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Kona, and raced in triathlons and ridden a bike in Australia, Austria, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, the US and Zimbabwe. I have spent most of my life on the other side of the world, but I have put myself in situations to understand what is happening between Cape Town and Kona!

I am currently a high school mathematics teacher developing edutech solutions for Africa. I was an actuary, and I love to travel and find the good in humanity.

## Just Last Week – Nicole Gour – Resonate Hawaii, LLC – Radio

### Nikki Gour - On Air Personality and Business Marketing Consultant



In her Zoom presentation, Nikki addressed the changes and challenges faced by the radio industry in general and her company in particular during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Because ad revenue has dropped dramatically as more and more businesses close or, at least, cut their advertising budget, Resonate has had to let over 60 employees go. Remaining employees have had to step up and accept duties and responsibilities not previously part of the job description.

Programming has also changed, with ad slots being converted to PSA slots, and event announcements now covering mostly "virtual events."

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### Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has

been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

# The Coffee Blossom



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





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## At the Podium – Tom Daniel – Peace Corps experience in Cameroon 1964–66.



*Excerpt from biography in the Coffee Blossom, Nov 7 2019.* 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.

## Just Last Week – Greg Becker – Other Side of the World



Greg Becker is a well travelled South African, who has lived in England, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland, and the US.

His talk compared some of the history and lifestyles, the “black lives matter” movement and the reaction to the Covid-19 Pandemic of the U. S. and his home country of South Africa.

For the most part, both countries have done a very poor job of controlling the Pandemic, both have dealt with protests aggressively and used the military in appropriately. Interestingly, both countries rank in the top 4 for greatest number of black people per capita killed by law enforcement.

A statistical look...

### 7 closing thoughts

1. Success is getting not getting what you want, but waiting what you get
2. One life is enough if you live it to the full
3. Stop blaming others for your own unhappiness
4. Birthday wish: I wish you the peace to accept the things you cannot change, the courage to change the things you can and the wisdom to tell the difference
5. Find out about causality and discernment...
6. Don't listen to what they say, go see

Characteristics	South Africa	United States	Multiple	Comments
Population	59M	330M	5.5	South population is about 1/6th larger than US
Average GDP	\$200,220M	\$21,427,700M	18.2	US population is about 5.5 times larger
GDP per capita	\$3,376	\$64,438	19.4	US average per capita is more than 19 times larger
Expenditure (GDP%)	63.54%	63.54%	1.0	SA and the US government expenditure is similar
Expenditure Per Capita	\$2,133	\$41,020	19.2	SA and the US average per capita is more than 19 times larger
Unemployment Rate	26.5%	4.3%	6.2	During the 2020 crisis, the unemployment rate is very high, and both countries are facing
Human Capital Training	87	9	9.7	This is because that graduation is mandatory university, unlike past and present, where the people live in countries with a lower life expectancy, even in historically, where the people live in countries with a lower life expectancy, even in historically
Life expectancy	54	78	1.4	Life expectancy is higher in the US than in South Africa
Living Business	60	8	7.5	Life expectancy is higher in the US than in South Africa
Entrepreneurship Ranking	40	2	20	To improve our entrepreneurship
Corruption index	48	71	1.5	And corruption is higher in South Africa
Magical Index index	10.9	37.7	3.4	Which are some of the reasons we cannot really on the front page make
Number of homicides	21,000	1,000	21	Police and security is challenging them despite our similar population, we have more murders
Auto-Homicides per 100,000	21.0	0.2	105	The US homicide rate per capita is a fraction of that in SA
Investment Ranking	10	1	10	We are not doing as well as we should be

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## President's Position

Rebecca Hamar, President  
Rotary Club of Kona

Aloha Rotarians,



Here we are in the covid season trying to move forward. Based on member suggestions,

we are planning a meeting in person at Old A on Thursday the 23rd of July. Please bring a bag lunch or take out, and a beach chair. Masks are optional but suggested. Just a thought, bring a second meal to give to a homeless person or family in the new shelters.

I will go early and find a spot, and have a blue balloon mark the place. We wouldn't have a speaker but we could go around the group and let each member have an opportunity to talk about how the covid pandemic is affecting them.

Please let me know if you think this is a bad idea.  
[RebeccaHamar@gmail.com](mailto:RebeccaHamar@gmail.com)

If there are enough people interested we could perhaps meet every other week and zoom every other week.

I know for now we are in a sweet spot of covid activity on the big island but as the island receives more visitors we will more than likely see an increase in covid cases. Above all else I want our club to be safe! All meetings would be subject to cancellation at any time if necessary.

How do we move forward with responsibility and awarenesses of current events? I know I have used the 4 way test to determine some of my decisions lately. How fortunate I am to be a rotarian.

YIRS

Becca Hamar

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### At the Club - Mahalo and RI Convention Sessions

First - THANK YOU to those who responded to the survey to let us know your preferences for meetings at this time. The response was very close to even whether to continue with zoom or begin meeting in person. So, our new President, Becca is working on a way to satisfy both and we will let you know soon of the options you will have for a meeting.

Secondly - I would like to highly ENCOURAGE/MOTIVATE all members to take advantage of the virtual Rotary International Convention General Sessions AND any breakout sessions that might interest you. The General Sessions are really well done and so inspiring. It will make you proud to say you are a Rotarian!

Instead of watching TV, PLEASE take a couple nights and watch the RI Convention General Sessions - Session 1 is about 2 hours long and Session 2 is one hour long - I have tried to make it easy! HERE are the links to the sessions -

Click on the session you want to watch -

[General Session 1: Together, We Connect](#) or

[General Session 2: Together, We Learn](#)

or if the links do not work:

- Got to Rotary.org on your web browser
- Hold mouse over tab "For Members" (do not click it)
- A menu will pop up, move your mouse down to RI Convention and Click It
- Click on tab 2020 Virtual Convention
- Under General Sessions - click WATCH
- Then click on which session you would like to watch

To see and watch breakout session, follow the same instructions, but choose WATCH under BREAKOUT SESSIONS instead of General Sessions.

ENJOY! If you have any trouble, let me know and I'm happy to help!

Yours In Rotary!

Janice  
345-8956

### Just for Fun - Viral News



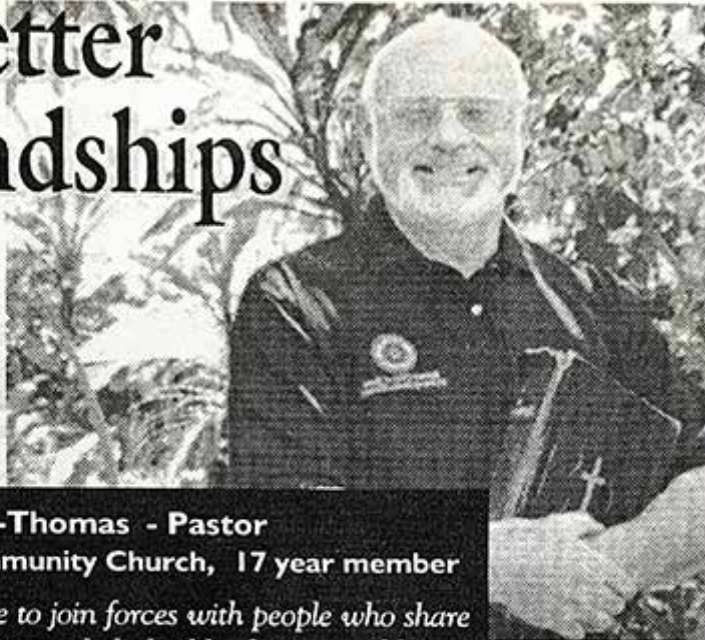
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At the Club – 23 Years Ago – Courtesy David Rees-Thomas

## Rotary International Is Building Goodwill & Better Friendships



**David Rees-Thomas - Pastor**  
Calvary Community Church, 17 year member

*"It's a privilege to join forces with people who share the same desires to help build a better world."*

When you hear the words "the Rotary Club", is your first impression that it's just a Good'ol Boy Club, or a bunch of rich ol'fuddy-duddies sitting around an eating lunch once a week and talking about their glory days? It may surprise you to learn that Rotary International is actually an organization of local professional and business leaders young and old, male and female, that are united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help in building goodwill in our local community as well as world wide.



For further information about the Rotary Club of Kona, please contact Barbara Bush at 326-7778.

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PEJ, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was founded in 2016 by Cynthia Tai, a former prosecutor in the U.S. and at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. With an increase in mass atrocities around the world, PEJ believes now more than ever that there is an overwhelming need to empower local populations seeking justice. By partnering with local organizations, we train local lawyers and investigators so that they have the skills necessary to collect and preserve evidence in a manner that meets international legal standards.

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



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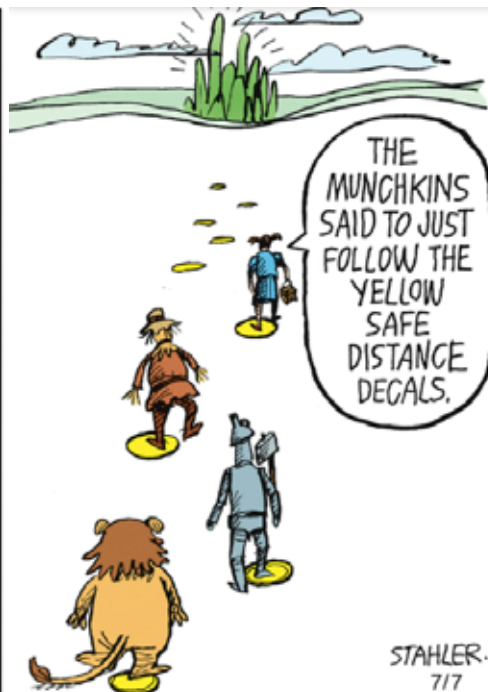
Greetings fellow Rotarians:

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

Club Services Director John Simmerman and assistant chair Liz Zagorodney will continue to put together interesting and information programs for our meetings. With our “Ohana” focus this year, we can expect events that will involve your family. Our other board members are spending many volunteer hours working on their respective responsibilities and we share more of those on the weeks to come. Please keep up our attendance by frequenting our luncheon meetings along with project activity involvement, committee participation and makeup's. Fellowship is the life blood of our organization.

Dave Buehler

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## At the Podium – John Gillespie– Foster Homes & Adoption



John Gillespie, a DTS Area Team Leader at University of the Nations will be speaking about the responsibilities, complexities, benefits and pitfalls of being a foster parent and/or adoptive parent in the Kona Community. Also the effect that the Covid 19 Pandemic is having on the Foster and Adoption Community and the processes involved.

## Just Last Week – Cynthia Tai – Project Expedite Justice



PEJ, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was founded in 2016 by Cynthia Tai, a former prosecutor in the U.S. and at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. With an increase in mass atrocities around the world, PEJ believes now more than ever that there is an overwhelming need to empower local populations seeking justice. By partnering with local organizations, we train local lawyers and investigators so that they have the skills necessary to collect and

preserve evidence in a manner that meets international legal standards. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/projectexpeditejustice>

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**Our Mission**  
PEJ aims to assist victims of human rights abuses, mass atrocities, and trafficking and forced labor find justice through all available legal mechanisms.

**What We Do**

- PEJ is based locally
- Global team: international consultants
- 10+ years experience in international courts of law and specific regions
- Training and mentoring programs

**Where do we work?**

- Eastern Africa and Southeast Asia
- Address Capacity Gap
- To train and mentor to get better evidence
- Assist marginalized populations

**Why?**

- Responsibility towards others
- Moral obligation
- International Human Rights Impact

**Why Me?**

- Domestic prosecutor in Kona for 13 years and international prosecutor practice for over 25 years
- International Criminal Court in The Hague, The Netherlands from 2007-2013
- Certified expert in conflict-related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)
- Peter Bou case

**Bank Case & First Hawaiian Bank**

- Lawsuit: BNP Paribas
- PEJ brought suit against BNP Paribas
- Largest French bank and 4th largest bank in world
- Charged with complicity in genocide

**COVID-19 Impact on Human Rights**

- Disproportionate social and economic
- Safety restrictions and travel bans
- Adapting to changing climate
- PEJ's remote model and expansion into new regions

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



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## At the Podium – Roger Harris – Palamanui Campus



The project's vision is to build a "University Village" community around the college, a community where local residents can live, work, play and of course, learn.

Palamanui's \$20+ million investment with the University of Hawaii to build the Hawaii Community College Palamanui campus is laying the foundation for community building in West Hawaii and long-term success for the college.

P?lamanui remains a committed community partner to help shape Kona's future for generations to come.

Roger Harris, Director of Governmental Affairs will share project updates.

## Just Last Week – Meeting in Person at Old A

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



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John gave an inspirational talk about foster care and adoption in Kona. John, who is involved in the ministry at University of the Nations, is both a foster parent and adoptive parent for several children.

He offered the following links for people who are interested in foster care, adoption and helping families in need:

#### Kona families at Risk

<https://forms.gle/r8nmQr8gopzEb6em8>

#### Fostering in Kona

Email: Alana Power at [APower@PIDFoundation.org](mailto:APower@PIDFoundation.org)

#### Kona Keiki Closet

An initiative to empower families on the Big Island, providing essential children's items, connection to additional resources and emotional support. Financial donations:

Checks: U of N Kona, Online: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=ngyVo0Mx-zizck5a7ykVDGWpqYGbiq9D7f4U26AwjieKtoQD\\_OGVDlb3k\\_BP8P\\_KnJ74ixxey-MUArX7xf&fromUL=true&country.x=US&locale.x=en\\_US](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=ngyVo0Mx-zizck5a7ykVDGWpqYGbiq9D7f4U26AwjieKtoQD_OGVDlb3k_BP8P_KnJ74ixxey-MUArX7xf&fromUL=true&country.x=US&locale.x=en_US)

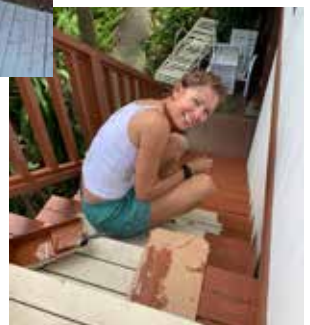
#### The Pregnancy Center

Provides free services and support to women and men who are in crisis pregnancy situations and set families up for success. Financial donations: Online: [www.tpc.com](http://www.tpc.com)  
Click the donate page.

#### Kokua Ohana

An online group designed to connect helping hands to both foster and valuable families to provide the practical support (meals, household items, child care etc.) needed to care for the Keiki of our island. Email: Melissa Jensen at [Melissa.jensen@uofnkona.edu](mailto:Melissa.jensen@uofnkona.edu)

### Rotary at Work – Painting at DCRT's





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## This Weeks Speaker

Lt. Governor Duke Aiona



In our ongoing efforts to bring candidates running for public office to our club, we are honored to hear from Duke Aiona. Duke is in his second term serving with Governor Linda Lingle. He is currently seeking the office of Governor. Guests and community members are welcome, so we look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting to hear more from Duke about his time office, and plans for the future.

## Work Party at Keauhou Mauka Headstart Preschool Saturday July 31st Start at 8am until finish

Guess who has signed up to help! Many Thanks to: Renee Kraft, Mike Kelly, Rod Martin, Jana Powell, Liz Zagorodney, Summer Colquette, Tom Fin, Dave DeYoung, Tom Daniel, Steve Ybarra and Chuck Cartwright.

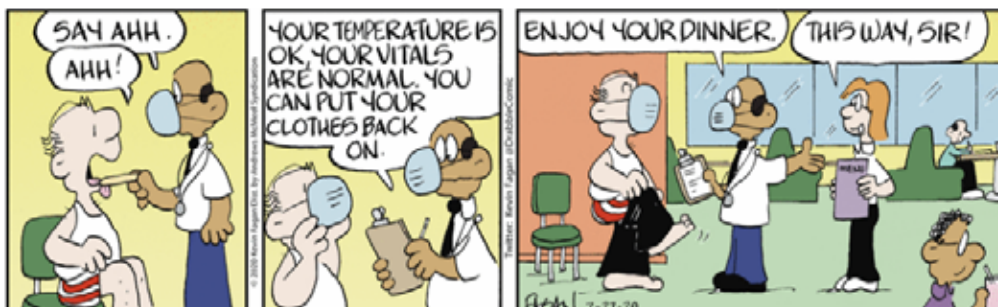
We hope to see everyone there. Many hands make light work.

Some jobs include: shoveling, moving dirt, helping build bottom portion and roof of sand box, digging and installing curtain drain, bringing breakfast and coffee, bringing lunch and drinks, final cleanup to prepare site for children to return. Bringing beer at the end for the our pau hana! See you there, and thanks for being part of the Rotary Ohana!

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## At the Podium – Rebecca Hamar



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All members are encouraged to attend, especially those that don't care for our Zoom meetings. Now is an excellent opportunity to catch up on the latest news and some sorely missed fellowship.

## Just Last Week – Roger Harris – Palamanui



Roger Harris, Director of Governmental Affairs shared the project update on Palamanui's vision is to build a "University Village" community around the college, a community where local residents can live, work, play and of course, learn. Palamanui's \$20+ million investment with the University of Hawaii to build the Hawaii Community College Palamanui campus is laying the foundation for community building in West Hawaii and long-term success for the college.

Click here for Fact Sheet: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary/Palamanui.pdf>

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- 250 mixed income single and multi-family residential units
- 30,000 sq ft. of commercial space
- Up to 60 hotel rooms
- 10 acres of a 20 acre public park
- Privately-owned and maintained waste water treatment plant
- Internal roadways and appropriate landscaping

**PHASE 2 YEARS 6-10**

- 200 mixed income single and multi-family residential units
- Roadway improvements and landscaping
- Final 10 acres of unimproved public park conveyed to County of Hawaii

**PHASE 3 YEARS 11-15**

- 50 mixed income single and multi-family residential units
- Remaining 60 hotel rooms
- Commence development of commercial Business Park
- Signalized intersection at Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy
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- An additional wastewater treatment plant, and appropriate landscaping

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- 616 mixed income single and multi-family residential units
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- Primary road improvements on Queen K. Hwy, University Dr., Ane K Hwy., and Ka'imani Dr., forming a loop road system that includes 3 traffic signals

**August 6, 2020**

## This Week

### MEETING AT OLD A

Bring a bag lunch and a beach chair. Look for the blue balloon. Maybe bring an extra lunch for the homeless.

### Program:

Rebecca Hamar  
Club Update & Fellowship

### Greeter:

Rebecca Hamar

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### President's Position – Rebecca Hamar



Aloha Rotarians,

Into the second month of the rotary year, how is everyone doing? Some of our lives are disrupted, so it is important to check in and remember to take care of yourself or ask for help if you need it. We are a community and can look to each other for assistance. To be of service we first need our own lives in balance.

We finished up our sandwich food service last Saturday and will transition to a Tuesday night meet and eat. I see this as great opportunity to continue the service we did on Wednesday before the pandemic forced us to do something different. Thanks to your donations and some grants we have been able to help feed many people. Thank you to all Rotarians that have spent time and money to help with this great effort. I have enjoyed my time making sandwiches with some great people. If you would like to help with our new meet and eat contact Scott Unger or myself.

A big mahalo to Salvation Army, they have done so much to assist those in need.

We are continuing a brown bag lunch meeting at "Old A" every other Thursday. If you don't zoom please consider coming, if you do zoom, please consider coming. It's a great time for fellowship. Bring a beach chair, a lunch and a hat to shade yourself.

This Saturday we finished up at David Reese Thomas's. Rotarians have been painting and getting things looking like new. Thank you all Rotarians and helpers who have shared their Saturdays in service.

These times are a real challenge and seem stagnant to me so I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn about things happening here and around the world through the Rotary clubs. We are looking at a proposal for a global grant! It's been on my bucket list to topple corrupt regimes. If you are interested in meeting someone who can do that please let me know.

YIR - Becca Hamar

### Just for Fun – Old School Basic Cable



### Just for Fun – You Can Work With It





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## Rotary Works – By Mitchell Bonds, West Hawaii Today



The gears never stop turning at the Rotary Club of Kona, not even during a pandemic. “Locally, we find immediate needs, and we try to alleviate those needs in the community,” said Rebecca Hamar, co-president of the club. “When Puna was devastated with the lava situation, we would often send water and food and shelters, and help other community organizations provide the same.”

Rotary of Kona has always been involved in feeding the community through its nonprofit “Meet ‘n Eat” program, among others, but the COVID-19 pandemic’s shutdown of Kona’s tourism industry has turned even more toward community support groups to help feed their families. “The need is over 7,000 a week,” Hamar said. “We used to use The Food Basket, but haven’t been able to use it at all.” That’s 28,000 meals a month, and Rotary has been doing stepped-up production since March. That’s 140,000 or more, with no sign of stopping.

To meet that need, Rotary partners with The Salvation Army, which also has community food programs, and other community service organizations like the Lions Club and church groups. “Basically, Rotary is the umbrella for the most part,” said Scott Unger, who organizes and runs Rotary’s food distribution. “Two of The Salvation Army captains are also part of Rotary.” While Rotary’s Meet ‘n Eat is “a real neat program going on for 30 years up at Kealahou,” Unger said, “it’s separate from The Salvation Army, but we’re going to get into the process of combining them.”

The teamwork involved is both staggering and heartening. “We stepped in and are providing meals for the Salvation Army to serve,” Hamar said. “Right now we’re trying to find funds to help us help the Salvation Army and our own food programs that we’ve been involved with. We’ve expanded to Kahakai Elementary School, we do lunches and if we have extra food to donate, we give that away, too.”

Unger added, “During the pandemic Meet ‘n Eat, we moved to Saturday lunches, and distributed sandwiches and about 150 food baskets every day. Last Saturday was our final one, and we’re moving back to Tuesday night.” And how does this teamwork DO the work? “We needed a kitchen to produce our meals,” Unger said. “Salvation Army has that, and they offered to prepare our Meet ‘n Eat meals on Tuesday nights. We pay for all the ingredients, and it will be made by Salvation Army, and then we’ll distribute the meals.

“The Lions Club has also helped in distributing for us, they’ve been really great; they’ve taken on distribution for one Tuesday every month. Rotary provides the funds, SA cooks and produces the meal, and then the Lions Club will box and distribute the meals. We’re looking for other groups to come take on a Tuesday night of distribution, too.” To support the effort and help keep their food fresh, Young Brothers donated a 20-foot refrigerated shipping container, which Unger said was “nothing short of awesome. To store all the refrigerated items, it has allowed us to really expand the program.”

So if you have some spare cash, join The Hawaii Community Foundation and Kona Castle Ranch in supporting Rotary’s efforts through [www.rotaryclubofkona.com](http://www.rotaryclubofkona.com). All donations go directly into food programs for the Kona community, with no administration costs. Or if your church or nonprofit wants to distribute meals, contact Scott Unger at 747-7311.

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Aug 17

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Aug 29, 2013 - 7 Yrs  
Alysia Dinneen  
Aug 22, 2019 - 1 Yr  
Rebecca Hamar  
Aug 21, 2014 - 6 Yrs  
Linda Jane Kelly  
Aug 2, 2012 - 8 Yrs  
Jose Santiago  
Aug 3, 2017 - 3 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Katherine & John Rauch  
Aug 28, 2005 - 15 Yrs  
Brian Riley & Hilary Smith  
Aug 1, 2020

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## Just Last Week – Rebecca Hamar – Club Update



President Becca hosted our second face to face meeting at Old A. About 14 members were in attendance, near the ocean in the shade of a big Naupaka bush. A delightful setting.

Becca announced a new initiative the club is pursuing in conjunction with Cybthia Tai of Project Expedite Justice. The club will be applying, hopefully in cooperation with other clubs locally and internationally, for grants to support the important work that Project

Expedite Justice is doing. Links: <https://www.projectexpeditejustice.org/>  
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## August 13, 2020

### This Week

#### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

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Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

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Richard Farnham  
Family Albums

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### Just a Thought – What Am I Missing Here?



Are there really people that would rather die than wear a mask when out and about? We are required to wear clothes when out and about, even in Hawaii where acceptable clothing for women can be as little as three small triangles of cloth over selected appendages, and for men as little as one. And we all wear these clothes, and ideally more, pretty much without feeling that our constitutional rights are being violated or our personal freedoms unduly compromised.

If wearing a mask is such a burden, then why are we OK with always driving on one side of the road, with obeying the speed limits, with stopping at red lights, with parking between the lines, or signaling before we make a turn (Ok, some of us are not so Ok with that one).

If we should be free to endanger the lives of others and ourselves by not wearing a mask, then why can't we smoke in a restaurant or on a plane, or almost anywhere else. Why are we required to wear seatbelts, or to make our keiki buckle up, or wear a motorcycle helmet (Ok we're not required to do that one, but we should be).

Wearing a mask is not an undue infringement on our freedom. It is a sensible precaution against a growing pandemic. It is a way to help avoid getting or spreading a disease that, at the very least causes discomfort, and far too often results in serious illness and even death.

Look at the bright side. With our current lax gun laws and a legal requirement to wear a face mask, you can walk into any bank, masked and armed, unharmed and without causing alarm. A really nice accommodation if you're thinking of making a large withdrawal.

R. Farnham, 2020

### Just for Fun – You Can't Fix Stupid



### Just for Fun – A Shark Infestation





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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – ALAN CLARK, Club Assembly

This week President Alan will be hosting the first club assembly of his term. We will be hearing reports from several avenues of service and learning Alan's vision for the year ahead. It should be an interesting and educational meeting for us all.



### Just Last Week – REPRESENTATIVE ED CASE, by William Moore Jr.



Representative Ed Case's talk was entitled: "What's Going on in Washington From My Point of View". Because of the upcoming elections, very little substantive is being accomplished in Congress but there are 3 or 4 "Big Picture" themes that are going on in Washington right now. We are in an election season with a divided electorate and stark divisions of opinion so Congressmen are reluctant to make tough decisions, preferring to avoid conflict. The first challenge is foreign policy. Iraq is still a difficult situation. We have to finish the job of restoring stability and security, completing transition to a reasonable and sustainable government of the people's own choosing, assisting in the restoration and reconstruction of services such as electricity & water, and undertaking an orderly disengagement of our troops, hopefully by 2006. Second

is the 9/11 commission report which states that we were clearly not prepared. Blame does not fall in one particular branch of government; all bear a share. Congressional oversight must be improved. The third challenge is the state of our Federal budget. No one wants to talk about how to get a handle on it as it calls for tough choices but something must be done to control the deficit.

He went on to say that Big Island challenges include: accessibility to health care, small business support and transportation planning. During the question/answer period he discussed the use of Community Health Centers for health care provision and his bills in Congress to remove the Jones act and PVSA that hamper island cruise ship industry.

### At the Club – MAKAE'O CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Our next work day will be Saturday, August 14th! We're going to need all club members to show up in force as we will have soil to spread for the grass areas and trees to be planted, as well as irrigation trenches dug and lines to be laid. Many hands will make this light work! If you aren't up to the outdoor landscaping type of work, maybe you could be a part of the food crew. It takes a lot of us to have fun accomplishing this project and your involvement is welcome. Let Barbara Bush, Preston Crowl or President Alan know what area you can help with. WE NEED YOU!

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Service Above Self

### This Week

Aug 5, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: ALAN CLARK,  
Club Assembly

Greeter: Francis Kuziani

Door Prize: Kathy Damon

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Jim Lightner 08/12  
Ron Luzzi 08/19

Door Prize:  
Preston Crowl 08/12  
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Birthdays:  
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Jim Lightner (Danielle) 08/08

Programs:  
CLUB ASSEMBLY 08/05  
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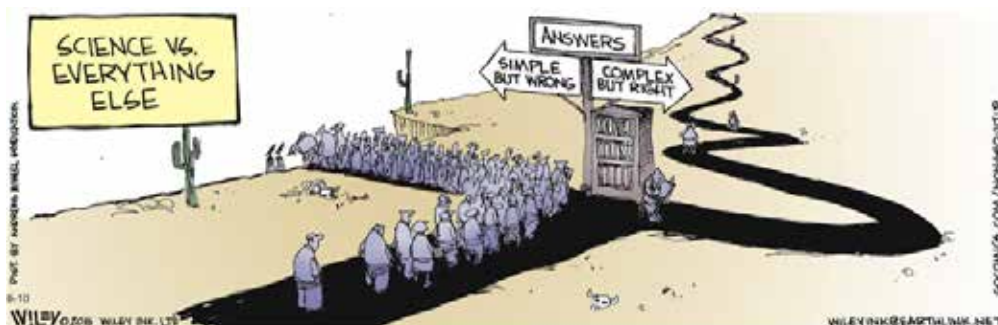
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## At the Podium – Rob Boss – Kona Kids Outreach



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[CreatingLifeBooks081320.pdf](#)

August 20, 2020

## This Week

### MEETING AT OLD A

Bring a bag lunch and a beach chair. Look for the blue balloon.

#### Program:

Rob Boss  
Kona Kids Outreach

#### Greeter:

Rebecca Hamar

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DNA

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### Rotary Works – New Tuesday Meet N' Eat



Note from the Salvation Army: We're providing food, supplies, emergency assistance and other services for those in need amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Make a donation or find other ways to send help at [hawaii.salvationarmy.org](http://hawaii.salvationarmy.org).

### Just for Fun – I'll Need to See Your Cheddar





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From the Archives – August 24, 2000

Royal Kona Resort

August 24, 2000



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

## Kona Coffee Blossom

### Economic Outlook Luncheon

August 24, 2000 at Aston's Keauhou Beach Hotel

First Hawaiian Bank, Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Kona invite you and your guests to attend the annual Economic Outlook Luncheon.

The featured speakers are Dr. Leroy Laney, Professor of Economics and Finance, Hawaii

Pacific University and Consultant to First Hawaiian Bank and Dr. Youngki Hahn, Professor of Economics and Director, School of Business and Economics, University of Hawaii at Hilo. The meeting is Thursday, August 24, 2000 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lunch will be \$22.00,

### Spinathon

Rotary Club of Kona's Fund Raiser for the Kona Police Bike Patrol

Several Rotarians participated in a "Spinathon" fund-raiser to restore and support the police bike patrol. Four Rotarians sponsored teams with the support of the Rotary directors and some were actually part of a team. The photo shows the stage at "The Club in Kona" where the event took place.



Rotarian Barbara Bush on the right with Rotarian Rick Merschdorf, center. Kila Lee on the left

### Behind The Scenes at Mauna Kea Observatories

Meeting for August 31, 2000

Did you ever think about the logistics involved in operating the world's premier astronomical observation site, 13,000 ft up on the summit of Mauna Kea? Ron Koehler's job includes activities such as: - operating a "mid-level" hotel at 9,000 ft elevation to serve an international group of mad scientists (and some who don't admit to

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## At the Podium – Wendy Laros – Chamber of Commerce



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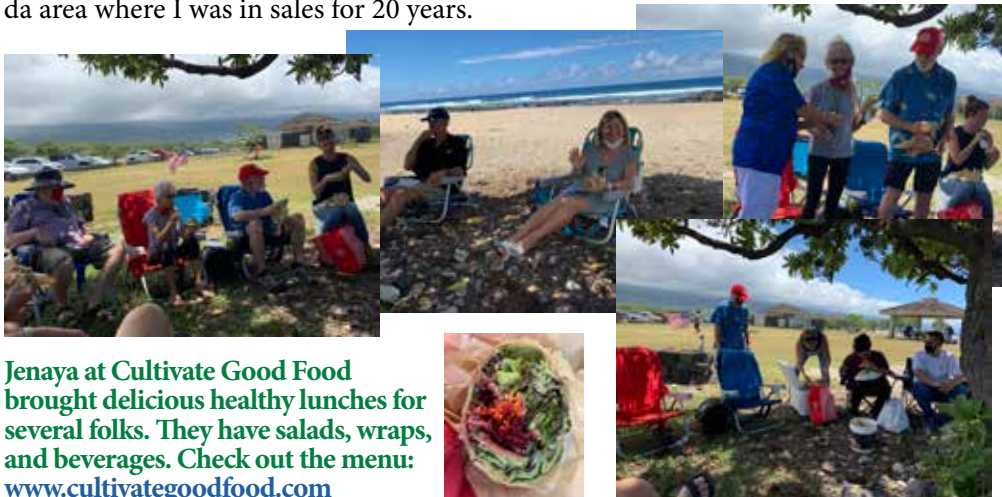
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### Just a Thought – From my Perspective

I'm casual. *You're messy.*

I have an interesting face. *You're unattractive.*

I'm discerning. *You're picky.*

I think outside the dots. *You can't focus.*

I'm a non-conventional thinker. *You're an idiot.*

I'm careful and organized. *You have OCD.*

I'm cunning. *You're diabolical.*

I'm detail oriented. *You're anal.*

I'm passionate. *You're a pervert.*

I have a degree from the "School of Hard Knocks." *You're uneducated.*

My kid's taking a break before college. *Your kid isn't college material.*

I'm working class. *You're lower class.*

I'm between positions. *You're unemployed.*

I'm "couch surfing." *You're homeless.*

I'm living at home to help care for my parents. *You still live with your parents.*

I'm a mid-level executive. *You're middle management.*

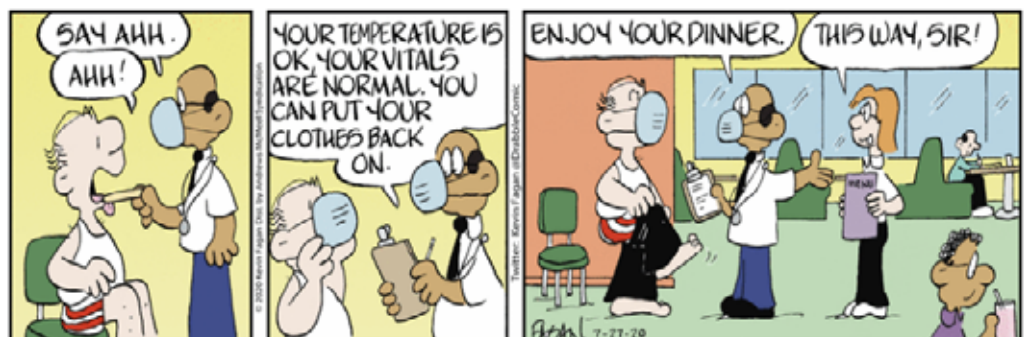
I'm an executive assistant. *You're a secretary.*

I'm a buildings maintenance steward, *You're a janitor.*

I believe in telling the truth. *You believe in "alternative facts."*

I'm presidential. *You're Trumpidential.*

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**Upcoming Speakers**


Sept 1: Joy Wu  
Rejuvenating One's Self

Sept 8: Alistair Mercado  
Social Media Manager, US Army Recruiting Command

Sept 15-11: Brian Kiepert  
Koolakahe High School Life Plan Youth Mentorship

Sept 22: John Bertsch— Captain of 7 Bravo, the volunteer fire station located at the bottom of Palisades.

**This Week at The Rotary Club of Kona**  
**Toni Ivey**  
**Pacific Trade Exchange**



Toni Ivey graduated from college with a B.S. in Medical Technology from the University of Texas in Dallas, but after 13 years in the medical laboratory field, she discovered business was really her passion. She is an entrepreneur and longtime business owner. She is President, CEO and cofounder of OmegaNet, Inc., a 19-year-old marketing, consulting and website development company for the wholesale Gift & Décor industry. While continuing their business and working with their employees who remain in Georgia, Toni and her husband, Gary, moved to Kona, Hawaii in December to be near their only child and grandchildren.

Immediately upon moving here, Toni saw there was a unique need on the island - the concept of an organized way to barter and trade between businesses. For almost 30 years, on the mainland, her business was part of trade or barter exchanges, where she could trade her business services into the exchange and then utilize multiple different services from other members, such as printers, hotels, restaurants, car dealers, dentist and many others with those earned trade credits.

So Toni contacted Wendy Acosta of Aloha TradeXchange, that began three years ago in Maui and is now the Big Island broker for that exchange. Even though the local exchange just launched on the island in May, Big Island Aloha TradeXchange members can already access services in these categories: accommodations, accounting, advertising, AC service, floor /carpet cleaning, coffee shop/cafe, graphic & website design, printing, photography, medical, massage, acupuncturist, music entertainment, rock festival, interior design, counseling, artwork, water catchment and more. Her goal is to have 50-60 business members by the end of the year here in Kona and then to expand to other areas on this island.

**The Four Way Test**


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‘Oia ‘i o i keia o’ iolo

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Pono ia ka kou

**President's Message**  
Lori Burgoon, President 2016-2017



Membership was Rotary's focus for the month of August. As the month comes to a close we are reminded that membership new and old should always be on the top of our lists. I am very pleased with the progress we have made and feel that our Club will continue to grow.

I think this quote from RI President John Gorm sums up new membership growth in exiting clubs:

"We need clubs that are flexible, so our service will be more attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people."

I look forward to seeing everyone at this week's meeting.

**Rotary Prayer**

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Just for Fun – Leave a Line of Communication Open



## 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

No events confirmed this month

## Member Birthdays

Darlene Dabloing  
Aug 14  
Jenny Rasmussen  
Aug 17  
Mahlon Whittle  
Aug 17  
Rebecca Hamar  
July 2  
Ben Noyes  
July 28  
Jenaya Rockman  
July 10

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Kimber DeVerse  
Aug 29, 2013 - 7 Yrs  
Alysia Dinneen  
Aug 22, 2019 - 1 Yr  
Rebecca Hamar  
Aug 21, 2014 - 6 Yrs  
Linda Jane Kelly  
Aug 2, 2012 - 8 Yrs  
Jose Santiago  
Aug 3, 2017 - 3 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Katherine & John Rauch  
Aug 28, 2005 - 15 Yrs  
Brian Riley & Hilary Smith  
Aug 1, 2020

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## Just Last Week – Wendy Laros – Kona Kohala Chamber



In 2016, Laros joined the staff at the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and, in 2017, was chosen as the next Executive Director.

Born and raised in Northern California, Laros moved to Hawai'i in 1986. She holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Hawai'i Hilo where she graduated with highest honors and a M.Ed. in Learning Design and Technology from UH Manoa.



**Kona-Kohala**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**What do we offer?**

- Promotional Services
- Education
- Networking Opportunities
- Communications
- Business Advocacy

**MISSION**

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce exists to provide

**LEADERSHIP and ADVOCACY**

for a successful business environment in West Hawai'i.

**VISION**

Our work promotes business and individual opportunity, respect for culture and natural resources, and quality of life in our community.

**BUSINESS ADVOCACY**

Permitting Task Force  
Chair: Dennis Boyd

- Support improvements and efficiency to Hawai'i County's permitting processes and procedures.
- Serve as a conduit to Hawai'i County for community input on permitting reform.



Kuleana Green Business Program

Kona-Kohala Chamber original program. Provides enhanced promotional opportunities to members.

September 3, 2020

## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 818 2426 7706

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

### Program:

Stephanie Scarborough  
Kealakehe Intermediate

### Greeter:

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### Door Prize:

DNA

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



**August** - The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world, and Rotary is a reflection of that world.

I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped. We moved meetings on-line and found new ways to serve. We turned the canceled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere — in traditional meetings, on cellphones, and on computers.

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based clubs, and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible, and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas and partner with them, and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask — and honestly answer — if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

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## The Coffee Blossom



### From my Perspective – Our Best and Our Brightest

*Opinions are those of the editor only and are not intended to represent those of any other individual, the Rotary Club of Kona, or Rotary International.*

Over 200 years ago our country was founded by a group of patriots who believed that the citizens of the British Colonies should have their own country. As a result, the Second Continental Congress declared the independence of the Colonies, and the United States of America was born.

These founding fathers then went about forming a government, first with the Articles of Confederation (ineffectual) and later with The Constitution and Bill of Rights. The documents were incredibly well crafted, and inspirational in providing a frame work for a government trying to form “a more perfect Union.” These documents have been copied by emerging governments worldwide and have inspired countless struggles for freedom and democracy.

So who were these founding fathers who crafted such an incredible blue print to “secure the Blessings of Liberty?” The names are well known and “long remembered” and do not need repeating again. However, I suggest that they were a group of people who shared several important attributes. They were very intelligent, well educated, well spoken, absolutely sincere in their beliefs, natural leaders, and driven to succeed. And for the most part, they were kind, caring people who truly wanted what was best for their fledging country. I suggest they were our best and our brightest.

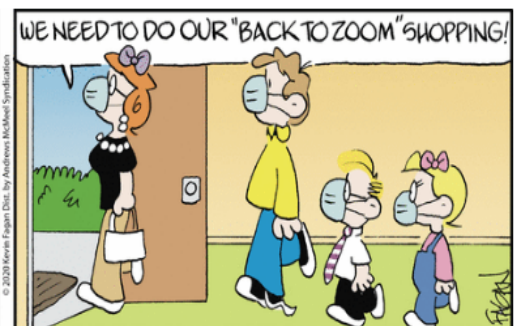
Nearly one hundred years later, our “fledging country” was well established and by most measures, secure and successful. It did, however, owe much of its success to the barbaric practice of slavery. Millions of “Americans” were the “property” of other Americans and often treated more as animals than humans. It would be up to one man, a very intelligent, very articulate, very clever, very cunning, yet very kind man to put an end to the inexcusable institution of slavery. I suggest that Abraham Lincoln was also one of our best and our brightest.

Another nearly one hundred years and our country was in the midst of a devastating world war. Much of Europe was occupied by a country lead by an inhuman tyrant and millions of people were the victims of the world's worst genocide. Two individuals, Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt were, without doubt, the two leaders who had the greatest influence in ending that awful chapter in the history of our world. And Roosevelt went on to bring our country back from a “Great Depression” as well. I suggest that these two were also among our best and our brightest.

More recently other intelligent, articulate, clever and kind natural leaders have lead our country. Two individuals who I believe have epitomized these attributes the most are John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama. I suggest they were also among our best and our brightest.

My question is this: Where are our best and our brightest now? We desperately need them and they are nowhere to be found.

### Just for Fun – “Back to Zoom” Shopping





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## This week: America in Denial

A very close friend of mine recently confided that his wife of more than 30 years, who recently turned 62, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Despite his best efforts to care for her at home, it was too much for him and he had to move her into an assisted living facility. As if that wasn't difficult enough, he is now faced with having to pay \$4,500.00 per month for her care. This does not include her medications (\$500.00 per month) and other expenses. Looking forward, he knows that she will have to be moved into a Long Term Care Facility, where the cost goes up to \$9,500.00 per month. It is not unusual for long term care to exceed \$100,000 per year. Could you afford these costs? If this story concerns you, don't miss our guest speaker, Rotarian Pat Berry, who will provide information about how to prepare now financially for your long term care should it be necessary.

Pat is licensed in life, health, and property and casualty lines of insurance. She is a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and is also a Long Term Care Professional (LTCP). She also holds her NASD registration with BancWest Investment Services, Inc.

## Welcome to our newest members

Photo not available	Rose Obana Sponsor Laura Guluzzy Classification: Financial Services ←	Darl Gleed Sponsor Rick Merschorf Classification: Law—Business/ Estate Planning →	
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Our traditional club prayer composed for the Rotary Club of Kona by Episcopal Bishop Kennedy

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Service Above Self

## THIS WEEK

September 7,  
2006

## PROGRAM America in Denial

Pat Berry

GREETER

Mike Zola

## DOOR PRIZE

Jim Payne

## NEXT WEEK

September 14, 2006

Meeting date & time  
changed

Happy Birthday to:

Linda Lanning  
09.18

Happy Anniversary to:

Kathy/Gus  
Damon  
09.11

## Rotary Calendar

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Sep 11 to 14 - Online HAWAII KUALI "VIRTUAL" PACIFIC & ASIA CULTURAL FESTIVAL - This years festival is "virtual, go to: [www.HiKuauili.com](http://www.HiKuauili.com)

Sep 21 - Honok'a INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE PARADE & FESTIVAL go to: [www.PeaceDayParade.org](http://www.PeaceDayParade.org)

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Marcia Goldman-Manker  
Sep 1

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Daniel  
Sep 1, 1996 - 24 Yrs  
Jennifer Heimgartner  
Sep 12, 2019 - 1 Yr  
Hermann Heimgartner  
Sep 24, 2015 - 5 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Ben Noyes & Sona Aredjian  
Sep 23, 2006 - 14 Yrs  
David & Elaine Rees-Thomas  
Sep 2, 1962 - 58 Yrs

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### Our Mission:

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### Our Core Values:

Integrity • Visionary • Dedicated • Inclusive • Sensitive • Excellence

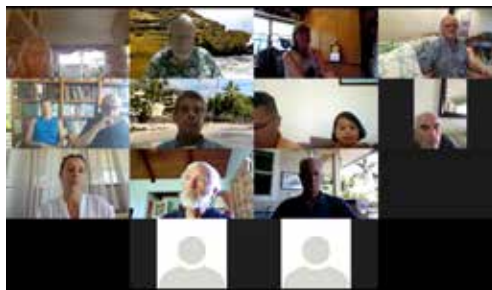
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In her talk Stephanie stressed that her job was primarily to "open lines of communication and encourage a dialog." She related that during the Covid 19 Pandemic the school is primarily "virtual learning" with many students having little to no contact with teachers. She indicated that this can be a huge challenge for students, not only academically, but in social and emotional learning as well. Students that can interact with teachers do so on a limited basis and only a few days a week. For those students, the school has set up "learning hubs" on campus and the students can take the bus to the school if needed.

Kealakehe Intermediate, like many other schools on the Big Island and throughout the state has the additional challenge of serving a student body with a high percentage of special needs. Of the approximately 700 students, nearly 65% are "Title One," and nearly 80% are financially challenged.



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Arc of Kona

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



**September** - Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds.

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### Just for Fun – Older is Not Necessarily Better

- \* When one door closes and another door opens, you're probably in prison.
- \* To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- \* Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 PM is the new midnight.
- \* It's the start of a brand new day and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- \* The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- \* When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- \* I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- \* I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- \* Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- \* If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- \* When you ask me what I'm doing today and I say "nothing," it doesn't mean I'm free. It means I'm doing nothing.
- \* I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- \* I run like the winded.
- \* I hate when a couple argues in public and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- \* When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- \* When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- \* I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- \* When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
- \* Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- \* Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- \* My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

### Just for Fun – The Center of Government





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The Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

September 12, 2013



### Upcoming Speakers

Sept 19 — TBA  
Changed Meeting Venue

Sept 26  
Club Assembly  
Strategic Planning Session

Oct 3  
Ray Wofford  
Family Support Services

Oct 10  
Changed Meeting Venue

Oct 17 — TBA

Please bring old newspapers to Sept 26 Rotary meeting. Dick and Arlene Hershberger are collecting them to raise money for the Senior Citizens facility in Ocean View. Alan Clark will see to it that they get to Dick.

### The Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?  
‘Oia ‘i ‘o i keia o’ lelo

Is it fair to all concerned?  
Kopono ia ka kau

Will it build good will and better friendship?  
Kukulu iokomika’i a me pihalohe maika’i a’e

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Pono ia ka kou

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Jay Kreuzer has over 30 years of progressive, proven health care leadership experience. He previously served as the Executive Vice President of Resurrection Health Care, a not-for-profit health system located in Chicago, that includes 8 hospitals, 7 nursing homes, 5 independent living facilities, and 3 assisted living facilities. He concurrently was the Chief Executive Officer for West Suburban Medical Center, a facility with \$520M in gross revenues, 5 ambulatory sites, 325 member medical staff, 250 volunteers, foundation and physician/hospital organization (PHO). Prior to this, he was the President of St. Francis Hospital and Health System, a 412-bed acute care hospital ranked in the top 100 hospitals nationally. He also served as the President of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, a 220-bed acute care hospital in rural Southern Illinois.

"We have great confidence in Mr. Kreuzer's leadership," said Ali Bairos, M.D., Chair of the



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Kona Rotarians!

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A Hui Hou, Tom Daniel  
Club President, 2013-14



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Michele, the CEO of Arc of Kona, gave an informative talk on the mandate and programs of her excellent organization.

Arc of Kona serves all nine districts on the Big Island out of 5 offices around the Island. The organization works with persons with intellectual and developmental disorders, including Autism and Downs Syndrome. Working, for the most part, one on one, staffers help build skills for independence and integration, with the goals of getting persons into independent living situations and paying jobs.

The Arc of Kona has over 100 employees, two thirds of which work directly with clients, and tries to keep the staff to client ratio at or below one staff to three clients. It goes without saying that the Covid-19 Pandemic has brought about many new challenges for the organization, but the staff remains committed to fulfilling their mission.

### Our Mission:

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

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### At the Club



Harry Reppert was the first guest that visited us for a Zoom meeting. Harry is a Rotarian in Alameda, CA. With a daughter that recently moved to the Big Island, he was interested in learning more about Kona.

The club recognizes Judy Armstrong-Burger, a new donor, who was inspired to donate after reading a recent article in the paper about our Club's effort to feed the nutritionally challenged during this Pandemic.

Club members are reminded that there are many challenges out there for people that have been severely impacted by the Pandemic, including families not having basic necessities, and even new mothers that can't even afford a car seat to take the new baby home from the hospital.

Scott Unger updated us on the current status of the Meet N' Eat program as well as other ongoing initiatives. He stressed the excellent partnership between our club and the Salvation Army.

### Just for Fun – Older is Not Necessarily Better

Did you know that on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles, same thing, not one canary there either.

I'm so glad that I learned about parallelograms in high school instead of how to do my taxes. It comes is so handy during parallelogram season.

When your're dead, you don't know you're dead. The pain is only felt by others. The same thing happens when your're stupid.

Try to remember that the greener grass on the other side of the fence may be due to a leach field issue.

When I grow up; I'd like to be a retired lottery winner.

If your eyes hurt after you drink coffee, you should try taking the spoon out of the cup.

Golf is the adult version of an easter egg hunt.

Instead of a sign that says "Do Not Disturb," I need one that says "Already Disturbed, Proceed with Caution."

If you're paying \$3 for a bottle of "Smart Water," it isn't working.

You never appreciate what you have until it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

Time is non-refundable, spend it wisely.

There is nothing like a littel tomato soup to soothe the soul. Especially if it's cold, over ice, with a celery stalk, and about 2 ounces of vodka.

### Just for Fun – This is a Private Board Matter





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From the Archives – September 20, 2001

Royal Kona Resort

September 20, 2001



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

## Kona Coffee Blossom

### NELHA's 55" Pipeline Update

Tom Daniel, Scientist In Charge, September 20, 2001

Tom Daniel, Club President, Scientific/Technical Director at NELHA and Officer in Charge of the project, will explain how you tow a 55" pipeline two miles long down the Kona-Kohala Coast and how and where it will happen.

Nine one thousand foot lengths of pipe have been assembled in Kawaihae Harbor. Beginning on October 5 the pipes will be connected together as they are towed out past the west jetty. The 9000-ft pipeline will be towed with a 'pull tug' pulling a 180'x

54' barge to which the pipe will be attached.



There will be other vessels and the tow will take 12 to 15 hours. The 'tail tug' connection will be transferred to cables to bulldozers on shore which will allow tugs offshore to maintain the 60 tons of continuous tension required during the 24 to 36 hours while the pipe is

flooded and sunk.

Tom will bring you up-to-date on the three to four days, beginning October 5, that it will take to accomplish all of this.

### September is New Generations Month

Randy Echito, New Generations Chair

The Interact Club of Kealahou High School is off to a grand start for the new school year. Club officers made a recruiting video that played on the morning broadcast at school and passed out fliers to interested students.

They have attracted a huge group of interested students, mostly freshmen. They have already begun their service projects with Meet 'n' Eat

and a clean up at the Old Airport Park.

Last week we hosted Interact officers; Corrie Bell, President; Cheyanne Summer, Vice President; Marla Garcia, Secretary; Cynthia Tanaka, Treasurer; Leilani Leeloy, Historian; and Will Seymore, representative to the Rotary Club of Kona's International Service Committee.

### Visitor Aloha Society Hawaii (VASH)

Mary Ellen Smith, September 27, 2001

Next week, September 27th, we will hear from Mary Ellen Smith, who will brief the club on the Visitor Aloha Society Hawaii (VASH). Be sure to attend and

learn about this valuable service to our visitors that our club has elected to support.

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Patrick Hurney, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has lived in Hawaii since 1992. In 1997, he moved to Kamuela, Hawaii with his wife and three wonderful children.

Patrick began his career in education, teaching at St. Anthony Junior/Senior High School, on Maui and then at St Joseph Schools in Hilo. For the past twenty years, he turned his attention and passion to working in the non-profit sector. He has experience in Substance Abuse Counseling; Child Abuse and Prevention; and

Homeless and Affordable Housing Services. In 2006, he was the Program Director for Catholic Charities Hawaii at the Kawaihae Transitional Housing Program. In 2009, he joined Habitat for Humanity, where he continues to serve his community and impact the affordable housing shortage today.

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### Just for Fun

#### My Self-Isolation Quarantine Diary

**Day 1 – I Can Do This!!** Got enough food and wine to last a month!

**Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of Wine.** I fear wine supplies might not last!

**Day 3 – Strawberries:** Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

**Day 4 – 8:00pm.** Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

**Day 5 – Today,** I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

**Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out.** I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.

**Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!**

**Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen".** You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have No clue how this place is still in business.

**Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room.** Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

**Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today.** Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.

**Day 11 – Isolation is hard.** I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

**Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside,** going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

**Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand,** you can't accidentally touch your face.

**Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm.** The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.

**Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 365 times this month?**

### Just for Fun – The Bathroom's 20 Feet Away





# The Coffee Blossom

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From the Archives – September 20, 2001



Kona Coffee Blossom



Service Above Self

## This week: Judge Walter Kirimitsu



Judge Walter S. Kirimitsu was recently selected by the Board of Trustees of Saint Louis School, as the president and chief executive officer, and will be taking over for Father Allen deLong in the upcoming 2006-2007 academic year.

A proud and distinguished graduate of Saint Louis School, Judge Kirimitsu will become the first non-clergyman to lead Saint Louis School in its rich 160-year history.

Most recently, Judge Kirimitsu served as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel to the University of Hawai'i (UH) system, where he advised the UH Board of Regents and UH president on matters having broad consequences on university policies, procedures and practices. He joined the university as its first general counsel in 1999, and will retire from the position effective July 2006. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kirimitsu served four years as an associate justice on the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawai'i.

A UH alumnus, Judge Kirimitsu received his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. He has served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association in 1990, and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge Kirimitsu continues to be active in community affairs, including prior service as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Louis School. He is also a member of Saint Louis's Gallery of Distinguished Achievers, inducted October 11, 2005 for his community leadership and outstanding contribution to the betterment of Hawaii and for upholding the banner as an exemplary Saint Louis Gentleman.

## THIS WEEK

September 28,  
2006

## PROGRAM

Judge Walter  
Kirimitsu

## GREETER

Rick Asbach

## DOOR PRIZE

Sandy Morton

## NEXT WEEK

October 5, 2006  
2006

Dr. Earl Bakken

Happy Birthday to:

Kathy Damon  
09/30

Happy Anniversary  
to:

Pat/Ray Berry  
10.03

## Welcome to our newest member—Eric Mukai



Our newest member Eric Mukai, his sponsor Tom Fine and President Bill Cliff at the induction ceremony last week. Eric's classification is Landscape Management.

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

*Rotary Prayer*

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Sep 21 - Honokā INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE PARADE & FESTIVAL go to: [www.PeaceDayParade.org](http://www.PeaceDayParade.org)

## Member Birthdays

Marcia Goldman-Manker  
Sep 1

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Daniel  
Sep 1, 1996 - 24 Yrs  
Jennifer Heimgartner  
Sep 12, 2019 - 1 Yr  
Hermann Heimgartner  
Sep 24, 2015 - 5 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Ben Noyes & Sona Aredjian  
Sep 23, 2006 - 14 Yrs  
David & Elaine Rees-Thomas  
Sep 2, 1962 - 58 Yrs

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**At the Podium – Mitch Roth – Mayoral Candidate**



**Rotarians are encouraged to have questions ready ahead of time to ask Mitch at his presentation.**

*“Mitch Roth is an innovative problem solver who has actionable plans for improving Hawai‘i County. Here are his goals for the county and how he will achieve them.”*

In order to make significant change within the county, there needs to be a culture shift within government from one that permits people and businesses to exist to one that helps people and businesses thrive. I will do this by:

- Having physical representation of the Mayor and cabinet members across the island.
- Encouraging teamwork and collaboration among departments, rather than having people work in silos
- Strengthening the ties between the government and the people it serves. Treating everyone with dignity and respect is the philosophy I’ve instilled in the prosecutor’s office, and this is the way I intend to lead as Mayor.

**Just Last Week – Patrick F. Humey – Habitat for Humanity**



Patrick began his career in education, teaching at St. Anthony Junior/Senior High School, on Maui and then at St Joseph Schools in Hilo. For the past twenty years, he turned his attention and passion to working in the non-profit sector. He has experience in Substance Abuse Counseling; Child Abuse and Prevention; and Homeless and Affordable Housing Services. In 2006, he was the Program Director for Catholic Charities Hawaii at the Kawaihae Transitional Housing Program. In 2009, he joined Habitat for Humanity, where he continues to serve his community and impact the affordable housing shortage today.



**October 1, 2020**

**This Week**

**MEETING ONLINE**

**Zoom.US**

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## President's Position

### Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



OCTOBER, 2020 - It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary — but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

## The Coffee Blossom



### At the Club – Polio Plus Month



Aloha Rotarians,

October is Polio Plus month and there are several great activities planned. Peter and I would like to have several auctions during our weekly meetings on zoom. Here is information about a fun event we would like to have our club enter.

**SIGN UP & SAVE THE DATE.** Eco Rotary of Kakaako is hosting a Fund-raiser for the International Polio Fund on October 16th at 7pm on Zoom.

We are all familiar with the Four-Way Test, but we are looking for a little creativity and a lot of local flair when you compete for charity to translate the Four-Way Test into pidgin. The more creative, the better.

Have a laugh creating a pidgin version of the Four-Way Test, and compete for choke respect from District 5000. Each team will have one minute for a club member to perform the Four-Way Test followed by your pidgin version. Costumes and choreography are encouraged!

Invite your friends for pau hana and join us for a night of entertainment for a good cause. No need perfection. We tryin fo have plenny kine fun. Rajah?

If you would like to be a part of putting together a "pidgin 4 way test" let us know. What a fun way to support polio plus.

The district 5000 is planning an on line zoom event on October 24, from 10am to 11:30 with live entertainment, auctions, t-shirts sales and important information. I will share the link when they announce it. If covid guidelines permit we will host a pot-luck brunch lawn party at my house during the district event on the 24th. More to come as we near this event.

Our own club will start a Polio Plus fundraising event for the month of October. We will start October 1st, auctioning several floral arrangements during our zoom meeting. Winners of these auctions will have the flowers delivered to your home or place of choice. You can pay by check, cash or donate button. Next week Peter will be auctioning off some Alaska seafood!

It was quite a sober experience watching the covid cases surge on the big island. It was especially difficult to see the rapid spread at the Veterans home in Hilo and saddened by the lives cut short. Choices have consequences and recent events bring home just how important it is to wear a mask, keep social distancing and to wash and keep our homes clean.

We are anticipating the reopening of Hawaii this month and look forward to planning some in person meetings once guidelines are put in place. I don't know if we will meet at the beach or go back to Lava Java or somewhere else. If anyone has ideas I would be happy to hear them. We are trying to be cautious but also longing to return to a more normal existence.

Yours In Rotary: Peter Schonberg and Becca Hamar

### Just for Fun – If You Won the Lottery





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Just for FREE

## ATTENTION ROTARIANS

I have a number of iPhone cases and adapters available for free to any Rotarian. No gimmicks, no promotions, no obligations, just stuff left over from a business idea that didn't work out.

If you have an iPhone that could use any of the available stuff, let me know and I'll arrange to get it to you. Call or email me for more info: Richard Farnham, [Richard@SurfHawaii.net](mailto:Richard@SurfHawaii.net), 808-896-0314.



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Oct 15 to 30 - Online ONLINE AUCTION BENEFIT FOR DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION, HONALO - This years AUCTION is "virtual, go to: [www.32auctions.com/Temple2020](http://www.32auctions.com/Temple2020)

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Tom Daniel  
Oct 24  
James Lowson  
Oct 1  
Katherine Rauch  
Oct 25  
John Spicer  
Oct 8  
Scott Unger  
Oct 27  
Ray Wofford  
Oct 27  
Crystal Yamasaki  
Oct 23

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Lori Burgoon  
Oct 4, 2012 - 8 Yrs  
Maverick Malach  
Oct 15, 2015 - 5 Yrs  
Allen Sullivan  
October 18, 2018 - 2 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Maverick & Karen Malach  
Oct 15, 2008 - 12 Yrs

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## At the Podium – Mahlon Whittle– Rotarian



Mahlon Whittle is a member of our club which he joined in 2019. However, he has been a Rotarian since 1987, when he joined the club in Woodland, CA. He is a licensed real estate agent here in Kona. His company is Whittle and Associates, Real Estate.

### **Mahlon Whittle, 8/17/43, San Angelo, TX**

Father USAF ((formerly Army Air Corps), Moved to Bakersfield at age . Moved to Tacoma at age 6, Moved to OK City at age 8, Moved to San Antonio at age 9, Moved to Ashiya AFB Japan at age 13, Moved to Vacaville, CA at age 16, Graduated Vacaville HS in 1961, BA from Sac State in 1968, Started Real Estate business in 1974, Started Property Management in 1979, Retired 2018 and moved permanently into our Kona home that we have owned for 20 years, Joined Rotary in the mid 80's when Polio Plus first began. Club Foundation Chair for about 10 years. President of the Rotary Club of Woodland 2007-2008, Paul Harris Major Donor.

## Just Last Week – At the Club



Presidents Peter and Becca opened the Zoom meeting with an impromptu auction of five beautiful flower arrangements. Proceeds to benefit Rotary's Polio Plus initiative. Bidding was brisk and with Peter matching all bids and Microsoft double matching, the total raised was over \$3000. Kudos to the organizers and all who bid.

## Just Last Week – Mitch Roth – Mayoral Candidate



Mitch gave a very informative talk about his assessment of the county's needs and his plans if he is elected mayor.

Needs that he sees as critical include the homeless crises, traffic problems and deteriorating infrastructure, trash disposal and the lack of recycling, and the need for better Kona side administration of county programs and services.

He supports the TMT project and believes that it provides a much needed resource to help the Island reduce it's almost exclusive dependence on tourism to drive the economy. He indicated that TMT has and will bring some of the finest minds in the country to our Island, scholars who can be mentors to our keiki, especially those interested in astronomy.

Mitch believes that it is government and the mayor's job to not only help the Big Island survive, but help it to succeed and thrive. With far to many of our keiki leaving to find more options and a better life elsewhere, his goal is to create a Big Island where our keiki can live and grow up, and then raise their keiki here.

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October 8, 2020

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Mahlon Whittle  
Rotarian

### Greeter:

Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

DNA

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### Programs:

Ritsuko Poerstel	10/15
Tom Ivascavin	10/22
Ikaika Marzo	10/29

### Greeters:

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Janice Gustin	10/29

### Door Prize:

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At the Helm

## President's Position



Aloha Rotarians,

This Wednesday the board will be meeting with our District Governor

Naomi Masuno. Be sure to attend our zoom meeting on Thursday to hear the latest and greatest from our district.

I asked Peter what to put into this letter and he said, "first we should brag about the success of our auction last week and all the money we made for Polio Plus" (\$585, for our auction, matched by Peter 1170, Gates double 3,410). This week he wants to "keep the party going" by auctioning off fresh off the boat "Wild Alaskan Seafood"! We are having some Halibut delivered today, we have some Chinook Salmon just caught in August and I'm willing to throw in some salmon I smoked if you are into that kind of thing. It's great on a bagel with cream cheese and fresh tomato!

Don't forget the four way test in pidgin, October 16 at 5:00pm. Check your email for the zoom invitation. The internet is helping us stay in touch and I am grateful to my Rotary friends!

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Yours In Rotary

Becca Hamar and Peter Schonberg

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## At the Club – Notes from Jenaya

Aloha Club,

Keep the David Rees-Thomas ohana in your prayers. His wife Eliane was taken to the hospital yesterday as she had fainted several times. Her heart is getting weaker. They are getting hospice set up at home so she can return to the home she lived in for so many years!

It is a blessing that their son in Switzerland has an American passport so he is able to travel to Hawaii! He will be arriving on Thursday.

Keep them all in your prayers during this difficult time but rest assured that when the time comes, Eliane will get to party with her Heavenly Father.

Thanks  
Jenaya

Aloha All,

Just a reminder that Naomi, our District Governor, will be presenting at a special board meeting this week. Normally the DG comes and visits the club and we have a board meeting that same day but with COVID and all its now on Zoom.....so no reason not to attend! :)

This Wednesday Oct. 7, 2020 at 5pm. Would be great to see as many board members and committee chairs there as possible!

Thanks, Jenaya

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## Just for Fun – Essential Jobs





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Courtney King Kamehameha's  
Kona Beach Hotel

**Upcoming Speakers**

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- Oct 19 —Stephanie Nagata, Director of Mauna Kea Management
- Oct 26 Eric Curtis—Trip to China
- Nov 2 —Peter T. Young Historical Kona—Part 3
- Nov 9—Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation —Hilo Rotarian Richard Cunningham, district Representative for the Big Island will share information on State wide Scholarships
- Nov 16 — TBA
- Nov 23—DARK —Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 30—Kristin Kahaloa Community Engagement Lead for West Hawaii Blue Zones.



## Coffee Blossom

October 5, 2017

**THIS WEEK AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA**

**October 5— MEETING VENUE CHANGE**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KONA CELEBRATES OKTOBERFEST**

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The theme is "Oktoberfest" and the Menu is salad, entree, desert, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks.

There will be also music fitting for such an occasion. However, Oktoberfest customary beer is not included in the price, but can be ordered on an individual basis.



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**October 21st - 5-9pm** Featuring a Bacon Cook-Off by local chefs, silent auction, door prizes and more! The ticket price is \$25 per person and includes pupus, one free drink, dinner and dessert.

Oct 21 5-9pm **BUY TICKETS ONLINE!**  
<http://www.konasunriserotary.org/>

**President's Message**  
Hermann Heimgartner, President 2017-2017

I'm looking forward to our meeting at Amici's this week. We will have a short presentation about the 2018 RYLA camp. It will be interesting to learn more about RYLA because I have heard about it but I don't know many details about it. I do know it is a great program that our club is proud to support.

I did not volunteer for the Ironman parade last year, but I'm doing so next week. All of the parades are great community events and have great positive energy. I really enjoy marshaling the parades and if you haven't done so yet, then I would encourage you to try it out. Marshaling mostly entails walking with the floats and making sure they don't get too close together.

I was also delighted to hear that Alan Clark will be Assistant Deputy Governor next year. Congratulations Alan!

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Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

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Highway 19  
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## At the Podium – Paul Evasick – Sheraton Kona Resort

Paul Evasick has been General Manager of the Sheraton Kona Resort since September 2018.



### Education:

A.S. - Business Mgmt - Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester NH  
B.S. - Hotel Restaurant Mgmt - University New Haven, New Haven, CT  
M.B.A. - Organizational Design and Behavior - George Washington University Washington, DC

### Marriott Work History:

38 years - Marriott Corporation - Washington, DC - Monterey, CA - Boston, MA - Washington, DC (again) - NY, NY - Kona, HI

### Awards:

Was recognized by Food Management Magazine in 1994 as a Humanitarian of the Year for my work with a day care center in Adams Morgan, Wash DC. - Worked with and participated with the global children's organization, Project Children. - Promotes peace in Northern Ireland through providing Children of the Troubles opportunities to travel to USA and vacation with other Irish children regardless of religious affiliations. - Rhode Island High School Track coach of the Year 2003, 2008 - Member of the University of Maryland Parent Advisory Council 2008 - Present - National Chair Person for the University of Maryland Parent Advisory Council 2010-2012 - Inducted in to the National Honor Society of Omnicron Delta Kappa for my community service leadership, by the University of Maryland in Spring 2013.

### Family & Hobbies:

Married to Charlotte for 39 years. 2 children - Douglas 34, and Wes 30. - Cooking, Snorkeling, Bicycling, Golf.

## Just Last Week – Mahlon Whittle – Rotary Member



**From Jenaya:** Our talk at today's meeting was done by a member new to our club but not new to Rotary, Mahlon Whittle. At his past club in Woodland, CA he was very involved in Rotary Foundation. So today he reminded us of the importance of donating to Rotary Foundation so that clubs can receive matching funds to put back into the community.

### To donate to Rotary Foundation:

If you haven't done so already, you will need to create an account on [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and log in in order to get credit for your donation toward Paul Harris. A Paul Harris is achieved by donating \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. So you can do a one time donation or set up recurring donation for a set amount per month. After you reach a cumulative donation of \$1000 you become a Paul Harris! After your second \$1000 you are a Paul Harris Plus 1, and etc.

Website: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

PS: Here is another link explaining the different levels of donating and why it is important! <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate/recognition>

Our goal is to eventually get everyone in our club to be a Paul Harris. So log on, create an account and start donating as you can. Little by little you will get there!

Thanks, Jenaya

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October 15, 2020

## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

[us/j/81824267706](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706)

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

### Program:

Paul Evasick  
Sheraton Kona Resort

### Greeter:

Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

DNA

## Coming Up

### Programs:

Tom Ivascavin	10/22
Ikaika Marzo	10/29
Vets Appreciation	11/05

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



OCTOBER, 2020 - It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary — but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

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### Just Last Week

David Rees-Thomas dropped by the Zoom meeting briefly to say that Eliane is home and in Hospice care. She is doing as well as can be expected.

This weeks auction was for gourmet baskets of fish and stuff. The baskets included king salmon, halibut, cheese balls, Becca's delicious home made *Lemon Splash Dressing and Marinade*, and a variety of fruits.

Bidding was brisk and the auction raised \$400. With Peter matching the \$400 and Microsoft doing a triple match, the total going to Rotary Plus will be \$3200. Kudos to all.

### At the Club – Notes

Aloha Club,

This coming week Monday Meet Up will be at Island Lava Java! Monday, October 19 at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you there. Even if you don't want to have a drink or eat feel free to stop by just to catch up!

Thanks, Jenaya

### Pidgin Contest Cancelled

They have decided to cancel the Pidgin 4 Way Test Competition. Hopefully we can still get Scott to do his rendition at an upcoming Zoom meeting.

Thank You, Becca

### Just for Fun – Cats Are the Cause



### Just for Fun – Heard Mentality





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### At the Podium – LES THUET, Ellison Onizuka Youth Center

Teh presenter this week will be Leslie Thuet from Hawaii Youth Patrons. The focus of the program is to present the concept of a new youth facility.

The project commenced in 1994 as a tennis facility, but soon became envisioned as the Ellison Onizuka Youth Center.

Joining Mr. Thuet will be the architect and HYP board member, Mr. Ben Suppes. The architect will present his concept in model form of the entire facility, how it will operate and present to the youth a window to the rest of the world.

Additionally, the architectural plan will underscore the boost to the local construction industry this project will make.

### Just Last Week – ROTOPLAST REPORT by William Moore, Jr.



Member Ann Goody discussed the progress on the "New Generations" mentoring program for a handful of Kealahou High School seniors who are in trouble academically. She then introduced the Interact faculty advisors and student officers who reviewed the Interact Club's present and future activities. For the high school's "Citizenship" classes they have produced a video, shown during the meeting, and aired on Channel 54 showing Interact students engaged in their ongoing Kealahou Parkway cleanup, assisting in the food preparation for "Meet and Eat" program, wrapping pennies from their "Penny Jar" collecting for the 2 Indian orphanages they have adopted, and preparing birthday cards and "goody" bags for teachers and student "Citizen of the Quarter" nominees. Future plans include a continued "Penny Drive", scrapbook development, "Ironman" cleanup, "Youth Relay for Life" in November, a bottle and aluminum can recycling program, bake sale, and car wash day. Last year their efforts raised about \$1500 for the two orphanages in India; this year they hope to raise \$5000.

### At the Club – DIRECTORY PHOTOS, Bev Fraser

Aloha everyone; Our club photographer, Charla Thompson, will be taking photos of our members over the next couple of weeks for the club directory. If you haven't had your picture taken previously, or if you want to update the photo from before, please come prepared.

Also, everyone should have received an email asking for updated information for the directory. If you have not yet replied, and you have changes that need to be made, please email Bev Fraser at no later than Thursday October 14, 2004.

Mahalo!

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Service Above Self

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Oct 14, 2004

Royal Kona Resort  
Tropics Restaurant

Program: LES THUET,  
Onizuka Youth Center

Greeter: Sandy Morton

Door Prize: Vern Berry

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Kurt Nakayama 10/21  
Greg Ogin 10/28

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Barry Berning 10/28

Birthdays:  
Cathie Amelott 10/18

Anniversaries:  
Michael Moore (Rhonda) 10/16

Programs:  
DR. RANDY HETZ,  
Dean of the UHM College  
of Education 10/21

DR. DAN BOYLAN,  
Professor, UH, West  
Oahu, Reporter 10/28

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## At the Podium – Ben Noyes & Scott Unger – Polio Day



I was raised in New Jersey in a quite suburb outside of Philadelphia. I Moved to Hollywood when I was 18 to become a movie star. Turns out, I was a lousy actor .

In 1985 I graduated from LIFE Bible College and became a Pastor. Sadly, it wasn't really my calling. Since then, I've been an Insurance, Solar and currently a Real Estate Salesman. My wife Sona and I moved to the Big Island in 2005. Life has been the Bestest ever since.



In preparation for the Four Way Test Fundraiser that was cancelled Scott Unger had put together a submission. So we are going to use it as a fundraiser for Interact

this Thursday. We are going to cumulative auction the video. Once we get donations adding up to at least \$500 (so not \$500 from one person but \$500 total pledged) we will show the video. I've seen it. Its hilarious, so you don't want to miss this one! The donation will go to the Kealakehe Interact Club. If you dont attend Zoom but you want to contribute to the pledge send me an email.

It's also World Polio Day Oct 24, so could have sharing around this. Alan Clark did a polio vaccination trip some years ago. I think a few members have stories of polio experiences too. I think there are a few clips/videos on rotary site for polio. Info on World Polio Day: <https://rotaryd5000.org/bulletin/viewsent/bb5067b6-e4f4-44d6-9adf-8adcb76af3d6/ef01ab56-19b0-4ba2-8ee8-ddde8d3cc7bf?mid=HQifhx-Z+3a84PVnpbY/t8cjhRNXPtFmtAewuvj3rUSU=&type=m>

## Just Last Week – Paul Evasick – Sheraton Kona Resort



Paul provided an update on what is happening in the hotel industry in general and at the Sheraton in particular during the Pandemic.

The Sheraton has remained open during the Pandemic, but is one of only a few that has. Occupancy has been running around 30% to 40%, with much of that coming from being hosts for the airlines and the FEMA personal that have been posted on the Island.

Paul explained that up until recently, guests arriving at the hotel were checked in and escorted to their rooms, without keys. Guests were expected to remain in their rooms for the duration of the 14 day quarantine period and had to get special permission to leave.

Now, with the relaxed rules, arriving guests are only quarantined until the results of both the pre arrival test and the post arrival test are verified, usually only a few days. The testing is voluntary but those not tested are then subject to the 14 day quarantine.



Randy Hart, Distric 5000 Governor Nominee for the year 2022-23 visited the meeting.

It was also noted that the golf tournament will only need +/- 150 volunteers this year, but the club will still receive a substantial donation.

October 22, 2020

## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

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Ben Noyes & Scott Unger  
Variety of Topics

### Greeter:

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DNA

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Aloha All,

Every year Interact mans an aide station for Ironman which not only is a service opportunity but also raises funds for their club. This year they were not able to do an aide station so have an alternative project. Please read the following message from Interact Supervisor Tina.

*Our Interact Club at Kealakehe High School loves the Ironman World Championships, usually held in October. We enjoy the energy, the coming together of so many people from so many different countries, and the long, grueling day. After the beautiful sunset, we love dancing and cheering on the athletes late into the night, our station an oasis of energy in a long, dark path to the finish line. We have been crowned the most enthusiastic aid station many times, and are definitely looking forward to defending our title in the future.*

*As we continue to try to make a positive impact on our community and the world around us, we still hope to raise money for the charities we try to support annually. Although we know fundraising will definitely be a challenge this year, our club has been holding virtual meetings and brainstorming ways to raise funds for those who are struggling during these difficult times.*

*Interact has decided that instead of running an aid station this year, we will run the Ironman. The motto of our station for the past years has been "Teamwork makes the Dream Work!" and we are teaming up with friends and family to complete the entire distance of the Ironman course. On and between October 21st- October 28th, some of us will swim, some of us will ride bicycles and many of us will walk, jog or run. We are asking for businesses and individuals to sponsor our first ever Interact Ironman team. Any amount you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated and help us to raise money for the orphanage we help support in India.*

*The orphanage that we help support is called Seva Chakkara Orphanage, and is located in Chennai, South India. It was founded by a man who was partially blind. He created the home for orphans, destitute women and physically and mentally challenged individuals. They currently have around 110 residents, ranging from elementary aged students, to students in high school and some pursuing higher education. Our Interact club sends annual donations, letters and cards and hand-made crafts to the orphans.*

*We appreciate your time and consideration,*

*Mrs. Tina Rossman*

### So they are looking for:

1 - People to swim, bike or jog/run. I know a lot of you do these activities on a regular basis so if you do sign up! Or you can just walk a few miles around your neighborhood! Send me and email and I can sign you up or Sign up here! Interact does Ironman

2 - Donate! Like many things, Interact's fundraising has been hindered by COVID so be generous and donate! They do amazing things with their funds and really help out the community. Donations can be sent to:

Kealakehe High School - Attn: Mrs Tina Rossman  
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Or you can donate via the donate link on our website. Then let Janice know. Then we can get them a check. <https://www.rotaryclubofkona.com>

Thanks, Jenaya




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**Upcoming Speakers**

**Oct 31**  
Rotarians—Up Close and Personal  
Dave Beuhler and

**Nov 7**  
Puna Kihoi  
Queen Liliuokalani Trust

**Nov 14 — TBA**

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**Nov 28 — DARK**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**This Week At the Rotary Club of Kona**

**Kurt Nielsen, Economist**  
**Kealakehe High School**

Kurt's talk will be an overview of the Hawaii real estate market and a forecast on real estate prices and mortgage rates. While real estate may not be of interest to everyone, it will be a main driving force behind the continued economic recovery of the Hawaiian economy. It even has a substantial impact on tourism.

Kurt has a B.S. in Geology, M.S. in Economics and an MBA in Finance. He used to own a mining company which he invested over \$500 million to develop. He sold that and moved to Kona 10 years ago and began a financial services company which includes lending on residential real estate.

Kurt is the co-founder of NS financial Services Corp, dba eMortgage Hawaii. He and his co-founder Richard Spooner, quickly established eMortgage Hawaii as a full service mortgage brokerage business throughout the State of Hawaii offering the most competitive rates in the market along with unsurpassed service from the company's seasoned processing team.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Aloha Kona Rotarians!**

Thanks to so many of you who help each month with our great Project Compassion fundraising events for local non-profits. As a Board member and longtime singer with the Kona Music Society, beneficiary of this past Sunday's event, I got to help with greeting and serving the visitors and interfacing with the fantastic staff at Denny's who make these events so successful.


It was inspiring to see how our club and community support these events, and it gives me lots of ideas and hope as to how we can run next month's Project Compassion event to raise even more money to support Rotary's international effort to eradicate Polio.

You'll hear more about this soon, but please start now to think of donors and solicit sponsorships for this event from our community. For the first time, we'll be working in partnership with the other three West Hawaii Rotary clubs as sponsors of the Project Compassion. The November 10th Project Compassion will not only raise significant funds to fight polio, it also provides a great opportunity to promote Rotary in our community.

Harold Meltzer, our program speaker chair who's now getting medical treatment in Cleveland but hopes to be home by year's end, assures me that we'll all learn important information from this week's speaker, Kurt Nielsen, about how and why to invest sensibly in our future.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel at noon on Thursday!

A Hui Hou, Tom Daniel  
Club President, 2013-14



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## At the Podium – Ikaika Marzo – Mayoral Candidate

ALOHA KĀKOU



I am honored to run for Mayor of Hawai'i County! I seek to unite our local government with all its people. I bring proactive leadership, better communication, a fresh vision of the future with a 'can-do' attitude and motivation to benefit our island. I am passionate about my home island where I have spent my life. I was raised among a wonderful family and community. But I seek to make our keiki's life even better than my own.

I am a humble worker and businessman. I have always worked hard and volunteered for diverse leadership roles. To me, a key to leadership is first having a vision, then having the heart and passion to pursue that vision, and then achieving that vision with community support, expert information and consultation with qualified professionals. Leadership is listening to the people (ho'olohe), hearing opposing ideas then making the best decisions for the success of the place and its future as a whole. I make decisions based on a vision, expert input, facts, cultural and environmental impact, law and common sense all while keeping our island morals and ethics closest to heart.

## Just Last Week – Ben Noyes & Scott Unger



**Ben Noyes**, a member of the Rotary Club of Kona since 2014, is currently the Programs Chair and is responsible for obtaining the excellent speakers we have at each meeting.

Ben indicated that we have a wide variety of speakers representing the interests of many of the clubs members and the public in general. He reports that the breakdown of speaker types includes about 50% Non-Profits, with the balance in roughly descending order: Business People, Government Speakers, Miscellaneous, and Mayoral Candidates.



**Scott Unger**, in preparation for a Four Way Test fundraiser, put together a pidgin version of the Test with accompanying narrative. The fundraiser was subsequently cancelled, so the presentation was rebranded as club auction which raised \$700 for our local Interact Club. To see the presentation: <https://youtu.be/K5f9D46eLQ0> Also, kudos to Scott for earning

his 8th Paul Harris award, a truly remarkable achievement and representation of great generosity.



Meeting guests included Dennis Rast and Bev Frasier, past member and past president of The Rotary Club of Kona, and present member of The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise. Welcome Bev.

October 29, 2020

## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

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### Program:

Ikaika Marzo

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Check out this article highlighting their activities: <https://www.westhawaiiitoday.com/2020/10/20/hawaii-news/big-island-judge-earns-2020-champion-for-social-justice-award/>

We are currently trying to organize a Global Grant to help support their work, however, if in the meantime you would like to donate to their mission check out their website at: <https://www.projectexpeditejustice.org/donate/>

Just a reminder that the Rotary Board meeting is this coming Wednesday, Oct 28 at 5 pm on Zoom. Please note that we have changed to Wednesday from Tuesday in order to be available to help with Meet N Eat.

Minutes from the last meeting: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary/> Click on: Minutes092220.docx

Meeting ID: 844 5800 1703

Hope to see you there.

Thanks, Jenaya

### Dear D5000 Leaders,

Each year the Rotary clubs in District 5000 are invited to propose candidates for District Governor. This is a reminder that the nomination period for the district governor nominee-designate (DGND) for 2023-2024 is closing on November 2, 2020.

If you or if you know of a ready, willing and able member who is qualified, please encourage that Rotarian apply. Applicants are to complete and submit the 2 attached forms (the D5000 Application Form, and the RI Governor-nominee Designate Form) not later than 12:00 midnight (HST) on November 2, 2020.

Completed forms must be sent to the District Nominating Committee, c/o PDG Del Green, Chairperson, at:

Postal address: P.O. Box 3325, Honolulu, Hawaii 96801; or

Email address: [del.rotary5000@gmail.com](mailto:del.rotary5000@gmail.com) (with a copy to [masuno1@aol.com](mailto:masuno1@aol.com))

In-person interviews will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (HST) at the 'Ilima Hotel, 445 Nohonani Street, Waikiki, Hawaii 96815. Applicants will be assigned specific interview times after November 2, 2020.

Naomi Masuno

### Just for Fun – Most Annoying First





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At the Podium – Halloween Fun

October 31, 2019



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

The Salvation Army needs canned fruits and proteins. So in addition to our Halloween fun meeting Thursday, lets all bring a few cans of food to the meeting to help support the Salvation Army.

Get in the Halloween spirit and a donation spirit and plan to have fun and come dressed in a costume if you wish - there will be a prize for best costume!

At the Club – October 24, 2019



Linda Kelly  
Rotary  
Foundation



Tom Daniel  
Happy Birthday  
and welcome home.



Lisa Graff  
Receives a Rotary Pin  
from President John

Hannah Unger - Meet N' Eat



The Meet N' Eat is a program sponsored by the Rotary Club Of Kona where every Wednesday night food is prepared and served to lower income families, the homeless, & those in need in the Kealahke surrounding area. It is located at the Kealahke Intermediate School Cafeteria and runs from 6-7pm. Volunteers are welcome!

Hannah was born on Oahu, moved to Kailua Kona at age 3 and grew up here. She graduated from Boise State where she majored in Spanish and Poli-Sci. She is Office Administrator at Alii Gas and Director of the "Meet & Eat" program.

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Program:  
Halloween Fun

Greeter:  
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Door Prize:  
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Slacy Brown	11/07
Sharon Suzuki	11/14
J & R Santiago	11/21
Thanksgiving	NM
Ray Kester	12/05

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Andrew DeVaney	11/07
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## At the Podium – Jim Gustin & Don Chinery – Vets Appreciation

November 5, 2020



**Jim Gustin:** I was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin but grew up in Tucson, Arizona. I left Arizona in 1965 when I entered the Marine Corps. After doing my 3 years in the Marine Corps, I moved to Santa Barbara, California and used the GI bill to get my BA. I met my wife while living in Santa Barbara and we married in 1970. We eventually moved to northern California, learned to sail and in 1990 left on our sailboat and cruised around the Pacific for 6 years. The last port we sailed into was Guam and we spent 6 years there before moving here to the Big Island in early 2003.



**Don Chinery:** LCDR {LDO} USN Ret. Joined the Navy at age 16 in 1960, enlisted 16 years, Officer for 14 years, retired in 1990. Last assignment; Officer in Charge, US Naval Brig and Correctional Custody Unit, Pensacola, Florida. Served on 14 ships, two round the world cruises, six undesired trips to Viet Nam, including Fall of Saigon, April 1975. After retirement, radio and television talk show host, newspaper editor and Santa Rosa County Public Information Officer. Moved to Hawaii Island in 2007.

## Just Last Week – Ikaiko Marza – Candidate for Mayor



*"I am honored to run for Mayor of Hawai'i County! I seek to unite our local government with all its people. I bring proactive leadership, better communication, a fresh vision of the future with a 'can-do' attitude and motivation to benefit our island. I am passionate about my home island where I have spent my life. I was raised among a wonderful family and community. But I seek to make our keiki's life even better than my own."*

Ikaiko is a local business person that has employed up to 65 people in the past. During the eruption of Kilauea, he spearheaded a local volunteer effort to feed the displaced when government programs fell short, feeding over 1500 people during the disaster.

His 5 key concerns for Hawaii Island in the coming years are:

- 1 - Maintaining a stable economy.
- 2 - Stabilizing the budget.
- 3 - Improving communication within government and between government and residents.
- 4 - Getting "the best and the brightest" to work in government.
- 5 - Improving plans and procedures for emergency and disaster situations.

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Zoom.US

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### At Distric 5000

#### Aloha Rotarian Leaders,



My name is Peter Evans and I am your Youth Protection Officer from District 5000. As you all know, we have a longstanding tradition of service above self. It's in our DNA and is what makes us, Rotarians. We have many opportunities to service our communities and give back to others, especially our youth. With programs such as Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA there are no shortage of work and this good work will continue. Protecting our youth is extremely important to Rotary. We often see media blasts on the latest abuse of children by adults in schools, teams, churches, and youth organizations. Good intentions alone cannot protect youth, and they surly cannot protect Rotarians in a litigious environment.

With that said, we are having a Youth Protection training event on zoom, dated November 7th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We are requiring at a minimum, one representative per club. The attendee(s) should be the Youth Protection, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Rotaract/Interact Chairs or any Rotarian leading an activity involving youth.

If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please reach out to me via email or phone. **808-389-7459**

[evans.peter92@gmail.com@clubrunner.email](mailto:evans.peter92@gmail.com@clubrunner.email)

#### Mahalo for all you do to make Rotary thrive

#### Peter

The link below for our Zoom Youth Protection Training Event dated 11/07/2020:

Saturday Zoom code:

<https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/98934282111>

Meeting ID: 989 3428 2111, PW 843514

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60108/Event/youth-protection-training>

### Just for Fun – Internet Commerce





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From the Archives – October 31, 2019 – Pre-Zoom

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – BARNEY & GILL MUNNALALL, International Service, India

**BARNEY** – Born in India, his family immigrated to Vancouver, Canada when he was 13 years old. After completing a college degree in music and education, he worked as a teacher in British Columbia for 14 years. In 1997 he came to Kona to attend the University of the Nations and thereafter join its staff to lead student outreaches to India. He married his wife Gill in 2004 and now serves as Assistant Leader of the School of Biblical Studies at U of N, Kona.

**GILL** – She was born and raised in New Zealand. After completing a Discipleship Training School course at U of N, Wellington, New Zealand, she spent 3 years taking small teams on short-term trips to Calcutta, India. In 1993 she moved to Calcutta to work full-time with Youth with a Mission to help train students to serve the poor and to assume several leadership roles. That was interrupted in 2002 when she met her husband Barney while he was in Calcutta leading a student team from Kona. Two years later they were married. She now serves on the staff of the School of Biblical Studies at U of N, Kona with Barney.

### Just Last Week – DR DAN BOYLAN SPEAKS by William Moore, Jr.



"This year, I'm afraid, in many, many ways Hawaiian politics, local politics, are singularly dull." So began Dr. Dan Boylan, UH Manoa history professor and Hawaii Public Television political commentator for many years. He went on to say that the Presidential race was consuming all of us; that 17 million more viewers watched the first Bush-Kerry debate this year than watched the first Bush-Gore one. His favorite definition of politics as stated by Henry Adams, "Politics is the systematic organization of hatred". For the first time in 30 years the Democrats are hated every bit as much as the Republicans are. Further highlights included: No one can get excited about either candidate in the mayoral race; the Democratic party is the party of short people e.g. Neil Abercrombie and Dan Inouye and Mufi is just "too tall" to win as a Democrat; the last gubernatorial race showed a slow movement to the party of tall people, Linda Lingle being the tallest woman he had met; the Congressional races are not likely to result in any changes (Gabbard is a one issue candidate, Case is a fiscally conservative moderate Democrat, Cam Cavasso failed in the Lt. Governor race 2 years ago) there is a dearth of talent in the Republican party despite the growing fiscal and organizational strength in that party; "icons" like Harry Kim always win; President Bush will lose Hawaii by 2-3%; there are demographic changes in Hawaii in several areas: the Japanese population has dropped from 35 to less than 20%, we've had an influx of wealthy mainlanders who are conservative, there are an increasing percentage of Cosmopolitan citizens, and a religious revival with a conservative social agenda is occurring.

### Let's Interact – HELP NEEDED FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Interact Club is looking for help and prizes for their Relay for Life fundraiser to be held the evening and night of Saturday November 12th. Chaperones are needed throughout the night and a cleanup crew is needed for the morning of the 13th. Prizes should be in the \$5 to \$10 range. Gift certificates to popular eateries or shops make great prizes. Contact Ann Goody if you can help out or can provide prizes.

Interact Club Officers will join us on Nov 4th meeting so come and visit with them.

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## Just for Fun – A Great Gag Gift



Service Above Self

This Week

Nov 04, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: BARNEY & GILL  
MUNNALALL, International  
Service, India

Greeter: James Payne

Door Prize: Steve Barnes

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Larry Peckham 11/11  
Alan Pratt 11/18

Door Prize:  
Rick Asbach 11/11  
Cathy Amelotte 11/18

Birthdays:  
Barbara Kossow 11/08

Anniversaries:  
Jerry Colner (Eloise) 11/04

Programs:  
FELICITY JOHNSON, Headmistress,  
Hualalai Academy 11/11

GATEWAY CENTER, NELHA  
Royal Kona Resort Dark 11/18

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November 7, 2020 - 5:30AM

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MARATHON & HALF MARATHON - KAILUAKONA

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Nov 1

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Nov 21

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Nov 26

Jose Santiago

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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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  
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D5000 Governor



Alan Clark  
WH Asst Gov.

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Naomi Masuno is a member of the Rotary Club of West Honolulu and has been a Rotarian since 2002. Naomi is currently serving as our District Governor for 2020-2021. She served as East Honolulu Club President 2006-2007, District Awards Chair 2008-2014, District Secretary 2014-2015, and District Treasurer 2016-2018. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, with a major in Accounting. She and her husband, Dean, and their two sons have participated in numerous Rotary projects.

She recently retired from Bank of Hawaii as Vice President, Channel Sales Manager in the Retail Lending Division. She has a passion for championing the cause of helping small businesses to succeed and has participated as a guest speaker at numerous workshops sponsored by SBA, SCORE, US Department of Transportation, State Department of Transportation, State Department of Agriculture, the Wounded Warriors Program and the Hawaii Pacific Export Council. As one of the top SBA lending officers from 2004 through 2011, she supports the SBA's programs and was named the SBA 2014 Financial Services Champion of the Year for the State of Hawaii and received the SBA Director's Choice Award in 2016. In 2019, she received the "MAKANA HO'OKO NO KE OLA" SBA special Lifetime Legacy award.

Naomi's past community service leadership positions includes: Vice Chair of the YWCA Patsy T. Mink Center of Business and Leadership, President of the Waikiki Health Center Board of Directors and US Secretary of Commerce appointee to the Hawaii Pacific Export Council. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, with a major in Accounting.

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November 12, 2020

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D5000 DG - 2020/21

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### Rotarians Around Town

Monday night at Humpys-Fellowship at its best!



### Just for Fun – Peaceful Transfer of Power





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From the Archives – November 3, 2016

**Rotary**  
Club of Kona

www.RotaryClubOfKona.com  
12:00 —Paddlers Restaurant  
Courtyard King Kamehameha's  
Kona Beach Hotel

**Upcoming Speakers**

November 12—POLIO PLUS  
EVENT AT DAYLIGHT MIND

November 17 — TBA

November 24 — DARK  
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1 — TBA

December 8 —TBA

December 10-  
HOLIDAY PARADE

December 15 — TBA

December 22—DARK

December 29 — DARK

## Coffee Blossom

November 3, 2016

### THIS WEEK AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

**Patrick Hurney, Executive Director  
Habitat for Humanity**

Patrick Hurney, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has lived in Hawaii since 1992. In 1997, he moved to Kamuela, Hawaii with his wife and three wonderful children. Patrick has eight years experience in secondary education in Hawaii. For the past fifteen years, he turned his attention and skills to working in non-profit, human services field (Administration, Management, and Counseling.) He has experience in Substance Abuse Counseling (2yrs.); Child Abuse and Prevention (4yrs); and Homeless and Affordable Housing Services (10yrs). He was the Program Director for the Kawaihae Transitional Housing Program for Catholic Charities Hawaii and in December of 2009, he joined Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii, Inc.

**Habitat For Humanity West Hawaii** has an open-door policy: All who believe that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to help with the work, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people. In short, Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race or religion. As a matter of policy, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations do not proselytize. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must either adhere to or convert to a particular faith, or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.

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'Oia 'i o i kela o' leio

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Kupono la ka kau

Will it build GOOD WILL, and better  
FRIENDSHIP?  
Kukulu Iokomaka'i a me pili'alo ha  
maika'i a'o

Will it be BENEFICIAL to  
all Concerned?  
Pono la ka kou

**President's Message**  
Lori Burgoon, President 2016-2017

Ninety percent of the cases of polio are in security-vulnerable areas. ...Bill Gates

Please join us November 12<sup>th</sup> at Daylight Mind for our annual Polio Plus Event and help us End Polio Now!

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At the Podium – Jose & Raghel Santiago – Salvation Army

November 19, 2020

Aloha Rotarians,

As you may (or may not know) every year the Salvation Army hosts a Red Kettle Kick Off event to kick start their holiday giving season. This is followed by weeks of bell ringing in front of stores. It is no surprise that the Red Kettle Kick Off has been cancelled this year and bell ringing has been decreased. However, more than ever the Salvation Army is in need of donations as they have had a greater number of people in need of food assistance and assistance through the holidays.

This year they have a generous donor who is willing to match up to \$25,000 for amounts donated to the Red Kettle Campaign through Nov 30!

Ways to give: Online: <https://fundraise.salvationarmyhawaii.org/campaign/kona-red-kettle-2020/c299788>

Mail a check made out to Salvation Army Kona Corps to

**The Salvation Army Kona Corps, 75-223 Kalani St, Kailua Kona, HI 96740-1834**

Be sure to memo: Kona Kettle Kickoff Campaign so it will be applied to matching funds. You can give at anytime but the matching funds campaign is for donations made by November 30. So be generous of holiday spirit in this year of increased need!

## Just Last Week – Naomi Masuno – D5000 DG – 2020/21

Naomi Masuno is a member of the Rotary Club of West Honolulu and has been a Rotarian since 2002. Naomi is currently serving as our District Governor for 2020-2021.



**District 5000 Grant \$**  
(including club and World Fund matching funds)

**2019-2020: \$419,000**  
**2020-2021: \$306,000**

### SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

- Webinars
- Online Rotary Learning Center
- Leadership Academy



### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VISION STATEMENT



## Rotary Prayer

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## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

[us/j/81824267706](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706)

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

### Program:

Jose & Raghel Santiago  
Salvation Army

### Greeter:

Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

DNA

## Coming Up

### Programs:

Thanksgiving	
No Meeting	11/26
Aloha Theatre	12/03
Luke Clebesh	12/10

### Greeters:

No Meeting	11/26
Janice Gustin	12/03
Janice Gustin	12/10

### Door Prize:

No Meeting	11/26
DNA	12/03
DNA	12/10

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



November 2020 -  
We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them.

The RI Board of Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want and need. The selection of Jennifer E. Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23 — the first woman to lead our organization — is another step in this direction.

At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali — who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards alumna and past president of the Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia — offers her perspective.

*I still remember the relief I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem.*

*Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city, and in every person. How do we root it out?*

*As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently.*

*We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make?*

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### Rotarians Around Town

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



Rotary has been improving the path for years!

2004



2005

Dick Fearing, Ron Scott,  
Jerry Coiner



Joanne Henley



Tom Fine &  
Preston Crowl



Preston & Nancy



# The Coffee Blossom

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From the Archives – January 6, 2005

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium - CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Alan will be introducing the Chairs of our many Avenues of Service. Each Chair will be giving a brief update on what has been happening and what is to come for their respective Avenue.

We will also be nominating next year's board so bring your nominations, questions and ideas to the meeting so we can have an informative and productive assembly.

### Just Last Week - MARK VICTOR HANSEN, by William Moore, Jr.



"We're here to have fun" began Mark Victor Hansen in his presentation laced with humor and filled with such aphorisms as: The more you give the more you live; your future offers no entitlements, only unlimited opportunity; when rejected, just say "next"--no one can reject you without your permission; excellence is a habit; opportunity is the greatest charity. He went on to add: The 3 biggest challenges facing business people are time pressures, financial pressures and balancing home and business; the tetrahedron of success includes asking, "what do I really want?", writing it down and visualizing your goals--keeping an idea notebook was the key to success for such entrepreneurs as Oprah; clarity is having purpose with goals & objectives, timelines and target dates (the purpose of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series had as it purpose to change the world one story at a time) ; Set your goals as if you have unlimited money, time, contacts and a perfect dream team.

### At the Club - CENTENNIAL PROJECT WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY!

We will meet at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path this Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. to continue the beautification of the path. We have cactus to plant, irrigation to extend, weeds to spray and mowing to be done. A little something for everyone!



Please come on out and bring your hand tools including picks, shovels, sprayers, chain saws, etc. Even if you can only come for an hour, or only to help with the food procurement or cooking, please, come join us!



We are also working with the County on getting some of the trees being cleared as a part of the Kuakini Hwy. widening project. We may need a back hoe and special planting day pretty quick if we are successful. (Don't think they'll last until our January workday.) Speaking of the next work day, it's the second Saturday of the month, January 8th. Consider marking your calendar and coming out to help out. See you in 2005!



Editor's note: I noticed the palm trees from in front of Bougainvillea Plaza being harvested recently and was delighted to hear that they are destined for the walking path. Kudos to Barbara Bush who I am sure was behind this coup.



Service Above Self

*This Week*  
January 6, 2005  
Royal Kona Resort

Program: CLUB ASSEMBLY  
Greeter: Ron Scott  
Door Prize: Tom Whittemore

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Annu Shionoya 01/20  
DeWayne Sluss 02/03

Door Prize:  
Bob Weiss 01/20  
Gretchen Watson-Kabel 02/03

Birthdays:  
Greg Ogin 01/10  
Kurt Nakayama 01/14  
Dick Denison 01/16

Anniversaries:  
Steve Bobko-Hilenaar (Joanna) 01/01

Programs:  
DARK  
Master Card Week 01/13  
GREG CHUN, Sheraton  
Keauhou Bay Resort 01/20  
DARK  
KKCC Mayor's Lunch 01/27

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## Just for Fun – The PATH Less Traveled



## Rotary Calendar

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## Community Calendar

November 7, 2020 - 5:30AM  
100% PURE KONA COFFEE  
MARATHON & HALF MARATHON - KAILUAKONA  
[100percentkonahalf@gmail.com](mailto:100percentkonahalf@gmail.com)  
<https://www.purekonahalf.com/>

## Member Birthdays

James Gustin  
Nov 1  
Thomas Buswell-Ordenez  
Nov 21  
Kris Hazard  
Nov 26  
Jose Santiago  
Nov 29

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Alan Clark  
Nov 1, 1993 - 27 Yrs  
Darleen Dabbling  
Nov 16, 2006 - 14 Yrs  
John Spicer  
Nov 1, 1975 - 45 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Mahlon & Janet Whittle  
Nov 18, 1989 - 31 Yrs

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## 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 Monday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Helm



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At the Podium – Aloha Theatre – Holiday Presentation

December 3, 2020

### It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play



**Virtual Performance**  
**December 11 – 24**  
*\$0.00 tickets, donations appreciated!*

[Buy Tickets Now](#) Click on Link Below

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Tune in virtually to see this

fresh inventive play with its clever use of props, entertaining voices, familiar tunes, and a love story that you'll want to witness time and time again.

<https://tickets.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=ef9ed61feeac-335c5e6db8695d2e81c5&vqitq=54951f0f-3a5e-4a5f-b8dd-7ae54563b764&vqitp=86893e89-9a9d-488a-b9f3-5c978398e689&vqitts=1606849961&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itl&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=5b97fb855441d3dbea02938beee1c73f>

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



Jose and Raghel have been assigned to Kona for the past three years so far. They are pastors and leaders for the Kona Branch, which is involved in many community support initiatives including a Keiki Preschool, the Salvation Army Thrift Store, the Red Kettle Collection Sites at Christmas time, and multiple programs to feed the homeless and other nutritionally challenged residents.

This year the Army provided over 100 boxes of ingredients to families with few resources so they could have real Thanksgiving meals, with all the fixings. They also partnered with Jackie Reys Restaurant to provide to-go meals for over 300 families.

This year's Red Kettle sites for Kona will only include KTA and Walmart, down from many more locations in past years. Rotarians are asked to help with the Walmart location from December 7 to December 13. Click here to sign up:

<https://rotaryclubofkona.com/event/salvation-army-red-kettle-signup/>

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Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

#### Program:

Aloha Theatre - Holiday Presentation

#### Greeter:

Janice Gustin

#### Door Prize:

DNA

### Coming Up

#### Programs:

Luke Clebesh 12/10

Robbie Lee 12/17

No Meeting 12/24

#### Greeters:

Janice Gustin 12/10

Janice Gustin 12/17

No Meeting 12/24

#### Door Prize:

DNA 12/10

DNA 12/17

No Meeting 12/24

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## President's Position

Aloha Rotarians,



As we approach the end of 2020 I am thankful to be a Rotarian. As the covid pandemic sweeps through the nation and world I have Rotary to help me keep balance. From our Monday night meet-ups, our work with Keiki Closet, Tuesday food program, our Thursday zoom meetings, our partnership with Salvation Army, our district events and especially connecting with my Rotary friends, gives me purpose and comfort during some of the most challenging times. So thank you.

We have the bell ringing for Salvation Army sign-ups. This is usually handled by David Reese-Thomas but his is unable to do it this year, so in his honor I humbly ask you to go to our web page and sign up to bell ring at Walmart from December 7 to the 13th. Please help us support Salvation Army as they assist the underserved this holiday season. I can think of no time better than serving this worthy cause. Scott has asked interact to help so we will have all ages participate. Peter always does it with our youngest grand daughter and it is a special time for them both, (I think Britney enjoys her one on one with Granddad). Link:

<https://rotaryclubofkona.com/event/salvation-army-red-kettle-signup/>

If you receive the district news letter you will notice a few interesting things happening. The take away from covid is that many things are happening on line so there are more opportunities to connect. If you get a chance check in for the upcoming zoom meetings with or RI president elect Jennifer Jones and our current president Holger Knaack. There is a tree planting phenomenon in district 5000 by many ambitious Rotarians happening all around the state and it is very inspiring.

I am making Christmas wreaths. If any Rotarians would like to join me give me a call, I have all the stuff. Just show up! May this holiday season fill you with a sense of well being, gratitude to be of service to our community and more love than your hearts can hold.

Yours In Rotary, Becca Hamar

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### Rotarians Around Town

#### Monday Night Meet-Ups



Keiki Closet,  
Tuesday Food Program

#### Making Xmas Wreaths



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

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



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

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



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From the Archives – December 2, 2004

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – BEV FRASER, Rotoplast Adventure



Past President Bev Fraser will be our guest speaker this week and will be sharing with the Club her Rotoplast Adventure. As part of the 29 member team to Cebu City Philippines in October of this year, the group joined with the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu and the Rotary Club of Cebu Port Center in an effort to operate on 100 children and adults with cleft lip or cleft palate. This joint project between Rotoplast and the Rotary clubs was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

As a charter club of Rotoplast International, the Rotary Club of Kona has had presentations on Rotoplast trips in the past, but this is the first time one of our own club members has participated in a mission. Past President Bev will share her personal stories of the experience, which are sure to be both emotional and heartwarming. Please join us in learning why Rotoplast "Changes Smiles - Changes Lives".

### Just Last Week – FELICITY JOHNSON by William Moore, Jr.



At our last Royal Kona Meeting on November 11, Felicity Johnson, Principal, Hualalai Academy and 5 students discussed the mission of the Academy over the past 8 years since its inception. Students are taught to: exhibit appropriate social skills, demonstrate high levels of critical thinking, take responsibility for their own physical well being and show interest, appreciation and respect for the fine arts and culture. Five of her students then presented their testimonies as to their achievements in this academic environment and their appreciation for this school. One junior reported his invention of a successful model hovercraft that could achieve speeds up to 30 miles per hour 2 cm off the surface. Another student presented slides of her science project showing that fertile chicken eggs rotated every 8 hours for 18 of the 21 day incubation period produced a larger harvest and healthier chicks compared with a commercial egg agitator. Future plans for the Academy include additional classrooms, a performing arts center and additional sports facilities.

On November 18 members gathered at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii for a presentation by Jacqui Hoover, NELHA Gateway Manager of the ongoing research and production of desalinated water, aquaculture and renewable energy. Begun in 1974 with OTEC, the campus now houses 34 separate tenants using the AA pure deep seawater off Keahole Point. At present Koyo USA is producing 250,000 liter bottles of water for consumption throughout Asia at a price of 5-18 dollars per bottle; they are backordered for 3 years! Four other companies are under construction to provide "pure" water also. Aquaculture companies include Cyanotech, which produces high-value microalgae-based natural products including nutraceuticals; others are cultivating shellfish, moi, abalone, halibut, sea horses for aquaria, flounder and black pearls. Of interest is that the abalone is air-freighted to Japan in "6 packs" for a price of about \$20 per abalone. She then escorted members to the Hawaii Gateway Energy Center demonstration building. Renewable natural energy has become a priority since "without energy security there is no national security". In the building she pointed out that natural air conditioning and water are produced by coursing warm air over cold seawater pipes in the floor; when the copper roof heats up it draws outside air through a miniature "volcano" of lava rocks behind the building. As the air passes over the seawater pipes it is cooled and exits through two chimneys. Water of condensation produced is used in flush toilets and household activities.

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## Just for Fun – Consession Speech



Service Above Self

This Week  
Dec 2, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: BEV FRASER, Past President, Rotary Club of Kona  
Greeter: Alan Pratt

Door Prize: Cathy Amelotte

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
David Rees-Thomas 12/09  
Bill Rogers 12/16

Door Prize:  
Michael Zola 12/09  
Fedro Yanez 12/16

Birthdays:  
James Stanley 11/20  
Ron Scott 12/04  
DeWayne Sluss 12/05  
Jim Lightner 12/06  
Charla Thompson 12/07

Anniversaries:

Programs:  
REED FLOCKINGER  
Editor, West Hawaii Today 12/09

JUSTIN VIEZBICK  
Whale Sanctuary 12/16

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## Community Calendar

December 13, 2020 - 4:00PM  
A ZOOM "MESSIAH" SING-ALONG

Kona and Windward Choral Societies present a Zoom "Messiah Sing-Along"!

[konachoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:konachoralsociety@gmail.com)

## Member Birthdays

Larry Webb  
December 1  
Brian Riley  
December 2  
Jennifer Heimgartner  
December 4  
Hermann Heimgartner  
December 30

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Loi Chang-Stroman  
Dec 16, 2010 - 10 Yrs  
David Huitt  
Dec 19, 2002 - 18 Yrs  
David Rees-Thomas  
Dec 1, 1979 - 41 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Alice (Deceased) Daniel  
Dec 31, 1979 - 41 Yrs  
Richard & Nancy Farnham  
Dec 31, 1992 - 28 Yrs

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## Island Clubs

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December 10, 2020



- Teacher/preacher/encourager! at Retired Senior Pastor
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- Former Visiting Teacher at YWAM
- Former Visiting Teacher at University of the Nations
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- Went to Scots College, Wellington
- Lives in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
- From Wellington, New Zealand

## Just Last Week – Aloha Theatre – Holiday Presentation

### It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play



**Virtual Performance**  
**December 11 – 24**  
*\$0.00 tickets, donations appreciated!*

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Tune in virtually to see this

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<https://tickets.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=ef9ed61feeac-335c5e6db8695d2e81c5&vqitq=54951f0f-3a5e-4a5f-b8dd-7ae54563b764&vqitp=86893e89-9a9d-488a-b9f3-5c978398e689&vqitts=1606849961&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itl&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=5b97fb855441d3dbea02938beee1c73f>

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PHOTO / DRAWING / COLORING CONTEST  
A CHRISTMAS IN KONA TO REMEMBER 2020

**PRESENTED BY**  
KAILUA-KONA COMMUNITY  
PARADE ASSOCIATION

**All Entries & Ages Welcome!**

**ENTRY DEADLINE**  
**DECEMBER 16th 2020**

Santa will be announcing our winners LIVE on FACEBOOK 12/19th at 9:30AM!

**Cash Prizes to Local Restaurants and Stores!**

Rotary

**To Download Coloring Sheets and More Information Visit ParadesInKona.com**

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

#### Kona, Windward choral societies present Zoom 'Messiah Sing-Along'



#### Kona Choral Society Artistic Director Susan McCreary

In a year when physical distance has transformed our sense of community, the virtual creativity of the Kona and Windward choral societies has redefined the spirit of togetherness. This holiday season, the societies, known collectively as Na Puukani, will open their virtual doors to usher in Christmas with a Zoom "Messiah Sing-Along" from 4-5:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

For the past 30 years in Kona, the Messiah performance has been as customary as putting up the Christmas tree, Kona Choral Society artistic director Susan McCreary Duprey shared, quoting a long-time member of her Kona society.

"We're not letting a pandemic slow us down," said Duprey, who has been hosting weekly virtual Zoom rehearsals since the summer. "We are going to use what we have and people from all over the world can join in. We're continuing the tradition."

The free online community showcase will feature the multi-movement Part I of G.F. Handel's famed Messiah, including the iconic Hallelujah Chorus. This season, Duprey welcomes guests from any time zone to join in the festivities, bring their own score (or follow along on Zoom or download a copy) and partake in this vocal and instrumental December capstone event. While the combined chorus Na Puukani have pre-recorded the concert, live soloists will include: Amy Mills, soprano; Wendy Buzby, mezzo soprano; Bernaldo Evangelista, tenor; and Dan Garrett, bass.

The process of revising the choral system, transferring and blending sounds from a physical to virtual space, had an arduous learning curve. Kona Choral Society singer Peter Anderegg helped with technology to open up online scores and videos to help support singers as they practiced. Duprey moved singers into smaller breakout sections on Zoom and shared the subtleties in the notations of the music itself. Here's the link to the entire WHT story: <https://www.westhawaii.com/2020/12/04/entertainment/kona-windward-choral-societies-present-zoom-messiah-sing-along>



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From the Archives – December 7, 2000

Royal Kona Resort

December 7, 2000



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

## Kona Coffee Blossom

### Hawaii's Economy in 2001

Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Kona Mauka,  
Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and Bank of Hawaii  
Thursday, December 7, 2000  
at King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel—Kamakohonu Ballroom

The annual economic outlook presentation by the Bank of Hawaii will be presented by Paul H. Brewbaker, bank of Hawaii's Chief Economist. Mr. Brewbaker will present his insights on:

- Forecast for Hawaii's economy
- National and global economic climate
- Recent trends and prospects for the Big Island Economy.

The meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2000 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. The meeting will be at King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom. Lunch will be \$20 and includes validated parking.

Paul H. Brewbaker is Vice President with Bank of Hawaii. He is responsible for re-

search on financial and economic risk, working with the bank's Treasury Group. He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and did graduate work in economics at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Hawaii, where he has lectured in economics. Brewbaker began doing research as a student for the International Banking Division at Bank of Hawaii in 1981 and joined the bank's Economics Department as an economist in 1985. Brewbaker is a director of the Hawaii Economic Association and is Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Council on Revenues.



### 7 Down, 28 To Go

Our Goal of being a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club is Near

We have seven new Paul Harris Fellows and Fellas (spelling Tina?). They are Darrick Ching, Kathy Damon, Francis Kuailani, Jerry Anderson, George Solandros, Cyndy Staudt, and Sandy Morton.

We are on our way toward becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. But we still have 28 members that need to reach the \$1,000 level. With available matching funds, for a contribution of only \$334 you can become a Paul Har-

ris Fellow. And if \$334 is not a good enough deal, we have Foundation Recognition Points that can be used to help make up the difference.



So please make your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and give it to Ron Scott today! And remember, if you are already a Paul Harris Fellow, you can help yourself and the Club by making a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. This counts towards your next Paul Harris award, plus it creates additional Foundation Recognition Points that can be

### Special Holiday Program

December 17, 2000 5 to 9 pm—Royal Kona Resort

Rotary Club of Kona has planned a Christmas party for Sunday December 17th at 5 PM at The Royal Kona Resort. This will be an old fashioned Christmas where families and friends can celebrate the holidays and enjoy an evening together. The cost will be \$20 for each adult, \$10 for children 12 to 18 and children younger will be Rotary's guests.

Santa will pay a visit with gifts for the children. Music of the Big Band Era will be played for listening and dancing. We need to know as soon as possible if you will be there, how many in your family attending and the name and age of each child attending. This includes grandparents, grandchildren, extended families and friends. Please call Jim and Sis Bedingfield at 328-9861 to RSVP.

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Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948

Just for Fun – Lowered Expectations



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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  
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**Unique ukulele style: Robbie Lee making his way up the ranks of talented players in Kona.**

It wasn't too long ago that Big Island resident Robbie Lee was entertaining his fellow high school students in Monterey, California, with his ukulele and the one song he knew how to play.

*"And the vision that was planted in my brain, still remains, within the sound of silence."*

Lee was a sophomore in high school in 2006 when he first discovered the ukulele and found his calling, amusing his peers with Simon and Garfunkel. After he mastered "The Sound of Silence," he moved on to "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey, and then "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"Music has always been with me," Lee said. "No matter where you go, if you're called to something, you can be successful at it."

From hip-hop to classic rock, Lee covers all musical genres when he performs.

"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."

## Just Last Week – David Rees – Thomas – Christmas Message

Founding & Retired Senior Pastor at Calvary Community Church, Kona, David blessed us with anecdotes from his life and an inspiring talk about the importance of spirituality during this season and especially during these tough times.

As one of the longest running members of the Rotary Club of Kona, David is beloved by all the members, present and past, and it is always a delight to hear him speak.



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## Rotary Works

Dear Rotary Club of Kona Members,

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

**From Raghel Santiago, Corps Officer/Pastor, The Salvation Army Kona Corps:** On behalf of Jose, The Salvation Army, and myself, we want to thank all who came and volunteered bell ringing for us. The total amount Rotary Club raised was \$3,647.49, which is amazing! We love you all and appreciate your partnership and support. Merry Christmas and a blessed new year to all. To those that donated towards our kettle kickoff campaign, thank you for your donation, which helped us achieve our match goal.





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The Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

December 17th



Be a gift to the world

### Upcoming Speakers

December 24  
Merry Christmas  
No Rotary Meeting

December 31  
Happy New Year!  
No Rotary Meeting

January 7  
James Resor  
Elections and Club  
Business

January 14  
Ron Ibarra  
Criminal Justice  
System

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Golf Tournament  
No Rotary Meeting

If you have  
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speakers email  
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### The Four Way Test

Is it the truth?  
'Oia 'i' o i kcia o' Ielo

Is it fair to all  
concerned?  
Kupono ia ka kau

Will it build good will  
and better friendship?  
Kukulu lokomaika'i a  
me pifaloha maika'i a'e

Will it be beneficial to  
all concerned?  
Pono ia ka kou

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**Peter Schoenberg**

Will be speaking on the Topic of  
Alaska Commercial Fishing



Rotary Means Business  
Fellowship

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Every 3rd Thursday of the month upstairs in  
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### Message From The President

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona,

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Special thanks to our host with the most, Linda Jane Kelly for opening her home for all to enjoy. Very special memories indeed. Seems to be a lovely Christmas tradition that I hope continues for some time.

We will be dark till after the New Year. I hope each of you feel great pride from 2015 and all that we've accomplished. Each and every person in our club has given Service Above Self and committed themselves to bettering the lives of many. For that, I am most grateful to call you my friends.

Cheers to a memorable 2016!

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James Resor

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**Kevin Deeds** work as the Director of Admissions and Utilization Review with Hawaii Island Recovery. In Admissions, he helps patients navigate the early stages of finding a road to recovery and in Utilization Review he advocates for patients' to secure treatment at the appropriate intensity, for the appropriate amount of time by conveying a patient's medical necessity for clinical services.

## Just Last Week – Robbie Lee –Christmas Music Presentation



**Unique ukulele style: Robbie Lee making his way up the ranks of talented players in Kona.**

*"And the vision that was planted in my brain, still remains, within the sound of silence."*

The club had the pleasure of being entertained by the very talented Robbie Lee, singer, songwriter and ukelele player extraordinaire. Robbie used his newly acquired "virtual concert" equipment to grace us with several pieces appropriate to the season. Despite some technical difficulties, the concert was a great success, enjoyed by the dozen or so Rotarians who participated in 2020's last meeting for the Rotary Club of Kona.

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Becca Hamar

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### Rotary Works

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



### Just for Fun – Important Questions for 2021

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
27. Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
28. Christmas - What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?



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Royal Kona Resort

January 11, 2001



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

## Kona Coffee Blossom

### Dean David McClain

Thursday, January 4, 2001

Dean David McClain will be speaking on "Business Strategies for Navigating the New Economy" Some of the things he will be covering are: What's new about the economy, and the differences between the old economy and old business strategies and the new economy and new business strategies.

He'll be looking at the changes in the workforce, lifelong learning vs. degree, management and labor collaborating, workers seen as assets not a cost, work environment is an information-rich environment. He'll tell us where Hawaii currently stands in foreign investments, education technology, workforce education, venture capital, etc.

Dean McClain will make a PowerPoint presentation and then have time for questions and answers at the end.

### Time to Volunteer

### — MasterCard Championship January 17 – 21, 2001

Now is the time to give Ron Hawkes (328-0592), chairman of this year's tournament volunteers, a call and let him know where you want to volunteer your time. There are still positions open for **PARKING, ECOLOGY, HOLE CAPTAINS, MARSHALS, TICKET SALES, AND IN THE SportsPro OFFICE.** All volunteers who work a minimum of 3 days will be entitled to a round of golf anytime (with some restrictions) during the coming year. The round of golf must be made up of a foursome of volunteers and you must call in ahead of time for a tee time.

Remember this is our MAJOR fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Kona and that even a few hours of your time will help.

Tickets for the event are available thru our club, just contact Barry Berning (331-1597). Ticket information is below.

The MasterCard Championship offers an inclusive Tuesday through Sunday Tournament Pass. All other tickets are day-specific. The following Tournament Schedule will enable you to purchase tickets that suit your plans. Formerly the Senior Tournament of Champions, the MasterCard Championship is held at Hualalai on the Kona Coast of Hawaii's Big Island.

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#### Schedule of Events

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Practice Round at Hualalai Golf Club - Professionals Only

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**Wednesday, January 17, 2001**



Approx. 7:30 a.m. Pro-Am Competition at Hualalai Golf Club, Two Tee Start: #1 and #10 Tees

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**Friday, January 19, 2001**  
FIRST ROUND of Competition - Hualalai Golf Club, Start: TBA  
PAX NETWORK Broadcast: 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET (9:00-11:00 a.m. HT)

**Saturday, January 20, 2001**  
SECOND ROUND of Competition

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## Member Birthdays

Greg Ogin  
January 10  
Dani Knapp  
January 17  
David Rees-Thomas  
January 24  
Janice Gustin  
January 26

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Greg Ogin  
Jan 10, 1982 - 29 Yrs  
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Born and raised on Maui, Hannah leads Blue Planet's community outreach strategies, delivering presentations, organizing outreach events, and inspiring community action statewide. Hannah has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Social Sciences with a focus in Environmental Law and Politics from the University of Kent in Canterbury, England. Hannah is a certified LEED Green Associate, sits on the board for Maui Huliau Foundation, and is a member of Women in Renewable Energy (WiRE) and a committee member for the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Young Professional Program.

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*Editor's Note: I wrote this opinion last September and wanted to publish it at that time, but was discouraged from doing so. I regret not speaking up then because I firmly believe in the adage that says, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." The events of last week were evil, and the people who incited them should be called to account, especially by those who admonish "Service Above Self."*

### In My Opinion – Could Donald Trump be a Rotarian?

I readily admit that I don't care for our current president, Donald J. Trump. The why is complicated and personal and not worth the discourse, but while contemplating my feelings of late I asked myself, "could Donald Trump be a Rotarian?" I have no idea if he ever tried to be or even wanted to be a Rotarian, but I suspect he would not have been accepted. My argument centers on the "Four-Way Test."

#### Is it the TRUTH?

Depending on which source you subscribe to (not including Fox News) he has lied to or mislead the public up to 20,000 times since becoming president. Recent misinformation includes: "We have tested 40,000,000 people. If we did 20,000,000 instead, cases would be half."

Does he ever tell the truth? Undoubtedly, but the Four-Way Test doesn't ask, "Is it the Truth, SOME of the time?"

#### Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Trump is very definitely concerned with fairness, especially when it comes to himself and his supporters. He has publicly stated, in reference to himself, that, "No politician in history — and I say this with great surety — has been treated worse or more unfairly." He has also intervened in the case of several accused or convicted criminals who, in his opinion, were treated unfairly including: Paul Manafort, Michael Flynn, Joe Arapio and several others.

However, it seems that fairness is not justified in the case of many other Americans including minorities, especially Blacks and Muslims, peaceful protestors, the poor, and the sick. And fairness is definitely not a priority, in fact is considered a liability, in the case of immigrants, and "fair trade," (such irony) with other countries. Our planet isn't fairing (pardon the pun) much better with the withdrawal of programs to combat global warming and protect endangered species, and the enactment of programs to sell protected lands or invade them for fossil fuel exploration and removal.

#### Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

How exactly do these statements build goodwill and better friendship? "Knock the crap out of them!" "I'd like to punch him in the face!" "Maybe he should have been roughed up..." "In the good old days.... they used to treat them very, very rough." "And when they protested once, they would not do it again so easily." "The audience hit back and that's what we a little bit more of." "I don't know if I'll do the fighting myself or if other people will."

In fairness (pardon the pun) Trump has made some progress with FRIENDSHIP and declared great fondness, even love, for some of our "allies" including Vladimir Putin and Kom Jong-un.

#### Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Firstly, I suggest that unfairness is never beneficial, especially to those being treated unfairly (see FAIR). Secondly, I suggest that programs that exclusively or predominately help the rich are not particularly beneficial to everyone else. And finally I wonder how beneficial Trump's handling of the Covid-19 Pandemic seems to 6,000,000 million sick and 200,000 dead, and counting. (Now 22,000,000 sick and 380,000 dead)



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From the Archives – January 11, 2007



## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter



Service Above Self

### THIS WEEK: WHAT IS A MECHANICAL COW?

They are not black and white; they do not munch hay; and they certainly do not "moo". They do however share one very important feature with their bovine counterparts—they produce large quantities of milk.

The term "mechanical cow" is used to refer to the machines that convert the cheap, plentiful crops of soybeans grown in many Third World countries, into soymilk. In addition to being cheap to produce and not requiring refrigeration, soy milk is high in protein and nutrients that many children in Third World countries lack.

In 1985, a Canadian scientist discovered a way to make soy milk palatable, and a start up grant from the Canadian International Development Agency established a company to develop his idea.

The stainless steel machine comes in various sizes, with the smallest unit standing about 2 feet tall. Operated with a manual or electric boiler, the machine can produce 20 liters of soy milk per hour.

Levi Clain, a fellow Rotarian from the North Hawaii Rotary Club is joining us today to inform us about the mechanical cow, and how the Rotary Club of Kona can become involved in this project.



Child drinking soymilk from first mechanical cow in Guatemala

### THIS WEEK

January 11,  
2007

### PROGRAM

Mechanical Cow  
Levi Clain

**GREETER**  
Dick Denison

**DOOR PRIZE**  
Diane Ilstrup

### NEXT WEEK

January 18,  
2007

NO MEETING due  
to MasterCard  
Tournament

### Happy Birthday to

Harold Meltzer  
01/10  
ADG Greg Oglin  
01/10  
Glen Doss  
01/13  
Dick Denison  
01/16  
David Rees-Thomas  
01/24  
President Bill Cliff  
01/26

Happy Anniversary to:  
Larry/Peggy Peckham  
01/21



Of our 74 club members, 49 have signed up to volunteer at this years tournament. A full list of those who have volunteered is listed on the next page. If your name is NOT on the list, NOW is the time to contact Dick Fearing to offer your services. Even if you could spare a few hours—every bit helps.

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

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Kameula, HI 96740

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## Just Last Week – Hannah Shipman – Blue Planet



Blue Planet is a community organization that's changing the conversation about clean energy. By creating sustainable models in Hawaii, we're fueling the global transformation from fossil fuels to renewable solutions. We're a local nonprofit powering the transition to 100% clean energy in Hawaii and leading the way for global change. We find creative ways to remove the obstacles that stand between us and a future free from fossil fuels.



### Advocacy

We encourage leaders to make policy changes that accelerate secure, cost-effective renewable energy.



### Awareness

We provide education and outreach to help people understand key energy issues, what's at stake, and why it matters.



### Action

We connect communities with smart, replicable clean energy and efficiency solutions that result in big impacts.



## This Week

### MEETING ONLINE

Zoom.US

Zoom ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

### Program:

Megan Dehning Learned  
Medicare Plans

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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

Aloha Rotarians and Happy New Year,



We hope your holiday season was a joyous time filled with happy times and memories to hold a lifetime. During this covid season I hope you have been safe and healthy. I know it's hard to enjoy the holidays without lots of partying but that is what we did and still felt the usual stirring of grateful and awareness of the circle of life as we bring in yet another new year. I have counted the take aways from the fallout of the pandemic and try to focus on the silver lining.

Rotarians will resume weekly zoom meetings and I look forward to meeting in person soon. Let's hope this vaccine is effective and things can get back to "normal". Lamenting the lack of a Holiday party, Jenaya, Linda Jane and I put our head together and decided boxes of Christmas cookies was in order. And we the spirit of giving in our hearts, we mass produced about 40 boxes of cookies and cupcakes for our Rotary friends. I enjoyed cooking and visiting with my friends and being in service to those who serve.

Please consider coming to a zoom meeting if you have not, or invite a rotary friend if you would like to catch up. Until we hear otherwise it is business as usual. May the new year bless you and keep you safe.

Mahalo nui loa,

Becca Hamar

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### Just a Thought – R Famham

#### The Phonecall



An old friend called me a few years back while I was at work. I was surprised and delighted to hear from him, but unfortunately I was in the middle of an important project, so I told him I would call him back. I then made a "note to self" to do just that, and got on with the project.

Later that day, setting the project aside, I gathered my notes and filed them for later. Later turned out to be a couple weeks later, when I finally retrieved my notes to continue on. It was then that I discovered a misfiled and forgotten "note to self."

Feeling very guilty, I immediately called my friend back. His longtime fiancé answered the phone. She was pleased to hear from me but very sad to report that my friend had just passed away. She explained that he knew he was dying and had undoubtedly called me to say "goodbye."

I expressed my sincere sympathy, made a feeble attempt to explain what happened, and confessed how guilty I felt about my failure to call my friend back before it was too late. I apologized profusely, but am confident that my apology fell on deaf ears.

As I think back on that incident, I try to comfort myself with the rationalization that "it wasn't really my fault." I was very busy when I took the call and it was only reasonable to assume that a very lengthy, even if pleasant, call would ensue. So I reasonably offered to call him back.

Being very busy at the time, and under pressure to make progress on the project, it was only reasonable that I might forget to return the call, and even lose the "note to self." And how could I possibly know the urgency of the situation? My friend may have sounded a bit despondent on the phone, but he never said that he was dying.

I like to think that I was just a person, doing what people have to do to succeed, just someone trying to make a living. I try to forget that my friend also was just a person, only doing what people have to do when they are dying.

I would like to pretend that, in the end, we were both successful. I continued doing what people have to do to succeed and make a living. And he continued on to dying.

*Let us not forget what is really important in life.*

### Just for Fun – We Need to Live with It





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From the Archives – January 25, 2001

Royal Kona Resort

January 25, 2001



## Kona Coffee Blossom

ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

### Employee Appreciation Day

January 25, 2001

This week we are all given the opportunity to say thank you and to show our appreciation to our employees for all of their hard work. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the day to day chores of running a business that we neglect to say thank you, or great job, or wow, you did all that!

We all know that those words can sometimes be more important to an employee than a 25 cent raise. But, some days just fly by and before we know it weeks or months have passed by and we've missed numerous opportunities to show our appreciation. Just 30 seconds is all it takes. Just do it! (as a famous sports apparel manufacturer used to say).

If you haven't phoned Jan Marrack to let her know you're binging an employee, do it before Thursday.

### Nearing Our 100% Paul Harris Goal

Getting closer! Only 7 to go.

We are getting closer to our goal of becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. We need only 7 more members to have their cumulative total giving to the Rotary Foundation reach \$1,000. We can do it!

**The newest Paul Harris Fellows are Bev Fraser, Janet Lum Won, Larry Peckham, Dennis Krueger, Ron Hawkes, Charla Thompson, Steve Barnes, Dan Malakie, Pat Berry, and DeWayne Sluss.** We still have matching funds and credits available and Ron



Scott has orders from our President to make sure we reach 100% by next week, so Ron is ready to negotiate.

If you are one of the 7 remaining non-Paul Harris Fellows, please give Ron a call at 334-9417 and let's make a deal!

As previously reported, we have also achieved the District Goal of \$125 per person. Our total contributions to the Rotary Foundation exceed \$11,000, or almost \$140 per person! Congratulations Rotary Club of Kona!

### Mahalo MasterCard Championship Volunteers —

January 16 – 21, 2001

To all of you who so generously gave of your time. MAHALO !! It didn't matter if it was 4 hours or 4 days everyone working together is what makes it work. Some volunteers we see and others are behind the scenes.

To all we say it again MAHALO NUI LOA !!!.

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*Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948*

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## At the Podium – Bob Barker – 3M Sr Safety Specialist

February 4, 2021



Born and Raised in Los Angeles, CA. Married to Anita Barker  
First Moved to Kona in 2012. Moved back to Kona from Oahu  
this past August after 4 Years in Honolulu.

Employer: 3M Company (17 Years / 20 Years in Safety)  
Role: Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Specialist  
(OSHA Trainer)

Work Experience: General Contractor, Plumbing Contractor

Degrees: BS Business from the University of Southern California - 1995  
MS Occupational Health and Safety from Columbia Southern University – 2021

Organizations/Activities: America Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), Elks Member, Golf, Hiking, SUP, Yoga

## Just Last Week –Meghan Dehning Learned – Medicare Plans



Megan Dehning Learned is an independent health insurance agent who represents several different insurance companies representing Medicare plans on Hawai'i Island.

**What is Medicare?**

- The U.S. government's largest health insurance program
- Created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

**Original Medicare**

- Offered by the federal government
- Covers much but not all of your care
- Deductibles and coinsurance

**Medicare Parts**

- Parts A and B = Original Medicare
- Part C = Medicare Advantage
- Part D = Prescription Drug Coverage

**Medicare Part D**

Prescription drug coverage

- Offered by private companies contracted with the federal government
- Must offer at minimum the basic coverage required by Medicare
- Each Part D plan has its own list of covered drugs—choose the one that includes medicines you take regularly

**Two ways to obtain coverage**

- A stand-alone insurance plan
- As part of a Medicare Advantage plan that includes Part D (MAPD)

**Medicare Advantage Plan Types**

Health maintenance organization (HMO)

In most cases, a primary care provider arranges your healthcare within the plan's network.

Preferred provider organization (PPO)

Choose any provider that accepts Medicare, but you may pay less for in-network services.

Private-fee-for-service (PFFS)\*

Generally, there is more freedom to choose providers, but a network arrangement may still apply.

Special Needs Plans (SNPs)

SNPs are tailored for those who have a chronic illness

**Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans**

These plans, often called "Medigap" coverage, work with Original Medicare.

- They are designed to help pay some of the costs Original Medicare doesn't pay, such as copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.
- Each Medicare Supplement has a unique blend of benefits. Medicare beneficiaries may want this type of plan because costs can be more predictable, and they are not limited to a network of providers.

**Your Medicare Options**

Most people use Medicare coverage in one of three ways...

**Option one: Original Medicare**

- Beneficiary pays Part A and B deductibles and coinsurance on their own
- May purchase standalone Part D drug plan

**Option two: Medicare Supplement (Medigap)**

- Beneficiary pays monthly premium for policy
- Supplement covers all or part of Original Medicare deductibles and coinsurance
- May purchase standalone Part D drug plan

**Option three: Medicare Advantage Plan**

- Beneficiary pays monthly plan premium (if applicable)
- Frequently includes extra benefits and services
- May include Part D drug plan

**When making a Medicare choice, consider these factors**

**Cost**

Can you afford the premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and copayments?

**Benefits**

Do you need coverage for hearing, vision, dental, prescription drugs?

**Convenience**

Are network providers conveniently located?

**Providers**

Do your doctors and preferred healthcare facilities accept the plan?

**Important Dates**

**Annual Election Period (AEP)**  
Oct 15 thru Dec 7

- Enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan for the next calendar year
- Enroll in a standalone Part D drug plan for the next calendar year

**Special Enrollment Period (SEP)**

- Timing depends on reason for SEP
- Moving
- Qualify for extra help because of low income
- Qualify for a Special Needs Plan (SNP)
- Consult a professional for all available options

For more information:  
<https://www.medicare.gov/>

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International

February 2021



In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peace-builders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

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### Rotary Works

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



### At the Club

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



### At Rotary District 5000

**Message to D5000 Rotarians, Get the word out about these Rotary Opportunities!**

- 1) HRYF Scholarships for High School Seniors -Deadline Feb 1
- 2) RYLA for High School students (9th -12th grade)-Deadline Feb 20
- 3) Junior RYLA for Middle School Student - Deadline Feb 1

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is an annual program to provide skills and character development, while opening the door to Rotary's value of service and ethical standards. Rotary clubs sponsor the students at \$100 and \$25 for high and middle school students, respectively. This year for the first time, we are have a virtual middle school RYLA on Saturday, Feb 13, from 10am to Noon. Spaces are limited.

High School RYLA is virtual as well and will be held on Feb 26-27. There will be speakers, small group ohana discussions and even a "Survival kit" sent to each student.

HRFYF (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation) Scholarships for graduating seniors attending a 4-year accredited US university. Each participating club awards a \$5,000 scholarship. Last year, \$250,000 was awarded!

For information and the applications, go to:

- 1) HRYF: <https://www.hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org/apply-now/>
- 2) High School RYLA: <https://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/ryla>
- 3) Middle School RYLA: <https://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/junior-ryla>

Please spread the word. Thanks! Naomi Masuno 808-492-0126

### Just for Fun – Siri Knows Best 1





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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – SHARRON ACKLES, Governor's Liaison for West Hawaii

In March of 2003, Sharron Ackles was appointed as the Governor's Liaison for West Hawaii.

Her background includes extensive Community Service and she has served on the Board of Directors for the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, the Kona Family YMCA, and several other service organizations. Locally she is perhaps best known for the excellent job she did as Race Director for the Ironman Triathlon 1992 - 2002.

With husband Joe, daughter Shelly, and son Brandon, Sharron moved to the islands in 1987. Her professional training and experience is in accounting, human resources and business management.

The topics Sharron will be discussing at Thursday's meeting include:

1. Services of the West Hawaii Liaison Office
2. Governor's Initiatives for the Legislature
3. Education Reform Ballot Question in November

### At the Club – NOTES FROM PRESIDENT BEV

The next work party at the Makao Walking/Jogging Path is set for this Saturday, February 7, 2004. Start time is 7:00 am and there will be a delicious barbecue at around 11 for all workers. If you have any equipment that we can use such as chain saws and wheel barrows please let PP Barbara Bush know @ 960-8292.

Member needs assistance - PP Ron Luiz is looking for a fellow Rotarian to provide him with a ride back and forth to meetings for the next few months. As we know, Ron recently had back surgery and is at home recovering, but not yet able to drive. Anyone who can help please call Ron @ 329-2083.

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Mastercard Tournament!! It was a great success for everyone and the club is especially grateful to Ron and Kathy Hawkes for another great year!

If you haven't already received a letter requesting a donation for the Mastercard Mahalo Party scheduled for February 15, 2004, please consider making a donation to the party. Our volunteers worked long and hard and we want to provide them the best party ever. Any donations for prizes are welcome - please let Cheryl Holdcroft know if you can help.

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Service Above Self

*This Week*

Feb 5, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: SHARRON ACKLES  
Governor's Liaison  
for West Hawaii

Greeter: Chuck Cartwright

Door Prize: Rick Merschdorf

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Alan Clark 02/12  
Ken Clewett 02/19

Door Prize:  
Mark McGuffie 02/12  
Richard McDowell 02/19

Birthdays:

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SARA PECK 02/12  
UH Sea Grant Extension  
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February 11, 2021



**MICHAEL KENNEDY** - Senior Management Executive

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with the many facets of running a condominium or community association.

A summary of Michael's work history includes:

- 30 + years of Property (business) Management
- 30 + years of Vendor Management
- 10 + years of Project Management
- 25 + years of Employee Management
- 5 + years of Condo Association Management

Properties currently managed by Michael include:

- Alii Cove
- Alii Park Place
- Keauhou Punahele
- Kona Makai
- Kona Paradise
- Kona Sunset Villas
- Makai Vistas at Waikoloa
- Shores at Waikoloa

## Just Last Week – Bob Barker – 3M Sr Safety Specialist



3M Company (17 Years / 20 Years in Safety) Role: Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Specialist (OSHA Trainer)

Bob's specialty is personal safety which includes Respirators, Hearing Protection, and Firefighting Tanks. Originally in sales, he is now nearly fulltime in consulting.

He notes that in 2019 he was universally ignored when meeting with health departments and hospitals with a warning of an impending pandemic, at a time when preparedness would have dramatically reduced the severity in Hawaii.

He explained that respirators, which remove 95% of particulates, are different from most masks in use today, that only remove up to 50%. Also that 3M has ramped up their production of respirators from 150,000 per month to 1,200,000 per month to help in fighting the pandemic.

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

### Notes from Jenaya

**This coming Monday, Meet Up is back!** As much as we all love Zoom it's nice to see people in person! We are going to meet at Magics Grill on Monday, Feb 15 at 5:00 pm. You can eat, have drinks or just hang out. All are welcome!

### Simon Ellis Received Bedingsfield Scholarship



Upon (virtual) graduation from Dartmouth in the Spring of 2020, Simon moved to the East Coast to begin his service as a Teach For America Teacher in Boston, Massachusetts. Although he majored in Government and Philosophy, he is excited to teach 8th-grade science, and brush up on his science skills. The Rotary Scholarship helped empower and support Simon during his time at Dartmouth and was a huge help in his college finances. He is eager to complete his service term in TFA and return to Hawai'i with his family and begin making an impact, in some field, on the Islands.

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From the Archives – February 8, 2001

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ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

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### Members of Kawasaki-Chuo Rotary Club Visit

February 8, 2001

Seven members of our sister club in Japan the **Kawasaki-Chuo Rotary Club** will attend the club meeting on February 8, 2001. They will present the annual \$ 1,000 friendship scholarship which they



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fund to Asako and Alan Pratt Co-Chairs of the Kawasaki-Chuo and Kona Rotary Clubs Friendship Scholarship, and Japan Sister Club liaison.

The Pratts were instrumental in setting up the sister club relationship

### Update on Hokuli'a Project

February 15, 2001

Next week, we will have Rick Humphreys update us on the Hokuli'a project that has been on going for a num-

ber of years. The project site is makai of the Kealahou Post Office.

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Hawai'i CC – Pālanui offers associate degree and certificate programs. The campus also serves as a University of Hawai'i Center, which means we deliver more than 60 certificates, bachelor's degrees, and graduate degrees from campuses across the UH system, such as Mānoa, Hilo and West O'ahu. We can anyone enroll in these programs, and also provide the local student support to help students succeed.

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MICHAEL KENNEDY - Senior Management Executive



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**USING AMENITIES (POOLS, ETC)** - Shut everything down and then reopen slowly with strict enforced guidelines.

**MANDATORY QUARANTINE** - As management have no authority, rely on health dept police to enforce.

**SALES** - Fortunately not a problem, at least so far. Activity and prices remain high.

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### In My Opinion – Racism Solved – R. Farnham

I've given it some serious thought. I even thought about doing some serious research, then thought better of it. In any case, after that serious thought, I believe I have come up with the solution to the problem of racism. Race is defined by several traits including, among others, ancestry, heritage, culture, religion and/or belief system, but predominately, color of the skin.

Herein lies, what I believe, is the problem. We only recognize a few colors to define race; white, black, brown (sometimes), red and yellow. And not only is this not nearly enough, but the designations are seldom, if ever, accurate. White people, for instance, are never even close to white, except maybe for albinos, but that's rare, and not the least bit helpful in defining race. White people vary from a very pale ivory to a pale tan, unless they also have a tan, and then to a medium tan.

Black people are never actually black either. Black seems to go from a pale tan (sound familiar?) to a deep ebony. Brown people can be almost any color, but seldom actually brown. Everyone knows that red people aren't really red. They are just the white people who were here first. Of course, if they have a serious sunburn, they may be kind of red. Yellow people, as far as I know, don't exist. People usually referred to as yellow are just white people from far away, with languages that have way too many letters, that look funny and are printed backwards, the letters, not the people.

So what to do? I suggest that we adopt a universal system of skin colors, that everyone agrees on, and carefully analyze the color palette of all people presently alive. We can then identify each and every person as in to which defined color race they belong, and then decide individually how each of us feels about each individual.

I propose the following sixteen colors, all verified as being actual and true skin colors, for race classification purposes. Pale Ivory, Warm Ivory, Sand, Rose Beige, Limestone, Beige, Sienna, Amber, Honey, Dark Sand, Almond, Bronze, Umber, Golden, Espresso, and Ebony. Every person alive would then go to an approved race classification center and be classified as to belonging to one of the sixteen color "races."

Then it's "easy peasy." We all just decide which colors we like and don't like and act accordingly. Schools, businesses, and clubs might still have to accept applicants from every color group, but we can select our friends and from specific color races only, with some assurance that a would be friend wasn't trying to pass as White when they were obviously Umber, or pass as Black, when they were obviously Sienna.

Granted, it would take some time to get everyone classified, and there would undoubtedly be some dissatisfaction, in some individuals, about their race color classification. Pleas of, "I just got too much sun, I'm not really this color," or "I've been sick, my color is off due to the jaundice." In such cases, adjustments could be made, and prejudices put on hold for awhile, until normal colors resumed.

Serious disagreements about what color a person actually was, and thus what privileges or confidences they might, or might not deserve, could be resolved by friendly discussion or, if necessary, by agreed upon mediation or, if necessary by mandated arbitration or, if necessary, in the courts. I'm confident disagreements would be few and litigation seldom necessary.

Or, we could just consider everyone to be of one race, the human race. "Easy Peasy!"

### Just for Fun – Cease and Desist





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**February 25**  
**Kazuo Todd**  
Fire Safety

**March 3**  
**Susan Scott**  
Social Services  
in Bangladesh

**March 10**  
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Suicide  
Prevention

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Kukulu iokomaika‘i a  
me piliakoha maika‘i a‘e

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Pono ia ka kou

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**David Rees-Thomas**

Will be speaking on the Topic Of  
Hawaii



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Every 3rd Thursday of the month upstairs in  
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### Rotary International

A Glimpse into What other Clubs are doing around the World

### Rotary Club Santa Barbara Helps Guatemala

This month, the Santa Barbara Rotary Club is taking its message of goodwill one step further by traveling to Guatemala, where the club is partnering with an organization called Mayan Families to help feed, educate, and improve shelter for members of the Central American country's indigenous community.



During the trip, the Rotary Club tries to address the most pressing of needs, and the water-purifying systems the Rotarians bring, which are designed to last a lifetime, are a particular game changer. "They have plenty of water," said Petersen. "It's just not good water." They also provide stoves, school supplies, medical devices, vitamins, and even egg-laying chickens, three of which cost only \$15, so every little bit of support helps.

Keep up the good work Rotarians!

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### Just for Fun – I'm Still Going to Gripe about IT

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

July 20, 2015



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February 25, 2021

Alan Wilson:



I'm 41 years old, I'm from North Carolina, and have lived on the Big Island for 12 years now. I love golf and with golf as with much of my life, I'm learning as I go.

The origins of Nashville's now-famous hot chicken date back to the 1930s. As local legend goes, a scorned woman was seeking revenge on her womanizing significant other, Thornton Prince, so she doused his chicken with cayenne pepper, hoping it would be inedible. But it turned out Prince loved it!!!! And the rest is history.

So in this Hot AF tradition we present to you, Willie's Hot Chicken. Half of the reason why Willie's Hot Chicken is coming in HOT! Visionary Alan Wilson started planning this since he was approached with the idea by Shawn O. Alan is THE man, THE myth, and THE legend!

## Just Last Week – Roger Harris– Palamanui College



Roger Harris is Director of Governmental Affairs for Hawaii Community College.



## This Week

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Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peace-builders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

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### Around Town – More About Palamanui College

**AMPHITHEATER, AFFORDABLE HOUSING HIGHLIGHT PALAMANUI DEAL**  
(Article by Nancy Cook, West Hawaii Today)

Developer Palamanui Global Holdings sweetened the pot on a rezoning deal Tuesday by promising an outdoor performing arts amphitheater and affordable housing that's more affordable, winning the massive development preliminary approval from a County Council panel.

The development, close to Hawaii Community College – Palamanui, is anticipated to include 1,116 residential units, a 30-acre university village town center with a 120-room hotel, retail shopping, commercial amenities, a 70-acre business park, a regional public park, 1,230 acres of open space and 74-acre dry forest reserve.

The development is supported by the University of Hawaii System, President David Lassner said in a Feb. 2 testimony to the council. He noted the developer has kept its promises and provided the campus financial support for the design and construction of its first building, constructed the road from Kaiminani Drive to the campus and brought the necessary electrical and water infrastructure to the campus. The campus opened in 2015.

"The University of Hawaii would warmly welcome the adjacent development of a 'University Village' to create a real community around our Hawaii Community College at Palamanui campus," Lassner said. "The medium- and long-term expansion of residences, business, entertainment and recreation around the campus will encourage and facilitate growth of higher education opportunity for the people of West Hawaii."

Developers are seeking additional amendments to what they agreed to in 2006 in order to get the property rezoned, after securing some concessions from the county in 2009.

The plan forwarded to the County Council with a favorable recommendation from the council Planning Committee contains most of what the developers asked for. It now must continue through two council readings.

"All parties worked really hard to find mutually agreeable solutions and it was great to see everybody working in that," said Planning Director Zendo Kern.

### Rotarians in Action – Tom Daniel

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



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

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

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

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



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## At District 5000

### Aloha District 5000 Rotarians!



It's official! We will host 20,000 of our friends from around the world for the 118th Rotary International Convention on June 5-9, 2027 in Honolulu! RI President Knaack said, "Beyond the incredible economic impact this convention will have, the people of Hawai'i will be inspired by the humanitarian causes of Rotary International."

We were all disappointed when the 2020 Honolulu Convention had to be cancelled, but we regrouped to submit a 2027 bid proposal with our outstanding partners at the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau. We expect that many visitors will also travel to the neighbor islands when they come to Hawaii for the convention.

This is also a testament to all of you from throughout the District who worked on the 2020 convention planning and volunteer list. You helped give confidence to Rotary International to accept our bid to do it again in 2027. Thanks also to the 2027 bid team led by PDGs Del Green and John Steelquist, DG Naomi Masuno, DGN Randy Hart, Past AG Liz Kane, and AG Ted Faigle. Thanks also to our colleagues at Rotary International for this opportunity. This will be one of the largest conventions ever hosted in Hawaii!

### February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month.



As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We can create peace in communities by carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships.

Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace. Rotary and its members are:

**Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

**Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

**Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

**Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

[Click Here to See the Newsletter](#)

Join the District's Peacebuilder Committee, which meets every fourth Tuesday at 5:30pm. Next meeting: February 23, 2021 on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3299039244?pwd=R3FTcUFFbHFnU1Yvc3NFOG1YSDJl4dz09>

Meeting ID: 329 903 9244, Passcode: Peace2021

Thank you for being a part of this organization that does so much good in the world.

DG Naomi Masuno, 808-492-0126

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## At the Podium – Wendy Laros – Chamber of Commerce

March 4, 2021



### Leadership and Advocacy for a Successful Business Environment in West Hawai'i.

I was born and raised in a town called Redding located at the tip of the Central Valley in Northern California as it transitions to the Cascade foothills. The city is surrounded by mountains in the north, east and west and fertile farm land to the south. Notable attractions – Mount Shasta, Shasta Dam, Shasta Lake, the Sacramento River and Sundial Bridge. The town originated due to the Central Pacific

Railroad and resources such as mining and lumber. Today, the economy is based on services including healthcare, retail and tourism.

I have lived in Hawaii since 1986, starting in Maui for a few years with the past 28 years in Kona. I was married in Kailua-Kona at Ahuena Heiau at the King Kamehameha Hotel in 1995. My husband is Keller Laros and we have three children who were all born and raised in Kona. Keller is well-known in the dive industry as an expert on manta rays and Manta Pacific Research Foundation as well as a viral video of a dolphin rescue underwater at on a manta ray night dive.

I started college at California State University Sacramento and transferred to University of Hawai'i, Hilo where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. My focus was on social psychology and the psychology of learning. I've also attended UH Manoa and earned a Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology.

I am the Executive Director of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that my profession was in ocean recreation tourism that included teaching scuba to managing events, marketing, community outreach and an education department at a successful locally owned and internationally recognized scuba and snorkel business, Jack's Diving Locker. Prior to becoming a staff member of the Chamber, I was an active member participating in the numerous events and activities offered by the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. I was honored to be nominated as the Chamber's Chair of the Education and Workforce Development Committee while the group conducted the West Hawai'i Workforce Needs study. In 2016, I joined the staff at the Chamber and in 2017 was selected at the organization's Executive Director.

## Just Last Week – Alan Wilson – Willies Hot Chicken



**Alan Wilson:** I'm 41 years old, I'm from North Carolina, and have lived on the Big Island for for 12 years now. I have been an investment banker in North Carolina, and a property manager, dive master, boat captain, and a restaurateur in Kona. I'm still learning as I go.

Willies Hot Chicken, located in the Brewery Block, and a franchisee of National Hot Chicken, opened in Kona recently during the pandemic. But with great food and service, and an excellent manager and staff, the restaurant has survived, grown, and is currently doing well, all things considered.

Early challenges included finding the right location, finding the right management and staff, and, of course, the pandemic. But now, a year later, the simple menu of fried or grilled chicken served in a variety of ways with a variety of spices, and salads has proven a success. With generous outside seating and now live music, Alan is looking forward to doing even better. Not satisfied with one restaurant, Alan is hoping to expand as soon as it is feasible.

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March 6, 2008

Weekly Newsletter for The Rotary Club of Kona



## THIS WEEK: PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i

Founded in 1986, the mission of PATH (People's Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i) is "to safely connect the people and places on Hawaii Island with pathways and bikeways."



This week we will be joined by Laura Dierenfield, the Executive Director of PATH who will address the club on the organization and their involvement in our community.



## How Rotary is helping Johnny (and Jenny) read

John Corcoran prayed a lot when he was in Catholic grade school: "I used to pray, 'Dear, God, when it comes my turn, please let me be able to read the words.'"

Suffering from an undiagnosed learning disability, Corcoran sat in the back row, called the "dumb row." But he was athletic and good in math. So Corcoran charmed, lied, cheated, and even bought his way through high school and college, eventually becoming a teacher and successful real estate investor. All without ever learning to read and write. It wasn't until he was 48 that he learned to read through a community learning center. Now, through the John Corcoran Foundation, based in Oceanside, California, USA, he works to end illiteracy in North America. And he's even gone on to write two books, including a best-selling memoir, *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*.



Photo courtesy of John Corcoran

### Losing ground

When most North Americans hear about illiteracy, they think it's a problem in other parts of the world. Given that every U.S. and Canadian child has the opportunity to attend school, literacy rates ought to be much higher, Corcoran and others observe. But poverty, undiagnosed learning disabilities, and sometimes even the education system itself are to blame for more and more children slipping through the cracks. The effects of low levels of literacy continue into adulthood. The National Endowment for the Arts released a report last November that showed correlations between income disparity and the decline of reading. Adult illiteracy in the United States alone carries a \$17 billion per year price tag in lost income and tax revenue, welfare, unemployment, crime, and training costs in business.

Mike Chittom, of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA, has seen the effects of illiteracy firsthand in a third-grade classroom at a local school, which his club supports through a mentoring project. "If every Rotary club could get involved with a school, there is no telling what we could accomplish," Chittom says.

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, of Canada, has made fighting illiteracy an emphasis for Rotarians and appointed an RI Literacy Resource Group to encourage and support clubs in developing literacy projects.

"[Literacy is] the next progression of what the world needs," Wilkinson says. "We know water is the key issue. Once they have good water, they can have good health. When they have good health, they can go to school, become literate."

Wilkinson wrote the foreword to Corcoran's forthcoming book, *Bridge to Literacy: No Child or Adult Left Behind*. Corcoran lauds Rotary's efforts, calling them an "exciting development" and noting that "Rotarians are known for

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### GREETER

Gretchen  
Watson-Kabei

### DOOR PRIZE

Rick Mershdorf

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### March 13

Joint meeting  
with the Kona  
Kohala Chamber  
of Commerce  
and Governor  
Linda Lingle

### Birthdays

Dick Fearing  
03/09  
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Leadership and Advocacy for a Successful Business Environment in West Hawai'i.



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Incorporated in 1968, the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that consists of nearly 500 business members representing a variety of industries and sectors including agriculture and aquaculture, banking and financial services, construction and real estate, education and government, health and wellness, hospitality and tourism, retail

and professional services, technology, transportation and more. Collectively, we work to strengthen the local economy, represent business interest with government and promote our community.

Wendy, the Executive Director of the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, gave Club members an excellent update on what the Chamber is doing these days, and how it's dealing with the Pandemic. She noted that the Chamber currently has around 1100 members representing about 500 businesses, and fortunately the membership has not been significantly affected by the crisis, even with the lack of regular membership meetings and events.

With an emphasis on advocacy, the Chamber has been very busy updating and implementing their Strategic Plan Initiatives. By Meeting regularly with legislators and mother decision makers, providing written testimony on appropriate legislation, and providing key resources for businesses, the Chamber has been very influential in keeping unemployment rates down, and our Island open to travel.

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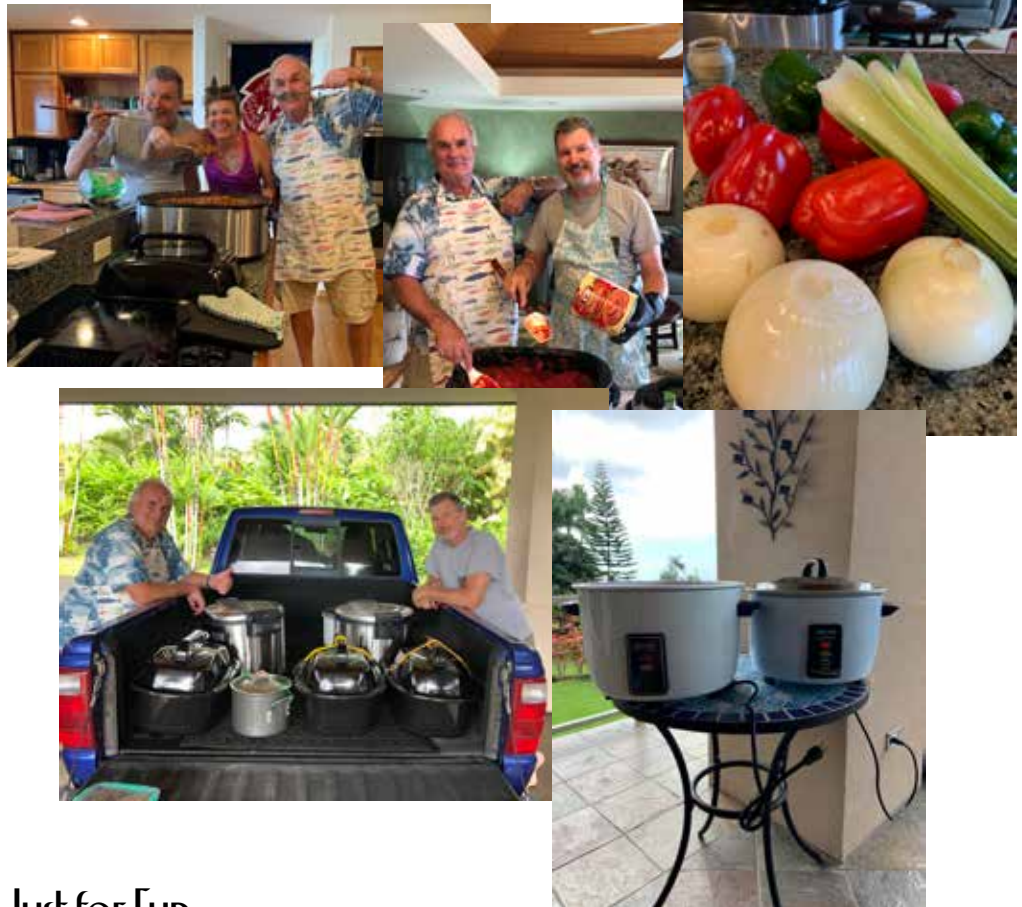
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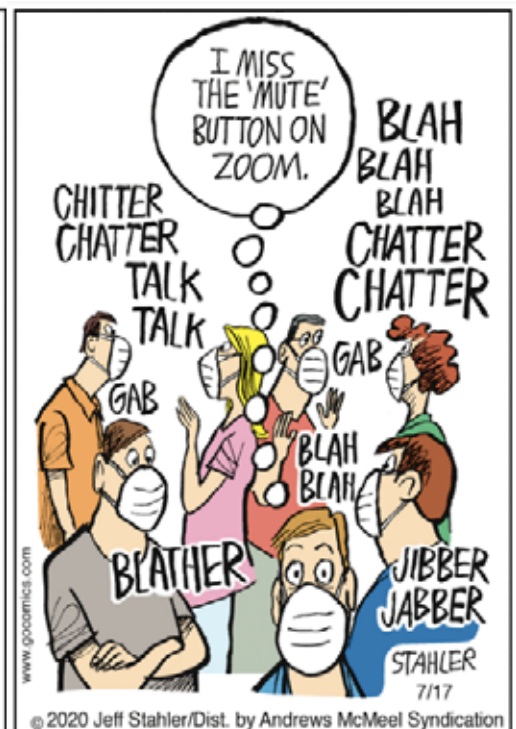
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## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT, Sara Peck

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.

She will be giving a power point presentation.

### At the Club – CENTENNIAL PROJECT WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY

PLEASE come out to the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path this Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



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(From West Hawaii Today) KAILUA-KONA— For Christy A. Logan, art education is a crucial part of a child's learning experience. "It opens their mind to creativity," she said, speaking from experience, because when Logan was a student and instructed by her art teachers what she had to paint, her young mind would instead race about all the different possibilities she could create.

Logan has spearheaded an effort to make sure students have supplies to fill their wildest imaginations, having raised \$6,800 (in 2016) for art wares for classrooms. Fulfilling, she said, because teaching children to learn using different techniques, including artistic expression, is part of a teacher's job.



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In her talk she covered a wide range of concerns and initiatives of her international organization. She stressed the importance of acknowledging grievances, opening up discussions, getting "out of the bubble," admitting a general lack of sensitivity, and an overwhelming need to LISTEN.

She described the Project as a "Justice Incubator" providing access to information, services and financial help for the "fellows" that constitute the membership of the organization. Services provided include educational resources, access to modern equipment, and help with staffing.

Cynthia also commented that much of what she has observed in other countries and cultures, just before a major insurrection and change of political structure, is very similar to what the US is currently experiencing in our current political climate.

For more information about Project Expedite Justice, click on any or all of the links below:

<https://www.projectexpeditejustice.org/>

<https://www.westhawaii.com/2020/10/20/hawaii-news/big-island-judge-earns-2020-champion-for-social-justice-award/>

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### Our Rotary Family – Eliane Rees-Thomas Passes On



## Eliane Rees-Thomas

Eliane Rees-Thomas was born in Geneva, Switzerland on September 5, 1936 to a Swiss mother, and an Italian father. She had one brother, Jean, four years her senior.

Eliane grew up Catholic and as a teenager became a member of a Geneva Pentecostal church. After high school, she obtained her teaching degree in a Paris college, then taught in a Swiss mountain village.

While there, she felt called to ministry and in 1960 traveled to London to attend Elim Bible College to become a missionary to Africa. There she met future husband David, and on September 1, 1962 married in Geneva. Even though Eliane did not become a missionary, she traveled the world with her husband pastoring in England, Wales, New Zealand, Missouri, California, and finally Kona, Hawaii.

Being an avid reader, Eliane loved to share her knowledge in schools and churches, teaching all ages and abilities. She lived and loved well, leaving a legacy of family and friends who were listened to, prayed for, and cherished.

Eliane passed away February 8, 2021 and is survived by her husband, David C. Rees-Thomas; daughter, Michelle Romo (Nick); son, David G. Rees-Thomas; grandchildren, Edana and Cealinn; cousin Jean-Pierre Grosjean (Jacqueline), and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. at Living Stones Church on Ali'i Drive. The livestream link will be available on the church website ([livingstoneschurch.com](http://livingstoneschurch.com)) and FaceBook. For those attending in person, COVID protocols will be followed and no food will be served afterwards. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Kona.





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*At the Podium* - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, Cindy Evans,  
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B.A. Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington

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American Telephone and Telegraph, 1968 - 1981, Customer Service  
Representative, Union Steward, AFL-CIO  
Washington State Government, 1982 - 1995, Natural Resources Manager, Real  
Estate Agent, Facility Manager  
Columbia Pacific Healthcare Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia, 1996 - 1998, Development  
Executive  
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Honalo, HI 96740

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Kameula, HI 96740

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## At the Podium – David Rees–Thomas – Kona Rotary

March 25, 2021



### 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 knowledge 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.

## Just Last Week – Christy Logan – School Art Supplies



(From West Hawaii Today) KAILUA-KONA— For Christy A. Logan, art education is a crucial part of a child's learning experience. "It opens their mind to creativity," she said, speaking from experience, because when Logan was a student and instructed by her art teachers what she had to paint, her young mind would instead race about all the different possibilities she could create.

Logan has spearheaded an effort to make sure students have supplies to fill their wildest imaginations, having raised \$6,800 (in 2016) for art wares for classrooms. Fulfilling, she said, because teaching children to learn using different techniques, including artistic expression, is part of a teacher's job.

In her talk the Rotary Club of Kona, Christy stressed how much she and her organization has appreciated the support of the Club, and the donation of \$5000 for last year's supply fund.

Now currently funded in large part by the Robert's foundation, her efforts support up to five local schools in the purchase of art supplies. In past years there has been "Shopping Sprees," where keiki could actually pick out their own supplies, but the Pandemic has made that very popular practice much more difficult. Hopefully it can be brought back for the next school year, as the Pandemic, hopefully, winds down.

Kristy indicated that around 1500 elementary school keiki benefit from her program each year.

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### Program:

David Rees-Thomas  
Kona Rotary

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Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

DNA

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Maverick Malech

Berkshire Hathaway 04/01

Ryan Thompson

Pro Solar Hawaii 04/08

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### Around the World – Update on Project Expedite Justice



February 2021: Press Release - Contact: Madison Kaplan: media@projectexpeditejustice.org

**AU Children's Committee Approves Settlement to Benefit Sudanese Children**

KHARTOUM, Sudan – The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, an African Union body, has approved a settlement agreement between the Sudanese government and several human rights organizations. The agreement resolves a communication filed on behalf of children from the Blue Nile and South Kordofan States (also known as the Two Areas), who were harmed by government bombing campaigns in the region between 2011 and 2016. In recognition of the human rights violations in the Two Areas, the transitional Sudanese government will acknowledge its responsibility and offer condolences to the victims. The Sudanese government has also committed to reconstructing schools and hospitals that were destroyed and allowing unfettered humanitarian access into the Two Areas, as well as to engage in legal reforms.

"This case represents a win for the children of South Kordofan and Blue Nile States. This next generation will be critical in building a future for Sudan. On behalf of the children of the Two Areas, we are pleased with the outcome and hopeful that the voices of these war-affected children are heard," said Cynthia Tai, Executive Director of Project Expedite Justice (PEJ). "Moreover, this agreement is a testament to the Committee's ability to oversee a complex negotiation, and a step forward for the transitional government of Sudan."

In 2018, PEJ and partner organizations, including the Al Khatim Adlan Centre for Enlightenment and Human Development, the International Refugee Rights Initiative, the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies, the Horn of Africa Civil Society Forum, and others, submitted a communication to the Committee alleging human rights violations against the children in the Two Areas. They asserted that the government—then led by former President Omar al-Bashir—engaged in systematic bombing campaigns against the civilian population. The attacks had an acute effect on children, who were not only maimed and killed but also faced educational and health crises as a result of the destruction of schools and hospitals. The communication argued that a number of human rights, including the rights to life, health and education, were violated in contravention of several articles of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and that the victims are therefore entitled to reparations.

The Committee deemed the Communication admissible in September 2019, and the following year in September 2020, decided the parties could pursue a settlement agreement. PEJ and partner organizations, along with the director of the People's Legal Aid Centre (PLACE) acting as co-counsel, commenced settlement negotiations with the Sudanese government in September 2020 under the guidance of two Committee members. After several weeks of negotiations, an amicable settlement agreement was reached in December 2020, ahead of the 36th Ordinary Session of the Committee. Pursuant to its terms, the government will apologize for the attacks; remedy conflict-induced gaps in health and educational services by reconstructing schools and hospitals, offering equipment and personnel training, and providing cash assistance; ensure that humanitarian aid workers have unfettered access to the region; reform laws related to atrocity crimes and sexual and gender-based violence; and ratify certain human rights instruments, such as the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

**NEXT STEPS:** The Committee will monitor the government's compliance with the terms of the agreement by assigning a rapporteur and requiring regular reporting from the government on its progress. Furthermore, Committee members will undertake a factfinding mission to the Two Areas to determine which communities were most severely affected by the bombing campaign. Then, the government will present a plan to the Committee outlining how it will restore schools and hospitals destroyed by the bombings, after which reconstruction will commence. We commend the transitional Sudanese government for the efforts they have already taken towards the full implementation of the agreement. For instance, the government has initiated the process of withdrawing its reservations to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

**BACKGROUND:** The Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child is a treaty body established by the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. Its membership consists of eleven experts elected by African Union members to advise on and promote the rights of children under the Charter. As part of its mandate, the Committee considers whether member States violated the terms of the treaty and issues recommendations on how to remedy the harm. The communication filed by PEJ and its partners is only the eleventh to be considered by the

Committee in its nearly twenty-year history. It is the second time a communication has been resolved through an amicable settlement process.

Learn more about PEJ: <https://www.projectexpeditejustice.org/>

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Jeff Smith has been the Executive Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii, Authority since December 2000.

Jeff Smith retired from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1991 after 23 years of service. Since military retirement in Hawaii he has worked in the tourist industry and subsequently the service industry. In 1994 Jeff went to work for Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) as the Hawaii Island Facility Manager and in 1996 purchased the Company from BFI and renamed the company "Pacific Waste". Mr. Smith served as President of Pacific Waste for two years before leaving the company. During a brief departure from Hawaii, Mr. Smith worked as the Facility Manager for a medical waste destruction company, Stericycle, Inc., in Salt Lake City, Utah until returning to Hawaii and accepting the job of Executive Director of NELHA.

### At the Club - NEW GENERATIONS UPDATE

Here is a quick bit of current news ON New Generations activities :

The Interact Conference is on again and set for April 17 & 18 in Oahu. The Kona officers (7), Yanna Lewis and our exchange student Emilie, are all set to attend. Our budget was only for 5 kids plus one advisor so the kids are working on fundraising and pitching in to help make up some of the difference.

Yanna felt that with this years exceptional group of officers it was too difficult to select the ones to go and the ones to leave behind. Better that they all go and they help pay for the extra cost. When the kids heard this proposal they all agreed and are actively working on making it a reality. The extra cost for the 3 students comes to about \$750. The kids themselves are going to each pay \$50 (all 8 of them) and then do some type of fundraising for the rest rather than leave some officers behind.

The conference is a major expense for our club and a very big part of the New Generations annual budget. With airfare (if I can get the best rates for interisland fares) the clubs costs will be as follows:

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Regards, Ann



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## At the Podium – Maverick Malech – Berkshire Hathaway



Maverick grew up on a ranch/-farm in Northern California in a small town, similar to Kona. While his friends were at summer camp or having long summer vacations, he would be working on the 120 acre family ranch picking apricots, prunes or pears, feeding the cows or pigs, driving tractor (at age 12) or chopping wood. He played football and track (shotput and discus) then went on to college and played football and basketball. Worst game? Losing to Boise State 77-0. ("Their cheerleaders were even bigger and stronger than us!")

Maverick went to 6 colleges...don't ask. At one point, he was going to seminary school to be a preacher / missionary. He was a Youth Pastor for over 6 years. In 1989, while attending college in Stockton, CA, he needed a job so he thought why not Real Estate? He could do it part time, while going to college but soon realized that to do anything good, you need to dedicate your time and energy into full time.

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## Just Last Week – David Rees-Thomas – Kona Rotary



As always, it was a delight having David as our speaker. He covered a variety of subjects including a brief sharing of his experience of caring for his beloved Eliane through the last few years. Recently passing after suffering from diminishing awareness, abilities, and memories, she will be sorely missed by David, her family, and all those who knew and loved her. David had high praise for Hospice of Kona and the very competent and caring staff who helped care for Eliane and the family after she returned home from her last stay in the hospital.

David also remembered with great fondness and appreciation, how members of Kona Rotary pitched in to help him repaint his house recently. Sorely in need of a touch up, and lacking the energy to tackle the job himself, he reached out to the club and the response was immediate. Several club members spent many days getting the job done, accomplishing not only the much needed facelift, but enjoying several days of fellowship as well.

As David so articulately reminded us, the Four Way Test of Rotary asks the best of us in how we live our lives and interact with others. It was a delight to hear how some of us really do "Live the Four Way Test."

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Scott Unger reminded us that help is needed for the Meet 'N Eat (Grab and Go) program he heads up. Cooks and Baggers are needed for Tuesday nights at Kealakehe Elementary. Volunteers should show up between 4:45 and 5:00 PM.

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April 1, 2021

## This Week

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### Program:

Maverick Malech

Berkshire Hathaway

### Facilitator:

Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

DNA

## Coming Up

### Programs:

Ryan Thompson

Pro Solar Hawaii 04/08

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Rachel Solemsaas

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March 2021

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### Just for Fun – We Need to Stream – R. Farnham



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 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 "Zoom" it in."

### Just for Fun – It Was a Rhetorical Question!





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## Kona Coffee Blossom

The Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

April 3, 2014



### Upcoming Speakers

Apr 10  
Ann Bouslog  
Forest City in Kona

Apr 17  
Rotarian Bev Fraser  
Friends of the Children  
of Wet Hawaii

Apr 19  
ROTARY AT WORK  
DAY  
(see page 5)

Apr 24  
Roger Harris, Director  
of Government Affairs  
Palama Nui Project

June 5  
Queen Liliuokalani  
Trust  
Project Updates

Please bring  
old newspapers  
to the next  
Rotary Meeting.  
Dick and Arlene  
Hershberger are col-  
lecting them to raise  
money for the Senior  
Citizens facility in  
Ocean View

### The Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?  
'Oia 'i' o'i keia o' lelo

Is it fair to all  
concerned?  
Kupono ia ka kau

Will it build good will  
and better friendship?  
Kukulu lokomaika'i a  
me pilialoha maika'i a'e

Will it be beneficial to  
all concerned?  
Pono ia ka kou

For more info about our club visit [www.RotaryClubofKona.com](http://www.RotaryClubofKona.com)

### This Week At the Rotary Club of Kona Stone Wolfson, Executive Director Full Life



The creation of Full Life was inspired by a loving, creative and self-determined young man named Charlie Tyler, who happened to have a developmental disability.

The Tyler family, like families everywhere, wanted to ensure their son continued to live a quality life after they were gone. They wanted him to maintain the ability to do what was important to him, receive support where he needed it and, when he didn't need any assistance, to enjoy his independence and freedom.

Charlie's family wanted to be certain that he lived a happy, safe and full life.

In 1999, after working with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Self-Determination Grant in the State of Hawai'i, the Tyler family partnered with Deann Canuteson and Larry Casper to form Full Life, based on the self-determination model. Self-determination is now the model mandated by the Federal Government for services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Full Life was registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2000 (our forms 990 can be found on GuideStar). Since then, we have grown from a small agency to an island-wide support provider with two offices, an Adult Day Health Learning Center, and over 100 employees – all committed to empowering individuals to live a self-determined life.

Full Life has never wavered from its founding principle of empowering the individuals we support to assert their fundamental human right to authority over their lives. We continue to ensure that each client we serve has the freedoms and supports that were originally provided for the Tylers' son.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Kona Rotarians!

I've just submitted our annual District Awards data to D5000, and I'm excited to see how much we do as a club! Since this awards submission is a "succinct" (only 21p!) summary of our activities, I've sent it to each of you as an email attachment so you too can get excited about what we do!

Thanks to all on the leadership team who helped to compile this impressive document!

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, when we'll learn from Executive Director Stone Wolfson about the important work of the Full Life Foundation with developmentally challenged people in our community.

A Hui Hou, Tom Daniel,  
Club President, 2013-14



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April 29  
Stephen Hicks  
April 2  
Linda Jane Kelly  
April 12

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Thomas Buswell-Ordonez  
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Ken Kjer  
Apr 1, 1973- 48 Yrs  
Renee Kraft  
Apr 1, 2004 - 17 Yrs  
Jenny Rasmussen  
Apr 19, 1918 - 3 Yrs  
Jenaya Rockman  
Apr 7, 2016 - 5 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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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, 7:30 AM  
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, 11:45 AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

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

## Submissions

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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## At the Podium – Ryan Thompson – Pro Solar Hawaii

April 8, 2021



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Maverick related that current prices range from the lowest median price (Puna district) of around \$240,000 to a highest median (North Kona district) of around \$889,000. Kukio had a high sale of 34 million last year and also had 6 sales over 10 million. This year has already exceeded those figures. He noted that condos in Alii Cove that sold just a year ago for \$600,000, sell for over \$800,000 today.

Maverick attributes the lack of inventory to a combination of events, including the Pandemic, resulting in fewer housing starts, and historically low interest rates. He predicts that the market will remain strong, at least for the foreseeable future.

Of course higher selling prices will result in higher appraisals, which will result in higher tax assessments, which will result in higher taxes.

## Rotary Works – Queen's Lei Clean-up

A Rotary work day is scheduled for Saturday April 24th. The work day begins at 8:00 AM. Contact Maverick Malech (808-282-9022) for more information. He will be sending the details of the event to members of the club. This is a multi-club event and all are urged to participate.

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### Rotary at Play – Meet Up Monday

RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN KONA -RARE ENDANGERED SEA CREATURES!



### Rotary Works – Meet N Eat – Tuesday, April 6



### Just for Fun – The Beginning of Social Media





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From the Archives – April 8, 2044

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – CLUB ASSEMBLY

Because we will not be meeting in our usual room this week, our scheduled speaker has been postponed until a later date. Fortunately this gives us the opportunity for an unscheduled Club Assembly and the chance to learn more about what happening in our different Avenues of Service. Also we will have the opportunity for an extended "happy dollar" session, so bring you announcements, tidbits to share, celebrations and lots of MONEY.

### At the Club – MAKAE'O WORK DAY COMING UP

Saturday, April 10th, from 7 to 11:30 a.m. will be our next Centennial Project workday at the Makae'o Walking logging Path. Bring your enthusiasm, gloves, and yard work tools (pruners, shovels, wheelbarrows, picks, chainsaws, weed eaters, etc...). There's lots of areas to work on so you'll be able to find a section that fits your skills! Afterward we'll have our (becoming infamous) BBQ/potluck gathering. Let's see some new faces this Saturday. Please, COME ONE AND COME ALL!

### At the Club – WORKDAY PICTURE PORTFOLIO



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Service Above Self

This Week

Apr 8, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Greeter: Dick Dennison

Door Prize: Cliff Kopp

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Frank DeWolf 04/15  
Richard Farnham 04/22

Door Prize:  
Allen Kona 04/15  
Ken Kjer 04/22

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Programs:  
Franco Acquaro, West Hawaii  
Mediation Center 04/15  
TBA 04/22

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PRO SOLAR HAWAII provides complete solar power systems and solar panel installation.

Danny Noyes, filling in for Ryan Thompson, Pro Solar President, gave a very informative talk about the state of the Solar Hot Water and Photo-Voltaic Solar Initiative that has exploded on the Big Island and in

Hawaii in the last few years.

Currently the Big Island gets about 50% of its energy from renewable sources. The rate is a bit better for the State in general. About half of that is provided by solar installations, with the balance from wind and geothermal.

Danny noted that, originally Helco was offering Net Metering for residential solar installations, which pays the same amount for excess solar generated as it receives for energy provided by Helco. However, for the last few years the rate for excess generation is only about half what they charge. While that is not as good a deal, it has resulted in Helco no longer restricting the number of installation in any given neighborhood.

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### Rotary Works – Meet N Eat – Tuesday, April 13



### Just for Fun – I'm Getting Older – R. Farnham

I never used to mind that I was getting older. In fact, when I was younger, much younger, getting older was pretty much my first priority. My brother was older, and as far as I could tell, he was having all the fun. He had lots of really cool friends, and I had a few that were not so much. He went on dates with girls, and I went to Junior Achievement and the Boy Scouts. He was pretty much a chick magnet, and I was pretty much invisible to any girl worthy of chick status. And worst of all, he drove a car and I rode a bicycle (his hand-me-down bicycle, I might add). Of course, having a license didn't mean I would be able to get a date, and being older wouldn't automatically make me any more popular in general, but at the time I took comfort in pretending it would.

Today I am much older, and I would like to think, much wiser: wise enough, in fact, to realize that getting older is neither the solution, nor the problem. The problem is that I'm getting OLD. I'm not exactly sure when it started; I think I first noticed it when one day after working in the yard and then relaxing in my Lazy Boy for a couple hours, I got up feeling not so much relaxed and rested as stiff and sore. Soon after, or perhaps before, I can't remember for sure, I also noticed that peeing was more and more becoming a case of less and less, but more and more often. And I can't remember for sure, but it was somewhere around that time, that remembering for sure (or at all) was also more and more becoming less and less. I'm pretty sure that it was about that time that I discovered that my memory was still pretty good around any events that happened in the previous 30 seconds, or more than 30 years ago. But the interval between had become increasingly fuzzy. I believe it's called the 30/30 syndrome, but I may have made that up. I can't remember.

I remember that it was about then that my hair and mustache started going gray. It was soon after that I decided to grow a beard to cover my jowls, which had started to droop decidedly, a sure sign of getting old. The beard came in less gray, but definitely not the dirty blond of my youth. Today I'm pretty much a dirty white all over, but my wife (the love of my life) refers to it as a "distinguished silver gray." Honestly, I don't mind the color of my hair so much, as the increasing lack of it. My receding hairline (a sure sign of intelligence, according to that same wife) is making a beeline towards the ever-increasing baldness of my pate. When the two meet, it may be time for a "distinguished silver gray" combover; or perhaps a "distinguished silver gray" baseball cap, which I can wear turned around backwards, so I don't look so OLD.

In truth, I've been old for a while now. I must admit, however, that even though I am, getting older, or rather my fear of it, is still pretty much my first priority.



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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

*At the Podium* - LTC FREDERICK S. CLARKE, Pohakuloa Training Area Update



LTC Frederick S. Clarke entered the Army in 1985 after graduating Who's Who in American Colleges and Distinguished Military Graduate from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. He received a Regular Army Commission and reported to Fort Bliss, Texas to attend the Officers Basic Course and Short Range Air Defense Officers Course. He is a graduate of the Air Defense Advance Course, Hawk Missile Systems Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Automation Systems Course, Command and General Staff College and the Joint Staff College.

Upon graduation LTC Clarke was assigned to 5th Battalion, 52nd ADA, 24th Infantry Division, Rapid Deployment Force, Fort Stewart, Georgia. His assignments included; Chaparral Platoon Leader, Vulcan Executive Officer and Aide to the Assistant Division Commander. He returned to Fort Bliss, Texas and joined Special Operations, Security Assistance Team serving as a Hawk Mobile Training Team Chief in the Middle East. He deployed with an all Arab force, on 2 August 1990 to defend National Critical Assets in the United Arab Emirates, Persian Gulf. He returned to Fort Bliss and Commanded Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion (Patriot), 6th ADA Brigade. LTC Clarke served in his functional specialty as the Automation Systems Officer in Charge of the Regional Communications Service Center in The Netherlands. He served as the Brigade Logistics Officer of the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, V Corps, Giebelstadt, Germany. LTC Clarke also served as the Battalion Executive and Operations officer in 5-7 ADA, 69th ADA BDE, Hanau, Germany.

LTC Clarke returned from Ankara, Turkey serving as EUCOM-FWD Missile Defense Operations Officer in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He served as the Joint Missile Defense Branch Chief, (Israel/NATO) European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He is currently the Commander of Pohakuloa Training Area, Big Island of Hawaii. He is married to Veronique and has a 3 year old daughter named Savannah. His Awards and Decorations include:

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal, 2nd Oakleaf Cluster  
Army Commendation Medal, 2nd Oakleaf Cluster  
Army Achievement Medal, 3rd Oakleaf Cluster

*At the Club* - MAKAE'O MAHALO

MAHALO TO ALL of you that showed up last Saturday for the Centennial Project work party at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path! You did a GREAT job! THANK YOU. Our next opportunity to participate on this project will be on Saturday, May 8th, 7 to 11:30 a.m. with a BBQ/potluck afterward. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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S. CLARK,  
Pohakuloa Training Area

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Tom Fine 04/29

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Riley W. Smith, Sandwich Isles  
Communications 04/22  
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## Rotary Calendar

GRAB N' GO

Meet N' Eat is now Grab N' Go and is held Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealakehe Elementary Parking Lot (near the field) and at Old A (Salvation Army sponsored). Call: Scott Unger @ 808-747-7311 if you would like to help out.

## Community Calendar

April 17  
HAWAII VOLCANOES  
NATIONAL PARK FEE-FREE  
DAY

Honoring the first day of National Park week there will be no entrance fee to the Park today.

## Member Birthdays

Alysia Dinneen  
April 29  
Stephen Hicks  
April 2  
Linda Jane Kelly  
April 12

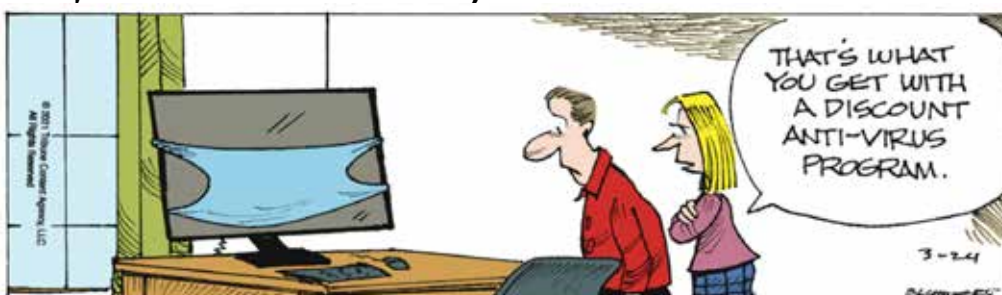
## Date Joined Anniversaries

Thomas Buswell-Ordonez  
Apr 11, 2019 - 3 Yrs  
Ken Kjer  
Apr 1, 1973- 48 Yrs  
Renee Kraft  
Apr 1, 2004 - 17 Yrs  
Jenny Rasmussen  
Apr 19, 1918 - 3 Yrs  
Jenaya Rockman  
Apr 7, 2016 - 5 Yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

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## Just for Fun – Anti Virus Program



## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45 AM  
PaPa Kona Restaurant  
Across from St Michael  
75-5770 Ali'i 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, 7:30 AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

### Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
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### Just for Fun – I'm On a Diet – R. Farnham



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 "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.

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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 165 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.

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## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – RILEY W. SMITH, Sandwich Isles Communication

Riley W. Smith has been with Sandwich Isles Communications since August 2002. He is responsible for the oversight of the engineering design of the fiber optic network throughout the State of Hawaii. His responsibilities include overseeing the design of the underground telecommunications infrastructure. Smith is a registered professional engineer in the State of Hawaii, Civil Branch.

Prior to joining Sandwich Isles Communications, Smith served as Vice President Project Management for Parker Ranch, Deputy Chief Engineer for the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works; was a Project Manager for PBR Hawaii and Bedford Properties, the Associate Managing Engineer for East Honolulu Community Services, and Project Engineer for Kaiser Development. Smith began his career as a Design Engineer for Akinaka & Associates.

Smith has served as the President of the Rotary Club of North Hawaii, the Hawaiian Business/Professional Association and the Halona Point Bodsurfing Association and as the Treasurer of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Island Chapter. He is Chair of the County's Environmental Management Commission and is also on the Board of Directors for the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. His professional affiliations include the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (President Elect, 2004), the American Water Works Association, the American Public Works Association, and the Water Environment Federation. Smith is a member of Waimea Preservation Association, Waimea Outdoor Circle, the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee and the Waimea Community Association.

Smith is a graduate (with honors) of the University of Southern California where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and the University of Hawaii earning a Masters of Business Administration. He was born and raised on Oahu and graduated with honors from Kamehameha Schools.

He and his wife Melanie have one daughter, Kaliko (age 7).

### At the Club – MAKAE'O MAHALO

MAHALO TO ALL of you that showed up two Saturday's ago for the Centennial Project work party at the Makae'o Walking Logging Path! You did a GREAT job! THANK YOU. Our next opportunity to participate on this project will be on Saturday, May 8th, 7 to 11:30 a.m. with a BBQ/potluck afterward. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! LET'S SEE SOME NEW FACES OUT THERE! YES, THAT MEANS YOU! No, not you Richard, you do enough already.



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Greeters:  
Tom Fine 04/29  
John Fitzgibbons 05/06

Door Prize:  
Suzette Kale 04/29  
Nate Jones 05/06

Birthdays:  
Fedro Yanez 04/23

Anniversaries:  
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UH, West Hawaii 04/22  
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## At the Podium – Mattson Davis – Magics Beach Grill

April 29, 2021



**Mattson Davis**

Having called the Big Island home since March 1997, Mattson purchased the future location of Magics Beach Grill in 2017 to create an energizing gathering place for the North Kona community. Mattson has decades of experience in the restaurant and beverage industry, including serving as the former President and CEO of Kona Brewing Company. He believes personal relationships are the foundation of any great establishment. "When someone comes to Magics, whether they're local or visiting, we want them to feel part of our ohana and develop a connection to the culture," says Mattson. Mattson lives fulltime in North Kona with his wife Thalia and son Lincoln- his son Thane attends Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA.

Magics is dynamic, vibrant, and community-oriented. Walking into the restaurant is like being transported into the ocean itself, beautiful and invigorating, with a priceless view. We're more than just a restaurant, our passion for our island, fresh flavorful food, and craft drinks, coupled with strong community ties and our relationships with our farmers, fishermen, and producers all combine at Magics.

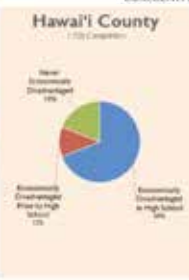
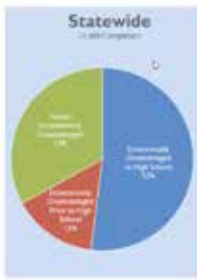
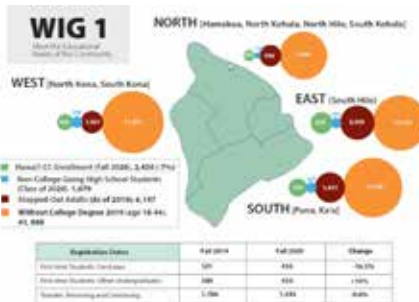
## Just Last Week – Rachel Solemsaas – Hawaii Com. College



Dr. Rachel Solemsaas was appointed chancellor of Hawai'i Community College in 2016. She previously served as the Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services at Truckee Meadows Community College in Nevada. Prior to that appointment, she was Vice President for Administrative Services at Bellevue College and Vice President for Finance and Operations at Edmonds Community College, both in Washington.

### Program Highlights: Re-Imagine Hawai'i Island

- Project Based Construction Technologies
  - 34th Model Home with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
  - Tiny Model Home with Habitat of Humanity
- Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Science
  - Agriculture with Kona High School
  - Vertical Farming Program
  - Tropical Agriopstry
- Digital Literacy 101L course
- Growing Our Own Educators
- Nursing and Allied Health Workers
- Hawai'i Life Styles



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12 NOON - LAVA JAVA or  
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Mattson Davis  
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TBD

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WYAM ships 05/06  
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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



March 2021

As someone who knows firsthand the great leadership potential of Rotaractors, I always look forward to

World Rotaract Week, which we are celebrating from 8 to 14 March. Rotaractors are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate Rotaract by including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International. Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with Rotaract's age limits.

But we are only just embarking on our journey together. Partnering effectively doesn't happen by itself. It requires both sides to be open and to understand the value of cross-generational alliances. Louie De Real, a dual member of Rotaract and Rotary, explains.

### Metrics

Joint virtual meetings have helped Rotaractors introduce Rotarians to new ideas and tools, pioneering unique ways for clubs to collaborate. In the case of pandemic and disaster response, Rotaract clubs used social media to coordinate efforts, drive information, and fundraise, while Rotary clubs used their networks and resources to amplify support, provide logistics, and bring the goods and services to communities.

Rotaractors' innovative virtual engagement and professional development activities inspired Rotarians to support and follow suit. The pandemic made Rotaract clubs realize that we can immediately connect and partner with Rotary clubs through virtual platforms. With constant collaboration, we realize that Rotary and Rotaract indeed complement each other — that we are part of a single organization with shared goals.

Both sides add value. Rotarians can be mentors and service partners to Rotaractors, while Rotaractors can demonstrate to Rotarians that difficult jobs can be simplified and limitations can be surpassed through digital approaches. This synergy motivates Rotaractors to become future Rotarians: I joined Rotary because Rotarians gave me memorable membership experiences through inspirational moments of collaboration. I needed to be a Rotarian to inspire Rotaractors the same way, now and in the future.

That same synergy leads Rotarians to realize that while Rotaractors may have a different culture, we all share a common vision of uniting people to take action. Rotaract's unique ways of doing things serve as inspiration for innovation, helping Rotary increase its ability to adapt to future challenges. Rotarians and Rotaractors will build the future together, so let's start today.

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## Rotary Works – Distric Wide Rotary Work Day

**Mahalo Rotarians,**

Maverick Malech • Janice Gustin • Jim Gustin • Alysia Dinneen • Jenaya Rockman  
Preston Crowl • Brian Asbjornson • Larry Webb • Jose Santiago • Kimber DeVerse  
And niece • Peter Schonberg • Becca Hamar • Liz Heiman

Last Saturday was a district wide Rotary work day and Rotary club of Kona picked up trash and weeded and pruned the trees at the Queens Lei walking path on Ane Keohokalole Hwy. We removed a couch and a TV, along with many bags of garbage. We rewarded our effort with a cookout at old A's beach park. Many thanks to our grill master Peter Schonberg. It was hot and dirty work but it was great to get out and spend time with Rotarians, making our walking path a little nicer. Thank you to everyone who showed up.





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## Rotary Works – Meet 'N Eat

### Meet 'N Eat - Mark Your Calendars

Have you ever thought of starting a catering company but just weren't sure you could cook for 180-200 people? Well here is your chance to give it a try! Rotary Club of Kona cooks about 180-200 meals the second Tuesday (and any 5th Tuesday) of each month. No experience necessary. Ok, its best if you have at least used a knife before. Just bring your willingness to chop and cut and stir and sometimes butcher chickens. Kidding, they already come mostly butchered. Second Tuesday of each month (and the occasional 5th Tuesday) from about noon to 5 pm. Exact location TBA.

We also need people to help serve on any 5th Tuesdays that occur. In 2021, this is the months of June, August and November. If you would like to be contacted regarding cooking and/or serving please let Jenaya know and she will add you to contact list. 808-937-2541 or [jenaya.rockman@gmail.com](mailto:jenaya.rockman@gmail.com)

We have a blast. So if you are tired of cooking for just yourself or a few people, come on out and lend a hand.



## Club News – We're Back at Lava Java

**Beginning May 6th we will resume meeting in person for lunch at Island Lava Java at noon!**

Note - they ask that no one show up before 11:30 am as they do use the area for breakfast. We will also try to set up a computer with Zoom for those who still are not comfortable meeting in person.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, lunch will not be a buffet. Lunch will be plated orders. We will be given a couple options of entrees to order when you enter. The plated meals will still include salad, soup, dessert, ice tea, water and coffee. Lunch will still be \$25 and you will be able to use your punch cards.

We need your cooperation please - because it's not a buffet, we need to give Island Lava Java a head count so they can be prepared. So please email me and let know if you will attending the in person meetings by Monday May 3rd.

Yours In Rotary, Janice [jnigustin.outlook.com](mailto:jnigustin.outlook.com)

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Brett and Karen Curtis are Co-Founders of YWAM Ships Kona. This organization was started June 2011, is a part of an ever-expanding larger global network of Ships with a Mission. There are currently 27 vessels operated by these various ministries, spread around the world's waterways, working among some of the most difficult to reach and isolated communities. The vessels operated by YWAM Ships Kona are targeting isolated islands, usually not serviced with airports and therefore difficult to access.

Brett and Karen, joining with many other global leaders, have a burden to make the Bible accessible to every person in the Pacific in their mother tongue, thereby ending Bible poverty in the region. Wherever the Bible goes, the Spirit of God brings transformation! Brett's personal goal is to make at least an oral translation of Scripture available to the Bible-less languages on the 657 isolated islands without airports in the Pacific.

Brett, born in Te Awamutu, New Zealand, and Karen born in Hamilton, New Zealand have been involved in missions since 1983, beginning on board the Mercy Ship m/v ANASTASIS. They directed the Training Schools on board and then went on to be the Directors of the m/v GOOD SAMARITAN and the m/v CARIBBEAN MERCY.

Brett has a Master of Arts in Leadership from the University of the Nations with his thesis being in Crisis Management. Brett & Karen have 5 children and four grandchildren.

## Just Last Week – Mattson Davis – Magic's Beach Grill



Popular restaurateur, Mattson Davis joined us at our Zomm meeting and gave us an update on his latest venture, Magic's Beach Grill. As most local Rotarians know, Mattson was President and Managing Partner of Kona Brewing for many years, prior to its sale to the Kraft Brewing Alliance, now owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Mattson related a story of improvements and start-up costs more than twice the anticipated budget, an opening delayed for months due to permits and other problems, and very disappointing performance from some of the initial hires; all resulting in huge losses in the early months. And then, the frosting on the fruitcake, the Pandemic hit.

Needless to say the challenges were overwhelming. But perseverance, PPP, and a few excellent new hires began to turn things around. The return of the visitors, although not near Pre-pandemic numbers, has helped immensely. Today the restaurant is making a modest profit, and the forecast is good, if not yet great.

Mattson then shared with us some of what he feels are the keys to success in the restaurant business. First is having good people, even though they can be hard to find and even harder to keep. Next is quality and consistency, in both the food and the service. And finally hard work, lots of faith, and a bit of luck.

Mattson, of course has other ventures, including the Brewery Block, near the original Kona Brew location, which he indicated is doing well and rapidly becoming new hot spot for dining out in Kona.

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### At the Club – We're Back at Lava Java

May 6th, we are meeting at Lava Java.

- 1.) Must RSVP, plated buffet
- 2.) Auction, prizes, games, fun!
- 3.) We will also zoom the meeting
- 4.) Dust off your punch card, same low price.
- 5.) Don't miss this historic occasion.



We need your cooperation please. Because it's not a buffet, we need to give Island Lava Java a head count so they can be prepared. So please email Janice and let her know if you will attending the in person meetings ASAP. [ijnjgustin@outlook.com](mailto:ijnjgustin@outlook.com)

### At Interact – Interact Auction

Aloha Kona Rotarians!



Below please find the link to our first (hopefully annual) Interact Auction. We have many great items are counting on Rotarian support to make this a success. The kids have worked hard to gather donations, take quality pictures and learn how to build a google site.

We also will be accepting direct monetary donations (make checks payable to Kealakehe High Interact Club), as we are way behind on our usual fundraising efforts this year to support Polio Plus, the Seva Chakkara Orphanage in Chennai, South India, and Smile Train.

[Interact Virtual Auction Web Site](#) The auction runs through May 8.

Mahalo, Tina Rossman and the Kealakehe Interact Crew

### Around Town – Hawaii Bike Challenge

Aloha Kona Rotarians!

Blue Planet's Hawaii Bike Challenge is a free and fun Challenge would could be enjoyable for Rotary Club of Kona members as a way to connect, get outside, and win prizes!



May is Bike Month, and we'd like to invite you to get out and enjoy some rides as part of the 2021 Hawaii Bike Challenge— a fun, free competition where we're competing to see which local teams can get the most people to try biking. There are lots of prizes to be won by riding bikes and encouraging friends, family, and other members or clubs to do the same.

You can register for the Challenge here: <https://www.lovetoride.net/hawaii>. Create a team of up to 10, and if more than ten from your club want to join, you can create a workplace and have multiple teams!

I hope you will consider joining the Challenge. We are happy to help you with internal recruitment too, so just let us know how we can support you! We are excited to get this platform up and running and get folks incentivized to ride!

Mahalo and happy biking! Hannah Shipman, LEED Green Associate, Impact Project Director, Blue Planet Foundation, 808-727-9316, [blueplanetfoundation.org](http://blueplanetfoundation.org)

### Rotary Works– Rotary Club of Kona Mauka

Our club has a lending library with many locations between Captain Cook and Kona. We are in search of a few old newspaper distribution boxes to help achieve our goal. If you have any ideas on how to obtain up to four of these it would be greatly appreciated.

Chris Weber : 303-517-7069





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INTERACT CLUB, Introduction by Anne Goody

The Interact Club Officers will join us for lunch and tell us all about the weekend conference in Oahu where they again were awarded Interact Club of the Year!!! They will also talk about some of the other Interact activities from the past year to fill us all in on what they have been up to.

### At the Club -

UH WEST HAWAII HOSTS CLUB



Last week the club had the privilege of meeting and dining at the UH Community College in Kealahou. Lunch was provided by the students in the Food and Beverage Program at the College. The food was excellent and setting and service were great. Mahalo to Jim Lightner and the students for a delightful meeting.

Our speaker was Shirley Daniel, Interim Director, who gave us an update on things at the University. Foremost on the West Hawaii agenda is the search for a new chancellor and several other key leaders. The school is hoping to fill all the key positions by July.

Among the programs being offered at West Hawaii are trade and engineering programs, nursing, business, resort management and services and business services. Daniel stressed, however, that students can enroll in any UH program through the West Hawaii Campus.



UH is looking forward to building a new campus in West Hawaii in partnership with a mainland developer. If all goes well the new facility could be accepting students in 3 to 5 years. The new facility would have expanded course opportunities and be able to offer 4 year degrees, unlike the present campus which is limited to 2 year Associate Degrees.

The emphasis at UH West Hawaii is in partnering with the community and other institutions to effect positive change in people's lives and in the community as a whole, while seeking to preserve and enhance the island's ecology and culture.

### At the Club -

MAKAE'O WORK DAY THIS WEEKEND

MAHALO TO ALL of you that showed up four Saturday's ago for the Centennial Project work party at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path! You did a GREAT job! THANK YOU! Our next opportunity to participate on this project will be on Saturday, May 8th, 7am to 11:30am with a BBQ/potluck afterward. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! LET'S SEE SOME NEW FACES OUT THERE! YES, THAT MEANS YOU!



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Service Above Self

*This Week*

May 6, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: INTERACT CLUB,  
Introduction by Anne Goody

Greeter: Glenn Gingo

Door Prize: Nate Jones

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Bill Cliff (Gabriella) 05/03

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The Gang at Oceans

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Teshima's Restaurant  
Upstairs  
Highway 11  
Honalo, HI 96740

### North Hawaii:

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Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

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## At the Podium – Nicole Lowen – State Rep

May 13, 2021



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## Just Last Week – Brett Curtis – YWAM Ships



Brett and Karen Curtis are Co-Founders of YWAM Ships Kona. This organization was started June 2011, is a part of an ever-expanding larger global network of Ships with a Mission. There are currently 27 vessels operated by these various ministries, spread around the world's waterways, working among some of the most difficult to reach and isolated communities. The vessels operated by YWAM Ships Kona are targeting isolated islands, usually not serviced with airports and therefore difficult to access.

Brett gave an interesting talk about the program. He explained that the personnel for the ships is made up of 1/3 Medical Workers, 1/3 Crew, and 1/3 Helpers. He noted that all personnel are volunteers. The typical commitment is two weeks and it is the responsibility of the volunteer to and from get the place of departure for each tour. He also noted that the YWAM ships initiative receives no government funding and is totally financed from private donations.



## Just Last Week – Back at Lava Java!



Photos courtesy of David Rees-Thomas



Guests Yvonne & Keith Norman from Opelousas, Louisiana.



## This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA or  
Zoom.US, ID: 818 2426 7706  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

### Program:

Nicole Lowen  
State Representative

### Greeter

Brian Aanjornson

### Facilitator

Janice Gustin

### Door Prize:

Harry Hart

## Coming Up

### Programs:

Pohai Kirkland  
Kealakehe School 05/20

Courtney & Melissa  
Aloha Theatre 05/27

Jeanne Kapela  
State Rep 06/03

### Greeters:

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### Just for Fun – R. Farnham



It snowed on Mauna Kea today and it got me to thinking about the fact that, most probably, the Big Island of Hawaii is the only place in the world where a person can snow board in the morning and surf in the afternoon, and vice versa, all in the same day.

Not that I surf, or snow board for that matter, but it's nice to know that I could if I wanted to. Actually I did ski at one point.

Living in Vermont many years ago, it was anticipated, if not expected, that one would ski, at least on occasion. In my case it was just on occasion, until the occasion when I decided that I was good enough to tackle the "Black Diamond" slope (for expert skiers only) at the end of a long day and poor conditions, both for the slope and myself.

I was the last occasion on which I would ski. To my surprise, and no one else's as I discovered when I later, on several occasions, related the story to friends and relations; I broke my leg. It wasn't just a garden variety break. I surmised this when the X-ray technician, who was the first to see the X-rays, commented to no one in particular, "wow, they are all going to want to see this one." Moving to Hawaii soon after, I never skied again.

But I digress. My point is that my new home, The Island of Hawaii, the Big Island, Hawaii, Hawaii as it were, is a very unique place. With 5 to 14 different climatic zones, depending on who you ask and, I suppose, the time of year, or time of the day, or perhaps the time of the month (wait, that's something else). I don't know precisely how many zones there are because Google, my go-to guy for all things informational, seems somewhat confused. He offered just over 135,000,000 opinions on the subject and I was only able to read about half of them.

It seems there are anywhere from 8 to 29 climatic zones in total, including Humid Zones, Arid Zones, Temperate Zones, and Cold Zones, each with a variety of Sub-Zones and Sub-Sub-Zones and, I suppose, Sub-Sub-Sub-Zones. As a tourist on the Big Island (or "visitor" in today's vernacular), you can travel from Tropical Monsoon, to Hot Semi-Desert, to Hot Desert, to Continuously Wet Warm Temperate, to Summer-Dry Warm Temperate, to Summer-Dry Cool Temperate, to Periclacial, and beyond. In fact I'm pretty sure you can "boldly go where no man has gone beyond."

In short, where else can you go so boldly, beyond or elsewhere? The Big Island is a very unique place.

PS: Yes, I'm aware that something is either unique or it is not. Very unique is not really a thing.

May 8, 2021

### Just for Free – Phone Cases for iPhone 7Plus or 8Plus



Call or email Richard if you have an iPhone 7Plus or 8Plus and would like a free phone case. Three are leather and one is composite. One is a full wallet with phone pocket and two are leather with slots for credits cards, etc.

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### At the Club - KONA INTERACT CLUB IS DISTRICT "CLUB OF THE YEAR."

Last week's meeting saw the induction of our 80<sup>th</sup> member, Linda Lanning. Her category is Nursing Home Administration. Welcome Linda..



Our program for the week welcomed several members of our Interact Club who gave an update on several of the projects undertaken by the Club this year. Ann Goody, New Generations chair, introduced the Interact group and noted that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row they were the District Interact Club of the Year. Interact projects included the Relay for Life event that raised over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society and other fundraisers to benefit the 2 orphanages they sponsor in India.

Nate Jones announced that Walmart is giving a \$500 grant to the Interact Club to be used by the Interactors for our Club's Centennial Project. Kona Rotarians and the Interactors have together adopted Kealakee Parkway from the highway to the high school and we were all reminded that the next cleanup day is May 15 in the morning. Let's have a good turnout.

### At the Club - CENTENNIAL PROJECT GOING STRONG!

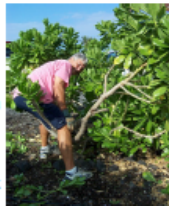
Thanks so very much to those fellow rotarians that came out on Saturday, May 8th to participate in our Centennial Project work day. A lot was accomplished, including another green waste container filled to the brim from all the debris and clippings. Several people (Preston Crowl, Ron



Hawkes, Scott Unger and Rick Merschorf) are talking with large equipment operators about getting something like a D5 Cat out to the project to get the big stuff in the middle prepared for creation of grass areas and tree plantings. If possible, we'd like the labor and machinery donated and to pay for transportation in/out and fuel only, for the equipment. We'll take bids as well, discounted or not. (Quite frankly, we may need to pay for this work.)

We are simultaneously working on obtaining a grubbing permit and special management area permit with the County. These can take several weeks/months. If you have any connections that

could help with phase of our project, PLEASE let Barbara Bush know. We're looking for donated plants that will do well close to the ocean and with salt water spray. Cindy Hope has started a nursery on the backside of the track, so we can take donations at any time. Our next scheduled work day will be June 12th. BE THERE! This project needs your kokua, so mark your calendar today. MAHALO TO ALL!



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## At the Podium – Pohai Kirkland – Kealakehe School



Aloha no. Pohaikalani ko`u inoa. Hana mai au Kealakehe Elementary. Parent Community Network Coordinator; Parent, Community Business Involver.

I am a parent of (2) adult daughters. I am a tutu of Ke`ahi who is 9 years old and attends IPCS. I have been with Kealakehe Elementary for 8 years in my current position. I have been a PCNC for over 30 years. Here on Hawai`i island since 1995 starting with Waikoloa Elementary and prior to that with the Sunnyvale School District.

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Nicole Lowen has represented House District 6 (Kailua-Kona, Holualoa, Kalaoa) since 2012. She currently serves as the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection and also sits on the Agriculture Committee and Judiciary Committee. She is a member of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, is appointed to the Invasive Species Council, and serves on the Electricity Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Energy.

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### Just for Fun – R. Farnham



Since I was a child I have had my routines, usually voluntary, occasionally coerced. I had a bath every Saturday night, whether I needed it or not (I always needed it), and I cleaned my room every six months, that is if you consider reducing the chaos and clutter by a miniscule amount, clean. I went to school 5 days a week, returned home for lunch 5 days a week, and returned to school after lunch 4 to 5 days a week. I went to school 9 months of the year and “vacationed” for 3 months. “Vacation” included daily trips to the local pool (unless the drain to a local stream backed up and the pool became filled with frogs) and a week or two at Boy Scout Camp, where I would daily swim in a tiny lake, which was always filled with frogs.

As an adult I also have, or had, routines. I went to work 5 days a week, took a break for lunch 5 days a week, and returned to work after lunch, 4 or 5 days a week. I worked 11 months of the year and “vacationed” for one month, usually broken up into 2 - 2 week increments. Vacations were often “Staycations,” but still counted, or at least we convinced ourselves that they still counted, even if I might have spent an hour or two each day, checking and answering emails or taking the occasional appointment, or starting and completing the occasional job. But for, at least two weeks, traveling the world, visiting exotic places, and except for the few times catching something on the plane and spending the entire two weeks in a not too comfortable bed, in a not very fancy hotel room; had a great time.

But it has all changed with Covid. Having given up a “real office,” work is now in the garage converted to a “new office.” I use the term converted loosely as the garage door is still in place and functional, the floor is still concrete, and still slopes to the garage door, and the new office furniture is really less furniture and more Costco tables and wire shelves. But the wi-fi still works which means the phone number still works as long as the wi-fi works, which is most of the time. I also use the term work loosely. As a marketing firm, providing marketing and graphic design services for a variety of thriving business, our client list is shrunk slightly. That is to say that if you consider disappearing, shrunk slightly. Of course that does leave more time to undertake or finish household projects that have been neglected for years, and I will get started on as soon as more money is available. If more money only comes with more work, it isn't my fault if those projects don't begin or get done “quite yet.”

I still go to work 5 days a week (or at least 4 days a week, maybe 3 or less on occasion), but now I only work 4 hours a day (or at least 3 hours a day, maybe 2 or less on occasion). Afternoons are spent on household chores (not really), or watching movies on Netflix, or Prime, or Hulu, or Showtime, or Apple Plus, or Disney Plus, or perhaps another streaming service offering a “Free Trial Month,” or a “Free Trial Week,” or a “Free Trial Day,” or a “Free Trial Hour and a Half.” Vacations still happen, but traveling the world is now traveling the Big Island, at least as far as Pine Tree Cafe to the North and the Kona Coffee Shack to the South. The need to discover new and interesting places has been replaced with the need to discovering interesting, or at least edible, food. Exotic places are still in the mix, just as long as you consider Target, Walmart and Costco somewhat exotic.

Of course, many other routines have also changed. Getting dressed for work has been replaced with “being descent,” being loose on the definition of “descent.” Eating out is pretty much out, but eating in is pretty much the highlight of the day. Time on the computer is still a necessary part of each day, but mostly because it is the quickest way to learn of the best shows on Netflix, or Prime, or Hulu, or Showtime, or Apple Plus, or Disney Plus, that you haven't already watched at least once, if not twice already. Quality of the show has long since given way to novelty. If we haven't seen it, it's in English, and the actors are warm and breathing, unless of course they are Zombies, we'll watch it.

They tell us the Pandemic will soon be over and our routines can get back to normal. I'm just not sure I can say goodbye to Netflix, or Prime, or Hulu, or Showtime, or Apple Plus, or Disney Plus.

May 19, 2021



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## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium - FRANCO ACQUARO, West Hawaii Mediation Center



Founded in 1988, WHMC has strived to provide an array of high quality conflict resolution services to community members and organizations throughout West Hawaii. These services have been made available through the consistent and dedicated efforts of trained volunteers. These volunteer efforts, combined with on-going public/private funding partnerships, have allowed services to be provided in an affordable manner. WHMC is a member of a statewide organization, Mediation Centers of Hawaii. This organization is made up of six independent, non-profit mediation centers which are each partially funded by the State Judiciary via the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. WHMC belongs to the Association for Conflict Resolution and National Association for Community Mediation. On the local front, WHMC participates in a human services provider network group called Hui Lailima, as well as, the Restorative Justice Consortium.

Our Mission: WHMC exists to improve the way people deal with conflict by providing mediation, facilitation, education and training services.

### At the Club - WALLY LAU SPEAKS AT CLUB

As a surprise to everyone including your bulletin editor, last weeks speakers were not as announced. Hopefully we'll be hearing from Barb and Curt in the near future.



We were privileged to have as our speaker Wally Lau. Wally is the executive director of the Neighborhood Place of Kona, a nonprofit agency that focuses on the well-being of Kona's children and families. Their outreach services are nonjudgmental and culturally sensitive, and assist families who are especially at risk for child abuse and neglect. Through their commitment to the well-being of families, referrals, education and constructive activities, the agency's goal is to prevent families from being formally involved with Child Protective Service. Wally has been active in community services for 25 years and, under his guidance and leadership, Neighborhood Place of Kona continues to assist approximately 250 families each year.

The NPK was founded in 1998 by a group of committed community stakeholders. It is a 501 (c) 3 organization that services families through partnerships with public and private agencies and groups. The focus is on the well-being of families and the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the Kona community.

Associated with NPK, Hui Lailima (groups working together) is a consortium of West Hawaii's major health and human service providers. A faith based community association of business, government and concerned individuals, it was formed in 1999 to encourage collaboration, particularly around matters affecting youth.

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Birthdays:  
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Ron Lutzzi (Kim) 05/14  
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Programs:  
Club Assembly 05/27  
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Across from St Michael  
75-5770 Ali'i 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, 7:30 AM  
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, 11:45 AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
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### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45 AM  
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 Monday, 12:00 Noon.

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### At the Club – New Foundation Chair – New Paul Harris



**Mahlon Whittle**, new Rotary Foundation Chair, solicited donations for the Foundation with an impromptu quizz of questions and alternative “Loonie Toons” answers.

Mahlon pointed out that donations to Polio Plus received double matching donations from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



**Alysia Dineen and Jim and Janice Gustin** received new or repeat Paul Harris Foundation pins.

### Around Town – Boats Needed for Film Shoot

Aloha Rotarians,

President Peter received the note below and asked that it be forwarded to the club. If anyone has a boat please see below to see if you can help.

#### Boats for Flotilla Film Shoot at Honokohau Harbor Mid June, 2021

David Cunningham, a professional filmmaker, lives in Kona. This film footage would be used in a movie entitled, “GO.”

David would like 12 or more boats fanning out from Honokohau Harbor as if they are being “sent out” for a medical missions outreach. David will then shoot another segment where the boats converge back to the harbor.

Logistically the plan is for the boats to be lined up by the Green Harbor entrance buoy, the way they do for fishing tournaments. The cameras will be on land and on a couple of boats. A drone will also be used. The filming will take about 3 hours.

The film producer wants a variety including fishing boats, sail boats and catamarans.

If anyone is interested or knows of another who may be, please have them contact

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*At the Podium* – ANN PETERSON, Kona Traffic Safety Committee

### MISSION:

To promote a safe environment for all modes of land transportation in the districts of North and South Kona.

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote and recommend roadway signage, placement, beautification and design improvements that maximize safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
2. Facilitate traffic movement and maintain the livability of Kona's neighborhoods.
3. Facilitate and maintain meaningful communication with government, businesses, individuals, and groups toward a safer traffic environment.

### BACKGROUND-HISTORY:

The Kona Traffic Safety Committee (KTSC) is one of five district safety committees that formed in 1970 and became active in the 1990s to provide the Hawai'i County Mayor feedback on public traffic concerns. The current active Traffic Safety Councils on Hawai'i Island include: Hamakua, Kohala, Puna, and Kona, each of which has representation on the Mayor's Traffic Safety Council, which in turn has representation on the Governor's Traffic Safety Council.

The committee is comprised of community members who attend the monthly meetings, and representatives from the County Department of Public Works, Police Department, and Mayor's Office, and the State Department of Transportation. The meetings are scheduled through 2003 for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the conference room at the Kealahou Police Station. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to become a member and get involved toward increasing traffic safety.

Ann C. Peterson has a Masters degree from Michigan State University - While at the university she was the council of graduate student's rep on the "All University Traffic Council" -- (at 45,000, the population of MSU is larger than Kona the districts.) While on council the university did a two-years comprehensive traffic study, where I had the opportunity to learn much of the philosophy I use today. Served as a Traffic Commissioner for the city of East Lansing, and was on the Linear Park steering committee in my home town of Battle Creek.

I moved to Kona in 1994 from Takasaki, Japan where I was the "sister city liaison" for three years. I joined KTSC 8 years ago, and was elected chair 5 (or 6??) years ago. I'm the Educational Programs & Development Director at the Kona Historical Society, and serve as the VP for Public Relations for Kona Outdoor Circle and the Secretary for PATH. I'm also a special events coordinator for Ironman, and help with the Daniel Sayre Memorial Fundraiser which raises funds to purchase much needed rescue equipment for the County's Fire Department.

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Highway 19  
Kameula, HI 96740

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## At the Podium – Jeanné Kapela – State Representative



Jeanné was born in Kona and raised on a small coffee farm in the nearby town of Captain Cook. She graduated from Konawaena High School in 2012 and currently serves West Hawai'i as a member of the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Board of Directors, Lions Club of Kona member, communications chair of Konawaena High School's 100th Anniversary Committee, and Director of the Miss Kona Coffee Scholarship

Competition.

Previously, Jeanné was a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association board of directors. She also served as Executive Director of Unite Hawai'i, an organization devoted to ending sexual exploitation through education. As a victim service provider for survivors of sexual slavery, she strove each day to provide freedom and justice to women and children affected by sexual violence.

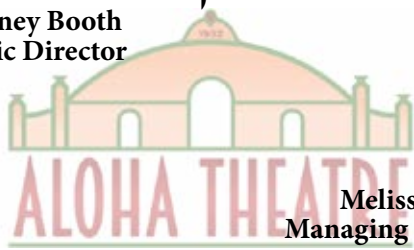
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## Just Last Week – Courtney & Melissa – Aloha Theatre



**Courtney Booth**  
Artistic Director



**Melissa Geiger**  
Managing Director



Courtney and Melissa updated members on what has been a tough year for the Aloha Theatre. With 60% of revenue coming from ticket sales and tutoring, an absence of both has created many challenges. Fortunately public funding and private donations have helped. Also, since current shows are all online, videography has become a vital part of the creative process, creating more challenges. The recent online play, "Two Musketeers," is premiering June 11.

Fortunately live shows will be returning soon, so the theatre is looking for actors and others to help create the new shows. An original play by a Hawaiian writer, "Eddie Would Go," is just one of the planned features.

June 3, 2021

### This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA or  
Zoom.US, ID: 818 2426 7706  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

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State Representative

#### Greeter

Tom Buswell-Ordonez

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Salvation Army 06/10

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### Just Last Week



**Natalie Muensterman** joined us as a guest. Natalie is an Accounts Manager with Kona Coast Vacations, a vacation rental company. She is considering joining the club.

**Linda Jane Kelly, Kona Rotarian** is looking for members to help out on an upcoming project. Contact Linda Jane at 808-936-0469 for more information.



### From My Perspective – R. Farnham



**I've printed this before, but it seems even more relevant now.**

#### What Am I Missing Here?

Are there really people that would rather die than wear a mask when out and about? We are required to wear clothes when out and about, even in Hawaii where acceptable clothing for women can be as little as three small triangles of cloth over selected appendages, and for men as little as one. And we all wear these clothes, and ideally more, pretty much without feeling that our constitutional rights are being violated or our personal freedoms unduly compromised.

If wearing a mask is such a burden, than why are we OK with always driving on one side of the road, with obeying the speed limits, with stopping at red lights, with parking between the lines, or signaling before we make a turn (Ok, we're not so Ok with that one).

If we should be free to endanger the lives of others and ourselves by not wearing a mask, then why can't we smoke in a restaurant or on a plane, or almost anywhere else. Why are we required to wear seatbelts, or to make our keiki buckle up, or wear a motorcycle helmet (Ok we're not required to do that one, but we should be).

Wearing a mask is not an undue infringement on our freedom. It is a sensible precaution against continuing a pandemic. It is a way to help avoid getting or spreading a disease that, at the very least causes discomfort, and far too often results in serious illness and even death.

Look at the bright side. With our current lax gun laws and a legal requirement to wear a face mask, you can walk into any bank, masked and armed, unhindered and without causing alarm. A really nice accommodation if you're thinking of making a large withdrawal.

### Just for Fun – Your Sarcasm is not Helpful





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From the Archives – June 3, 2004

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### At the Podium - LYLA B. BERG, Ph.D., Kids Voting Hawaii



Dr. Berg is the President/CEO of KIDS VOTING HAWAII, a not-for-profit, nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening the citizenship of individuals, schools, and communities. Currently working collaboratively with the Center for Civic Education, Lyla serves as the State Coordinator for "We the People" Programs. In addition, Lyla is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Civic Forum on Public Schools. Throughout all her activities runs the theme of leadership through service, effective communication, and interpersonal relationship skills.

Dr. Berg served for over 15 years with the State of Hawaii Department of Education as a classroom teacher, student activities coordinator, vice-principal, and middle school principal before becoming an instructor of pre-service teachers in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction of the College of Education at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Her Master's of Education Degrees in Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Administration are from the University of Hawaii-Manoa in Honolulu, Hawaii and The American University in Washington, D.C., respectively. She earned her Ph.D. in Education from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Berg is the moderator for "211," a talk show sponsored by Aloha United Way which airs weekly on Oceanic Channel 16. The focus of each program addresses issues of concern in the community. Topics such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, teen pregnancy, the prison experience, and gangs are examples of the diversity of subjects which the program covers.

In addition, Lyla is the host of the weekly DOE teleschool program, "Voices & Wings," which airs live on KHET Public Television, Channel 10, and is rebroadcast on 'Olelo Channel 56. "Voices and Wings" is an interactive program for children which develops the concepts and actions of citizenship in a global community. It engages teachers and students in the viewing audience in critical reflection, democratic processes, and civic participation.

Dr. Berg is the owner of Lyla Berg & Associates, an organization which provides consulting and training services on leadership development, communication skills, and citizenship in the workplace. Her clients include financial and education institutions, retail businesses, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and companies engaged in the visitor industry.

Dr. Berg currently participates as the Past Chair of the Board for the Civic Forum on Public Schools, as a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, and as a contributing member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma Women's Educational Sorority, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, the Hawaii Association for Arts in Education, and the Hawaii Opera Theater. She served as President of the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Principals during her tenure with the Department of Education.

### At the Club - MAKAE'O WORK DAY COMING UP

MAHALO TO ALL of you that showed up for our last Centennial Project work party at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path! You did a GREAT job! THANK YOU. Our next opportunity to participate on this project will be on Saturday, June 12th, 7am to 11:30am with a BBQ/potluck afterward. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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Service Above Self

*This Week*

June 3, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: LYLA B. BERG  
Kids Voting Hawaii

Greeter: Dick Hershberger

Door Prize: Ron Hawkes

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Cheryl Holdcroft 06/10  
Cynthia Hope 06/17

Door Prize:  
Laura Guluzzy 06/10  
Ann Goody 06/17

Birthdays:  
Glennon Gingo 05/31

Anniversaries:  
Lynn Walton (Susan) 05/29  
Don Beebe (Villa) 05/28

Programs:  
David Hultt and Yanna Lewis,  
Interact Club 06/10  
TBA 06/17

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Meet N' Eat (Grab N' Go)  
is held Tuesday evenings 6:00  
PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealakehe  
Elementary Parking Lot (near  
the field) and at Old A (Salvation  
Army sponsored). Call: Scott Un-  
ger @ 808-747-7311 if you would  
like to help out.

## Community Calendar

June 11-12, 2021  
4th ANNUAL HAWAII KUAU-  
LI VIRTUAL PACIFIC & ASIA  
CULTURAL FESTIVAL  
"Virtual Festival" to be held at:  
[www.hikuauili.com](http://www.hikuauili.com)

Judging June 24-26/TV Broad-  
cast July 1-3, 2021  
MERRIE MONARCH HULA  
FESTIVAL

Online this year:  
[www.merriemonarch.com](http://www.merriemonarch.com)

## Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham

June 16

Peter Schonberg

June 27

Gretchen Watson-Kabei

June 25

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein

June 1, 1989 - 32 yrs

Preston Crowl

June 30, 1997 - 24 yrs

Stephen Hicks

June 12, 2014 - 7 yrs

Tom Ivascanin

June 13., 2019 - 2 yrs

Ben Noyes

June 18, 2014 - 7 yrs

Raghel Santiago

June 29, 2020 - 1 yr

Chrystal Yamasaki

June 30, 1998 - 23 yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein

June 1, 2013 - 8 yrs

Stephen & Pamela Hicks

June 18, 1994 - 27 yrs

James & Valerie Lowson

June 25, 2007 - 14 yrs

Jenny & Jade Rasmussen

June 12, 2010 - 11 yrs

Gretchen & Dale Watson-Kabei

June 28, 1997 - 24 yrs

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## Just for Fun – The Memory of the Past Year



## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45 AM  
PaPa Kona Restaurant  
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75-5770 Ali'i Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

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### Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation



Past President of the Rotary Club of Kona, Ken Kjer, will share information regarding The Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation at this week's meeting. The Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation was incorporated in the State of Hawaii on July 1, 1996. Our foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. The donations made to the foundation are invested according to the by-laws with the resulting income from the investments

being used to fund scholarships and, from time to time, the income can also be used for community projects as may be approved by the board of directors. All disbursement of funds is in accordance with the corporation's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Investment Goals and Guidelines. The availability of all scholarships and funding of projects is subject to the performance of the foundation's investment portfolio.

The Foundation currently has the following scholarships available:

- The Ken and Marge Clewett Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 paid to the recipient annually in \$1,000 increments per semester\*
- The Jim and Sis Beddingfield Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000 paid to the recipient annually in \$750 increments per semester\*
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Scholarships are available to full-time students attending Hawaii Community College – Palamanui Camus and working toward their associate degree or associate of applied science degree. The annual payment of the scholarship requires compliance with a specific GPA, number of credit hours and continuation of enrollment. Each scholarship has specific guidelines and criteria.

## Just Last Week – Jeanné Kapela – State Representative



Jeanné represents District 5 in the State Legislature. The session is her first session in office. During her tenure so far, she has seen the passage of Bill 613 offering \$2200 incentives to teachers who remain in their classrooms. She supports increasing the tax on luxury accommodations and the transition to only electric vehicles for county use. She also supports automatic voter registration with the issuance of drivers licenses and better accountability of how tax money is spent. She would like to see more educational opportunities for our keiki and some "out of the box" programs. She stresses the importance of a healthy economy and the necessity for all members of the Hawaiian work force to be able to receive a "living wage."

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### At the Club



**Linda Jane Kelley looking for housing for medical student.**

A 3rd year medical student from A.T. Still University/Oahu is looking for a condo or room in Kona to rent, June 26 to August 22, 2021, while he is doing two rotations.

I personally have hosted several medical students in my home during their rotations. They have all been amazing, polite, neat, hardworking individuals. I hardly saw them as they were either at Kona Hospital for most of the day and sometimes into the night, or at their preceptor's medical office seeing patients.

Please contact me by email, text or phone if you have questions or something available. Mahalo! [ljkelley@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ljkelley@hawaii.rr.com) 808-936-0469



**Alan Clark has a very sad announcement.**

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that Les passed away yesterday around noon with a massive heart attack. Anne and Norm Goody were with Les and Deborah in Glacier when this happened. Les and Deb were in route back to Bend, Oregon with plans to sell their home there and move to Florida. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

There will be a memorial in Bend and a little later in Kona. Date to be determined.

I am so sorry to be the bearer of such sad news.

Yours in Rotary, Alan Clark



**Mahlon Whittle announces a blood drive.**

There will be a blood drive June 22- 24 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Cultural Hall at 75-230 Kalani Street, Kailua Kona.

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### Just for Fun – How Much Did You Spend?





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Rotary  
Club of Kona



From the Archives – June 3, 2004

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium - DAVID HUITT, YANNA LEWIS, Interact Club

This week the club will hear from and honor long time Interact advisors David Huitt and Yanna Lewis. Our Interact Club has been honored and won several awards over the years thanks in large part to the excellent leadership of these devoted teachers. It is only fitting that we take the time to thank them for their incredible efforts on behalf of Kona youth.

Yanna reports to us that at the District 5000 Interact convention, our club won:

- Club of the Year
- Most Outstanding International Project (for all our work with the orphans...we support over 500 orphans in two orphanages...made yarn leis for all the orphans and hundreds of greeting cards this year...sending \$4000 or more)
- Most artistic scrapbook
- District citation (for meeting a list of criteria set by the district)
- Faculty Advisor of the Year

Altogether, Interact put in over 800 hours of service this year, not including things like making yarn leis or cards.

Also at the podium will be our exchange student, Emelie, who will give us an update on her year in Kona and make a power point presentation. We look forward to hearing about her experiences thus far and always appreciate the perspective of someone whose home and culture is very different from our own.

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June 10, 2004

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YANNA LEWIS, Interact Club  
Plus Exchange Student Emelie

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Door Prize: Laura Guluzzy

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### 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, 7:30 AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Koa Room  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
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Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
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## At the Podium – Alan Clark – Rotary Club of Kona



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. 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.

## Just Last Week – Ken Kjer – Kona Community Foundation



Ken gave an excellent talk outlining the history and aspects of our Foundations. Following are excerpts:

Entire talk: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary/RotaryTalk061021.pdf>

Types of Foundations with Rotary: International with Paul Harris, Polio Plus, Smiles (dental), Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation founded by Sully Sullivan (Foodland) and the Rotary Club of Kona Community Foundation.

We offer \$20,000 yearly in named scholarships and have the opportunity to award an additional \$5000 to \$7000 in Palamanui and special scholarships.

- This year we awarded the Clewett \$8000 Scholarship to Van Carevalho
- The Bedingfield \$6000 scholarship went to Teo Ipolitto
- The Lightner \$4000 scholarship was awarded to Kiane Rode
- The \$2000 Hawkes scholarship was awarded to Brianna Izawa.



One additional student that stood out to us was Alex Bell. Alex is an incredible young man just graduating from Kealahou High School but also graduating concurrently from Palamanui with an associate of arts degree. He also has a full ride scholarship to Harvard. He will still have additional financial needs while away so the scholarship committee awarded Alex \$2000 to use for

expenses. But what really impressed us was his compassion and devotion to his sister Annette. In the few 15 minute conversation we had with him he told us that his sister is attending Palamanui and is as he described her - a genius. She plans on attending Palamanui in the fall. Realizing 2 children in college is probably a financial challenge for a single mom we voted to provide a \$1000 scholarship for Annette at Palamanui.

In conclusion, my message from this presentation is the importance of leadership and participation in the Rotary Club of Kona. We come weekly for the camaraderie but as important as that is that it is also important to keep the club relevant for the community --almost a quarter of a million dollars is at stake that would not be available to the community if the club vanished.

## Rotary Prayer

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June 17, 2021

## This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA

Please RSVP for meal count:

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or

Zoom.US, ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

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Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

Program:

Alan Clark

Rotary Club of Kona

Greeter

Alan Clark

Facilitator

Janice Gustin

## Coming Up

Programs:

Chris Piel

WHCHC 06/24

National Guard 07/01

Sandy Matsui

Rotary Dist 5000 07/08

Greeters:

Darlene Dabbling 06/24

Tom Daniel 07/01

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## President's Position Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



June 2021

In January 2020, when I announced my presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, and spoke of the changes that Rotary needed to embrace, none of us had any idea how quickly change would arrive. But I am a longtime believer in seeing challenges as opportunities. This year, we seized new opportunities to reimagine what Rotary could be. For years, we had discussed ways to make Rotary flexible and adaptable, and we had tried a few experiments. This year, we all experimented — and succeeded! Online meetings are a regular fixture now as clubs invite guests from across the globe.

Susanne and I love to meet members of the family of Rotary around the world, and we've missed seeing you in person over the past year. But for me, it was a new way of experiencing Rotary. We traveled the world virtually. I definitely met thousands more of you than I would have otherwise. I never set foot in my office in Evanston as president, yet we found new ways to get the job done while cutting travel costs.

This is the Rotary we experienced in 2020-21: nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.

We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere.

I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals. Let's keep going in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that Rotary Opens Opportunities. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

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### Just Last Week – Guests



Doug Christensen from Clearwater, FL



Lucinda Endenby from Houghton, MI

### Around Town – A Request from Friends

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The clock is ticking... and we cannot mount this season without your help!

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### Just for Fun – Call Me When dinners Ready





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Thomas Ka'auwai Kaulukukui Jr., Chairman, Board of Trustees  
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Thomas Ka'auwai Kaulukukui, Jr. was appointed trustee in 1998. Today, he serves as the chair of the Board of Trustees. In addition to his trusteeship with QLT, Judge Kaulukukui is a member of the Bar of the State of Hawai'i, the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He served the legal profession as a member of the young Lawyers Board of Directors of the Hawai'i State Bar Association. He was appointed by the Hawaii Supreme Court to serve on the Board of Bar Examiners.

In 1995, he was appointed by Governor Benjamin Cayetano to be an O'ahu Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, a position he held for nearly four years. Trustee Kaulukukui also served as a board member of the March of Dimes, Pacific Islanders in Communication, Family Treatment Center, Winners at Work, congressional Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans.



Robert H. Ozaki, President and Chief Operating Officer  
Queen Lili'uokalani Trust

Bob joined the trust in April of 2002. Prior to that, he was executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief investment officer for The Queen's Health Systems.

His board memberships and affiliations include the Hawaii International Film Festival, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, Honolulu Waldorf School, Institutional Limited Partners Association, Manoa Valley Theater, Nature Conservancy, PBS Hawaii, Urban Land Institute, and Waikiki Improvement Association.

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West Hawaii Community Health Center



Your patient centered medical home providing you compassionate and professional medical, dental and behavioral health care services for your entire family at eight locations in West Hawaii. Everyone is welcome. No one is turned away because of lack of insurance or inability to pay. Medicaid/Quest, Medicare and most private insurance plans are accepted. We help you manage your family's wellness with efficiency and ease.



Chris Piel is the incoming Medical Director at the West Hawai'i Community Health Center. He has a degree in Physician Associate studies from the Yale School of Medicine. He is fluent in Spanish. He believes that food, movement, and strong connections to ones community and environment are the best medicine.

## Just Last Week – Alan Clark – Rotary Club of Kona



Alan gave a very interesting and informative talk about the Rotary initiative to eradicate polio around the world.

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. Most know it as poliovirus. The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide.

Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 new cases could occur around the world each year. In the past few years, only two countries have reported cases of polio caused by the wild virus, but no child anywhere is safe until we've vaccinated every child. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Learn more about it: <https://www.endpolio.org/what-is-polio#Facts>

June 24, 2021

### This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA

Please RSVP for meal count:

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or

Zoom.US, ID: 818 2426 7706

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>

[us/j/81824267706](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706)

Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

Program:

Chris Piel

WHCHC

Greeter

Darlene Dabbling

Facilitator

Janice Gustin

### Coming Up

Programs:

Albert K Ne III

National Guard 07/01

Sandy Matsui

Rotary Dist 5000 07/08

Aaron & Kason

Traffic division

Greeters:

Tom Daniel

07/01

Kimber DeVerse

07/08

Alysia Dineen

07/15

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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 Holger Knaack, President Rotary International



June 2021

In January 2020, when I announced my presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, and spoke of the changes that Rotary needed to embrace, none of us had any idea how quickly change would arrive. But I am a longtime believer in seeing challenges as opportunities. This year, we seized new opportunities to reimagine what Rotary could be. For years, we had discussed ways to make Rotary flexible and adaptable, and we had tried a few experiments. This year, we all experimented — and succeeded! Online meetings are a regular fixture now as clubs invite guests from across the globe.

Susanne and I love to meet members of the family of Rotary around the world, and we've missed seeing you in person over the past year. But for me, it was a new way of experiencing Rotary. We traveled the world virtually. I definitely met thousands more of you than I would have otherwise. I never set foot in my office in Evanston as president, yet we found new ways to get the job done while cutting travel costs.

This is the Rotary we experienced in 2020-21: nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.

We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere.

I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals. Let's keep going in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that Rotary Opens Opportunities. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

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### Just Last Week – Donations to Polio Plus

Thanks to a very generous gifts of eggs and pineapple by Jenaya, Alan, Scott and Becca made donations to Polio Plus as bids for the products.



### Around Town – Fireworks Can Happen!!

## 4th of July fireworks AT OLD AIRPORT BEACH PARK

WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS TO HELP  
MAKE THIS COMMUNITY EVENT HAPPEN.  
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### Just for Fun – Sleep Tight





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From the Archives – June 24, 2004

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium – STEVE WALKER, Department of State, Hometown Diplomats

Steven Walker is a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State currently assigned as a Political Officer to the US Embassy in Damascus, Syria. He was born and raised in Kona and his father, David Walker, was a member of the Rotary Club until his death in 1981..

Steven is returning to Kona for three weeks in June and is participating in the Secretary of State's "Hometown Diplomats" program under which Foreign Service Officers on home leave speak at or meet with local organizations in their community with the objective of expanding local understanding of what the Foreign Service is and does.

Given his Father's long time association with the Rotary Club, he is more than happy to join us here "at home" in Kona to talk about his current assignment at this time in the world's history and leave time for your questions as well.

### At the Club – MAHALO TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT BEV



It is with great appreciation and not a little sadness that we say aloha to this past year's president, Bev Fraser. Bev, we will sorely miss your smiling face peeking above the dais. But while you may be short in stature, your heart and soul are towering.

Mahalo Ms. Fraser for a job very well done. Your boundless energy, relentless good nature and genuine caring have made this past year a successful and memorable one for your friends and the Rotary Club of Kona.

On a personal note, your bulletin editor would like to say it has been a pleasure working with you this year. I will miss our regular Wednesday morning chats. Mahalo and aloha to a good friend and kindred spirit.

### At the Club – CENTENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE

The next work day for the Centennial Project at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path is deferred until Saturday, JULY 10th 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a scrumptious BBQ/potluck afterward!

We are just in the process of submitting to the county the required paperwork for permits and felt that we'd like to have the large equipment work done prior to our next work day. Yes, we could ALWAYS do green waste clean up.... but we're taking the day (June 12th) off from this project!



So, mark your calendars for SATURDAY, JULY 10th and let's see a whole lot of new faces (and old ones) out there helping to spread soil, install irrigation, plant trees, etc. We will also, of course, have the usual opportunities for pruning and collecting green waste. A bit of something for everyone!

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Service Above Self

*This Week*

June 24, 2004

Royal Kona Resort

Program: STEVE WALKER,  
Department of State, Hometown  
Diplomats

Greeter: Nate Jones

Door Prize: Glennon Gingo

*Coming Up*

Greeters:  
Suzette Kale 07/01  
Ken Kjer 07/08

Door Prize:  
Tom Fine 07/01  
Richard Farnham 07/08

Birthdays:  
Gretchen Watson-Kabel 06/25  
Janet Lum Won 06/28  
Francis Kualani 06/28

Anniversaries:  
Allen Konno (Mikiyo) 06/23  
Gretchen Watson-Kabel  
(Dale) 06/28

Programs:  
ALAN CLARK, President Elect  
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New District Governor 07/08

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## Rotary Calendar

Meet N' Eat (Grab N' Go)  
is held Tuesday evenings 6:00  
PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealahou  
Elementary Parking Lot (near  
the field) and at Old A (Salvation  
Army sponsored). Call: Scott Un-  
ger @ 808-747-7311 if you would  
like to help out.

## Community Calendar

June 11-12, 2021  
4th ANNUAL HAWAII KUAU-  
LI VIRTUAL PACIFIC & ASIA  
CULTURAL FESTIVAL  
"Virtual Festival" to be held at:  
[www.hikuauili.com](http://www.hikuauili.com)

Judging June 24-26/TV Broad-  
cast July 1-3, 2021

MERRIE MONARCH HULA  
FESTIVAL

Online this year:

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

## Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham

June 16

Peter Schonberg

June 27

Gretchen Watson-Kabel

June 25

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein

June 1, 1989 - 32 yrs

Preston Crowl

June 30, 1997 - 24 yrs

Stephen Hicks

June 12, 2014 - 7 yrs

Tom Ivascanin

June 13., 2019 - 2 yrs

Ben Noyes

June 18, 2014 - 7 yrs

Raghel Santaigo

June 29, 2020 - 1 yr

Chrystal Yamasaki

June 30, 1998 - 23 yrs

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein

June 1, 2013 - 8 yrs

Stephen & Pamela Hicks

June 18, 1994 - 27 yrs

James & Valerie Lowsen

June 25, 2007 - 14 yrs

Jenny & Jade Rasmussen

June 12, 2010 - 11 yrs

Gretchen & Dale Watson-Kabel

June 28, 1997 - 24 yrs

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## Just for Fun – Special Order!!



## Island Clubs

### Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 6:45 AM  
PaPa Kona Restaurant  
Across from St Michael  
75-5770 Ali'i 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, 7:30 AM  
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, 11:45 AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45 AM  
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 Monday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Helm



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Rotary Founder



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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?