to “hack,” or develop solutions to, issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Lithuanian club,

along with members of the Rotary Clubs of Chicago and Chicagoland Lithuanians (Westmont), joined a team to brainstorm ways to help COVID-19 patients breathe without using mechanical ventilators.

Bubble helmets come in various designs and are noninvasive, supplying oxygen without the need for intubation.

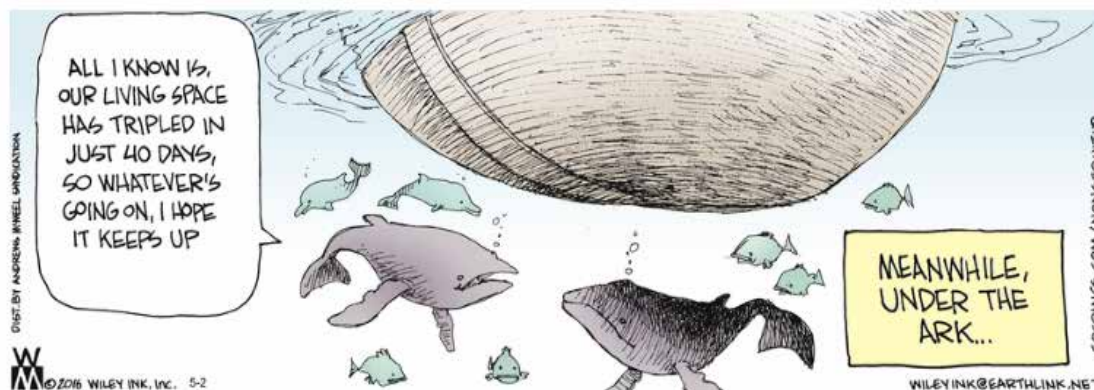
“Traditional ventilators used with intubation are a painful intervention into the body and require trained medical staff,” says Viktorija Trimbel, a member of the Vilnius Lituanica club, who was a mentor during Hack the Crisis. “There’s also a shortage of the drugs used for sedation. But you don’t have to be sedated with helmets.”

Bubble helmets are noninvasive and supply oxygen without the need for intubation, a procedure where a tube is inserted down a patient’s throat. A helmet fits over a patient’s head with a rubber collar that can be adjusted around the neck. The collar has ports that can deliver oxygen and air.

But some critical care physicians are becoming concerned that intubation and mechanical ventilators are being used unnecessarily on COVID-19 patients and suggest that more patients could benefit by remaining longer on simpler, noninvasive respiratory support.

Helmetbasedventilation.com connects researchers, manufacturers, medical professionals, and funding sources to increase the supply of bubble helmets.

## Just for Fun – Meanwhile, Under the Ark



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**More Knowledge** - Get in-depth property and community information.  
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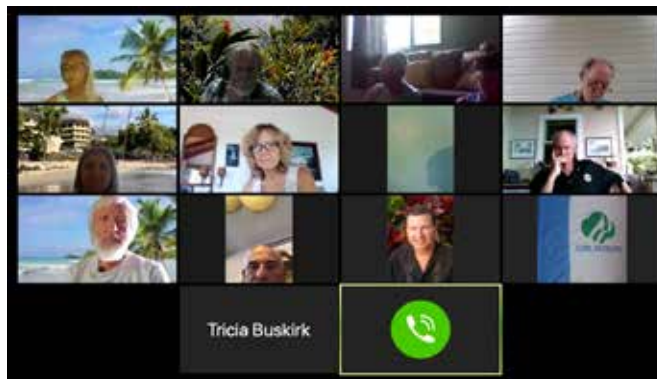
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## At the Club – Tricia Buskirk – HI Community Federal Credit Union



Tricia Buskirk of the Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union joined us via phone for an update about the CU and protocols in place during the Pandemic. The CU is reopening for normal business June 1 (masks and social distancing required). Presently Mon - Fri only but with Sat hours coming soon, appointments are recommended, but not necessarily required.

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June 04, 2020

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## Just for Fun – Courtesy of Mahlon Whittle

Behind every retired man is a wife wishing he would go back to work.

I started a new ritual today... every day I do diddly squat.

I love you more today than yesterday.... Yesterday you got on my nerves!

Some people should use glue stick instead of chapstick.

Half the day I wonder if it's too late to have coffee, the other half I wonder if it's too early for wine.

## Just for Fun – I Finally Let Him Come Inside





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## At RI – Mark Daniel Maloney – Outgoing President's Message



My Rotary journey began 40 years ago when I joined the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, at the age of 25, and it has brought my family and me many unforgettable moments. But nothing could have prepared me for connecting with the world as president of Rotary International. My individual Rotary journey has become a shared Rotary journey with each of you.

All of the incredible people Gay and I met this year — Rotarians, Rotaractors, and the extended family of Rotary — will be an inspiration for the rest of our lives. We visited clubs and projects from Uruguay to Ukraine, from Nigeria to New Zealand, and beyond. We were privileged to crisscross the globe, circumnavigating it twice and moving back and forth between

the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Each country and each stop held its own Rotary magic. While in Zimbabwe in March, we participated in a medical vocational training team mission with Rotarians from India, providing health, hope, and life itself to the thousands who came for treatment. We also felt the energy of more than 300 young people at a Rotary Youth Symposium in Harare. What a thrill it was to be with these young people!

This year Rotary launched our new Action Plan, and I trust each club is putting that plan to use. And I have been energized by the efforts to embrace the priorities I set for this Rotary year: engaging families, providing leadership opportunities for all ages, celebrating our history with the United Nations in its 75th year, and, most significantly, growing Rotary.

As COVID-19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could never have imagined, testing our ability to adapt. We have made tough decisions, including canceling club meetings, district conferences, presidential conferences, and, much to our regret, the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu. Together everyone is placing the public good and welfare first, despite the loss of meetings, events, and experiences that had been planned for years.

As we looked forward to the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, we learned about the aloha spirit. Our Rotary friends in Hawaii showed us that “aloha” means mutual regard and affection. It extends warmth and caring with no expectation of anything in return. The spirit of aloha applies wherever in the world we may live. As Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the family of Rotary, we are connected, and as aloha has been defined to me: Our connection to one another is based upon mutual respect for our differences as well as our appreciation for what we have in common. Community is the sum of individuals — individuals who have concern for one another, who care, share, and take responsibility.

As I have witnessed the members of the Rotary community act to care for humanity amid the coronavirus pandemic, I have seen the aloha of Rotary. We are indeed people of action. Every day, but particularly during this pandemic, the Rotary community has demonstrated its aloha spirit. It is a gift to be shared, and we are each a steward of this gift of Rotary. Gay and I have been amazed, inspired, and humbled by all of you within the family of Rotary.

Indeed, I would say that the last part of our shared Rotary year was transformational. We found new ways to make the lives of others better, new ways to move forward together. And, together, we will continue to grow Rotary so that we may increase our gift of Rotary to our local and global communities.

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Gretchen Watson-Kabei  
June 25  
Peter Schonberg  
June 27

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Preston Crowl  
June 30, 1997 - 23 Yrs  
Stephen Hicks  
June 12, 2014 - 6 Yrs  
Tom Ivscanin  
June 13, 2019 - 1 Yrs  
Crystal Yamasaki  
June 30, 1998 - 22 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacy Bierlein  
June 1, 2013 - 7 Yrs  
Jennifer & Jade Rasmussen  
June 12, 2010 - 10 Yrs  
Stephen & Pamela Hicks  
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Magin is the co-founder and Executive Director of Project Hawai'i Inc. Magin feels that it is her kuleana (responsibility) to devote her life to helping the homeless children create a brighter future. She has a passion that very few possess which drives her to show each and every homeless child that they are loved and will never be forgotten. "I take the responsibility of spreading the awareness of the crisis our homeless children face on our islands very seriously."

She works tirelessly in an effort to feed, care for, and teach our children living in extreme poverty. Her passion is driven from her own personal understanding of what it means to grow up with an unstable home life. She was displaced as a youth

living unsheltered and knows all too well the feeling of having to go without food. "Personally I have been told that "it wont work" or "that's not how to make things happen." All while I am doing what was said can't be done and winning awards for making things happen.

The mission of Project Hawai'i Inc. is to help our islands keiki (children in Hawaiian) break the cycle of poverty. Since 2003, our dedicated volunteers strive to enhance their lives by providing year round supportive services that help to build their self-esteem and learn the proper life and social skills to succeed. We are able to change their lives by providing a sense of stability through our holiday events, school support, educational training and monthly outreach. Our award winning summer educational program has allowed our homeless children to be first generation to graduate high school and attend college. We provide our services and outreach to over 1,600 individual homeless children throughout the year.

Our nonprofit organization is run 100% by volunteers and solely supported by public donations.

## At the Club – Maverick Maled – Berkshire Hathaway Home Services



### Highlights of Maverick's Talk:

- He recently returned from a business trip and was greeted at the airport by the National Guard. He needed to fill out lots of paperwork and then had to be quarantined at home for 14 days. At least 3 phones will be made to verify that he is respecting the quarantine.

- Despite the Pandemic the real estate market is surprisingly healthy. Despite a somewhat reduced number of buyers, the inventory is very low and can't keep up with the demand. Also historically low interest rates are making mortgages easier to obtain. As a result, prices are actually increasing, contrary to what common sense might dictate.

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At Rotary Club of Honolulu – Mahalo to Rotary Club of Kona



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May 10, 2020

Dear Members of The Rotary Club of Kona,  
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donation which has been allocated to the  
COVID-19 relief efforts. On behalf of the  
Salvation Army Advisory Board and a Past  
President of The Rotary Club of Honolulu, I  
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Self" and your generosity and commitment to  
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## Just Last Week – Magin Patrick – Project Hawai'i



Magin is the co-founder and Executive Director of Project Hawai'i Inc.

For the Rotary Club of Kona presentation, Magin gave a bit of the history and workings of their very popular summer camp program for homeless keiki. Nearly abandoned when the first summer camp didn't anticipate the degree to which the campers needed support, subsequent camps now provide needed clothing and gear in addition to healthy meals and snacks, workshops, mentorship and leadership training, and fun activities. Additionally keiki are provided with new outfits and school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Now an well established institution, the camps provide the keiki with an escape from what is often a very stressful and negative situation. Camp gives the keiki a chance to have fun, eat well, learn coping and success skills, and feel loved and appreciated, perhaps for the first time in their young lives.

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June 18, 2020

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## Just for Fun – The Official Start of Summer





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## Just for Fun – We Need to Stream



Since the Pandemic Nancy and I, like so many other couples in our nation, have been in “lockdown.” We work from home, if and when there is actual work to do or projects to do that we can pretend to be work or projects that are “work-related.” Naturally, we do not tackle any household projects that have needed doing for years, lest we be in the middle of said project or projects when the economy suddenly springs back to life. Imagine the chaos of a garage half organized instead of zero organized, or the angst of partly painted trim.

Like many, we only leave home for the occasional trip to obtain basic sustenance or essential services, and like most, we are experiencing the pleasures, and challenges, of being with loved ones 24/7. We have rediscovered card games, board games, word games, trivia games, picture games, and “Game of Thrones.” Like almost everyone, we have developed a deep and enduring co-dependant relationship with Netflix and Prime. Indeed, I suspect that should the power go out; we could tolerate no lights, no no airconditioning, no refrigeration, no clothes washing (or drying), no cable, and even no water pressure (should the tanks run dry). I doubt we could survive no streaming. After a few weeks, sans streaming, they would probably find our bodies, both in the fetal position, one desperately clutching the remote, with a look of utter desperation etched into frozen faces.

Of course, there is the dilemma of “what to watch.” I love action movies; Nancy doesn’t find them “actionable.” Nancy loves horror movies; I abhor horror movies. I enjoy the occasional “rom-com,” Nancy is not usually amused. Nancy likes apocalypse movies (but not especially, “Apocalypse Now”), and not generally if they include zombies (way overdone these days). I can survive an apocalypse movie, but only if the apocalypse (or at least the movie) doesn’t last longer than two hours. If the apocalypse movie is really bad, however, like where the special effects are from “Flash Gordon” times, or the skies are sunny during the hurricane, or the actors doesn’t use any words longer than three syllables or speak in sentences longer than three words than we can both get into it. Basically, when the disaster movie is a complete disaster, it’s entertaining.

Fortunately, we both enjoy a good mystery movie, better yet a good mystery series, best yet if the series is British or Australian. I suspect, pardon the pun, it’s because those filmmakers know how to tell a compelling story, with talented actors, and good direction and cinematography. Also, we really enjoy trying to figure out “who done it.” Interestingly, I developed a formula, several years back, that figures out the culprit within the first 20 minutes of the movie, or within the first 2 episodes of the series. I can’t divulge the specifics, but suffice it to say, the clues, pardon the pun, to figuring out the formula are seldom obvious.

Once upon a time, we both loved Nicholas Cage movies. Some of our favorites include “Raising Arizona,” “Leaving Las Vegas,” “Con Air,” “Face Off,” and the “National Treasure series.” Lately, though, the list is not so stellar. Efforts like “Kick Ass,” “Bad Lieutenant,” “Ghost Rider” and “Ghost Rider, Spirit of Vengeance” leave a bit to be desired. That is not to say that we don’t still watch Nicholas Cage movies. In fact, we watch everything we can find on Netflix, Prime, or even Hulu, the worse, the better. We are totally invested in learning if there is any movie that is so bad that he won’t do it for the paycheck. Can the bar possibly be so low that he won’t attempt to crawl under it? Does he have any scruples at all, or does he just not care anymore.

Then again, maybe we’ve got it all wrong. Perhaps, like the rest of us, he is forced to work from home. Perhaps he is forced to only do films where he can “phone it in.”

R Farnham - 2020

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### Nikki Gour - On Air Personality and Business Marketing Consultant

Nikki began her career as a performing artist at the age of 11. From Anaheim to San Francisco, California, Nikki performed, directed, and crewed in various stage-productions. After receiving her B.A. in Anthropology and a minor in Education at San Francisco State University, Nikki developed and implemented an after-school theatre arts program for the YMCA of San Francisco. Since moving to Big Island in 2014, where her family roots lay, Nikki has worked as a Special Education teacher, and serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Aloha Theatre. Nikki wears several hats with Resonate Hawaii including On Air Personality, Business Marketing Consultant, Copy-writer and Production Assistant.

## At the Club – Induction Lunch – Saturday June 27, 2020, 1PM

Induction lunch to bring in the new Rotary year on Saturday, June 27 from 1 to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided, please bring a beverage if you so wish. This will be an outdoor event held at Becca and Peter's house - 75-816 F Hiona St, Holualoa, HI. [MAP](#)

## Just Last Week – Stephanie Nagata – Office of Mauna Kea Mgmt



The theme of Ms Nagata's presentation was a response to recent claims by certain members of the community that OMKM is not meeting it's mandate and responsibility to properly preserve and enhance Mauna Kea's cultural and natural resources. She pointed out that the developement of the mountain was a political move based on economic necessity, not a policy of OMKM.

### Or do you consider any of the following mismanagement?

- Community-based management involving members of the community actively participate in the review of projects, setting policy, and management decision making...
- Native Hawaiians having access 24/7 to the higher elevations...
- Making tenants of the summit of Maunakea with project proposals go through a public vetting process including consultation with Native Hawaiians and obtain necessary State permits ...
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## 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.

## President's Position

John Spicer - President,  
Rotary Club of Kona

May 21, 2020 - UPDATE



Rotary Club of Kona wishes to draw attention to the hardships that threaten the health and well-being of some of our

most vulnerable local residents with the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Food supplies, in particular, are becoming increasingly scarce because many of the resources which the needy once had at their disposal are no longer available. For example, Salvation Army resources have diminished significantly since the organization had to close its thrift store and daycare facilities due to the crisis; at the same time, the demand on its resources has experienced an extreme increase due to the growing needs of the homeless and other underserved residents.

As of late May, the Rotary Club of Kona is providing about 75% of food that is distributed by the Salvation Army. About 7200 meals a week are being provided including 640 school food baskets and 280 hotel lunches.

Not surprisingly, the increase in such services comes at a cost – it is estimated that the price to properly provide these services for ten weeks will be \$140,000. We have raised \$30,000 so far, leaving us well short and in desperate need of an infusion of funds to support these programs.

Several members of the community and many of our own members have donated both money and manpower to the cause. If you have the means to contribute to some of these worthy projects, please consider a donation through the Rotary Club of Kona Web site at: <https://www.rotaryclubofkona.com/>

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## At the Club – Joining the Online Meetings

TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE MEETINGS, YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- A computer, smart tablet, or smart phone.
- The Zoom app installed on your device.
- A microphone installed on your device (if you don't have a microphone, you can use your telephone for an audio only meeting).
- A camera installed on your device (if you don't have a camera, you can still attend the meeting using your telephone for audio).

TO JOIN A MEETING, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 - If it's not already on your device, **Download Zoom**.
- 2 - Go to: [Zoom.US/Download](https://Zoom.US/Download) and follow the prompts. (If you do not download Zoom ahead of time you will get the opportunity to do so when you join the meeting).
- 2 - On Thursday (anytime after 11:45A) go to: [Zoom.US](https://Zoom.US)
- 3 - In upper right hand corner of screen, click on: **JOIN A MEETING**
- 4 - Enter meeting ID: **818 2426 7706** and click on: **JOIN**
- 5 - If prompted to, click on: [Open zoom.us.app](https://Open.zoom.us/app)
- 6 - When prompted, click on: **Join with Video**, or **Join without Video**
- 7 - When prompted, click on: **Computer Audio**, if available or **Phone Call**, if computer audio is not available.
- 8 - If using Computer Audio select **Join With Computer Audio** or **Test Speaker and Microphone** if you need to see if they are working correctly.
- 9 - If using **Phone Call**, dial one of the listed phone numbers and follow the prompts.
- 10 - **Congratulations! You're part of the meeting!**

## Just for Fun – The New Normal



"COULD YOU SHOW JUST AN OUNCE OF COMPASSION?! A SHOW THAT YOUR MOTHER'S BEEN BINGE-WATCHING FOR NINE DAYS JUST ENDED!"



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## At The Club – Kona Community Foundation – 2019/2020

It's been a year of ups and downs for the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation. The first half of our fiscal year we were showing great returns on our investments. Then the COVID-19 hit and the economy took a hit. The stock market was volatile to say the least. We must acknowledge our financial advisor and member of our Board of Directors, Lori Burgoon. While our investments took a slight hit, they are slowly recovering and we still have the cash we need to fund the scholarships.

This year the Rotary Club provided additional funds to the foundation and we were able to provide a grant of \$35,000.00 to the Hawaii Community College Palamanui campus for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for a classroom for the physics lab. Our club was able to visit the campus and see where the funds would be used. We learned last year that the campus had a classroom and staff available for the physics lab but the State would not fund FF&E. After the many years Past President Jim Lightner stood up and talked about a new campus and the great opportunities it could provide to the students in our community, we could not just stand by and let this space stand idle.

We also noticed that the scholarships that were earmarked for Palamanui students were continually going unused by those students and were being reallocated to other deserving students in our community. Accordingly, we decided the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation provided \$10,000.00 for the scholarship program for the Palamanui Campus. These scholarships are administered by community college scholarship program staff and they work with the at-risk students.

This spring when we were participating in our annual scholarship interviews, President Ken brought up to the group that we could setup a new 4-year scholarship in the name of James (Jim) Lightner. When Jim was with our club he was the prime example of a true Rotarian. The interview committee and the subsequent motion and vote by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation unanimously approved the addition of a scholarship in Jim's name.

Jim was not only a dedicated Rotarian and Past president of the Rotary Club of Kona, but he also had a great influence and steadfast and unwavering determination to get a quality community college campus in Kona. He was so excited to have the campus move out of the "Old Foodland" space in Kealahou to its very own University campus – Palamanui. The newly created and ongoing James Lightner scholarship is for \$4,000.00 and is payable to the students and their college at \$1,000.00 annually for 4 years. In addition, we increased the Jim & Sis Bedingfield Scholarship from \$4,000 to \$6,000 with it being paid to the student and their college at \$1,500/year.

When Ken Kjer called Jim to let him know what the Foundation has done he told him "... thank you, Jim, for what you have done for the lives of so many students through an affordable opportunity to obtain a quality education and promising future here in Kona".

This year the scholarship interviewers were in Ken's conference room where we social distanced and wore our masks when the students arrived. We had two in-person interviews and six phone interviews.

Most of the applicants were the usual AMAZING students with great futures ahead of them. This year we awarded the following scholarships:

Ken & Marge Clewett - \$8,000 (\$2,000/year) - **Makena Becker**  
 Jim & Sis Bedingfield \$6,000 (\$1,500/year) - **Vyas Hale**  
 James Lightner \$4,000 (\$1,000/year) - **Breeze Chinen**  
 Ron & Kathy Hawkes \$2,000 (\$1,000/year for 2 years) - **Tanner Nakamoto**  
 We also awarded a 1 time \$1,000 special award- **Joyce Rosabia**

For a total of \$21,000 in scholarships. Thank you Rotary Club of Kona for your amazing work in the community and for your fundraising efforts managing the volunteers for the Senior PGA golf tournament each year. Thank you to Kelly Flear for his continues support of our club and foundation's programs.

## Rotary Calendar

MEET N' EAT  
 Regular Meet N' Eat programs are suspended for the immediate future. Check your Coffee Blossom for alternative venues.

## Community Calendar

The Kailua-Kona 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Extravaganza are cancelled this year

## Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham  
 June 16  
 Gretchen Watson-Kabei  
 June 25  
 Peter Schonberg  
 June 27

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Preston Crowl  
 June 30, 1997 - 23 Yrs  
 Stephen Hicks  
 June 12, 2014 - 6 Yrs  
 Tom Ivancanin  
 June 13, 2019 - 1 Yrs  
 Crystal Yamasaki  
 June 30, 1998 - 22 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacy Bierlein  
 June 1, 2013 - 7 Yrs  
 Jennifer & Jade Rasmussen  
 June 12, 2010 - 10 Yrs  
 Stephen & Pamela Hicks  
 June 18, 1994 - 26 Yrs  
 James & Valerie Lowson  
 June 25, 2007 - 13 Yrs  
 Gretchen Watson-Kabei  
 & Dale Kabei  
 June 28, 1997 - 23 Yrs

## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
VFW Hall  
Behind Kona Locksmith  
74-5543 Kaiwi Street, 185A  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

### Volcano:

Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
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Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Richard Farnham by Monday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## Four-Way Test

Of The Things We Think, Say, Or Do:

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?