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As the only dealership on Big Island, BMW Hawaii is committed to bringing residents courteous, exceptional service. Our beautiful dealership in Kailua-Kona is equipped with a large, open showroom that displays a variety of vehicles to fit every person’s needs - from the popular BMW 3 Series to the all-new, redesigned X3, our BMW M lineup, and a selection of BMW Certified Pre-Owned vehicles.

Just Last Week – Dana McLaughlin – HI Keiki Museum



The Hawai’i Keiki Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The preview facility space at the Kona International Marketplace will have 15 interactive exhibits including bubble tables, a magnetic wall, foam construction blocks, and a ball machine.

Dana gave us an update on the progress of the Keiki Museum, now under construction. Completion of the many exhibits is on going and they hope to have a grand opening in October of this year.

Meanwhile, the Museum is providing workshops for the Boys & Girls Club about Recycling. 2 of 5 workshops have been completed and the 130 keiki in the Club have been doing “hands on” projects like making water conserving planters that use the same water over and over again.

The gift shop for the Museum is now open so that future museum goers can purchase museum items and get to see the progress of the exhibits as they are completed.

To learn more about the Museum and it’s programs and progress:

<https://youtu.be/8yKILq0IGuc>

Just Visiting

Andy
Witherspoon
Kona, HI



Ethaniel
Wilson
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Aaron
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At the Club – Transition Epic Gala – June 25, 2022

What a Beautiful
Setting for an
Epic Gala Transition!



Corn Hole Anyone?



Lots of
Good Fellowship!



Passing the Torch!
from Becca to Scott!



Alan Clark and
Tom Daniel Receive
Lifetime Achievement
Awards!



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



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



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Ross Birch joined the Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau (IHVB) as executive director in 2013. He is responsible for overseeing IHVB's marketing and associated programs impacting the island of Hawai'i's visitor industry. Serving as the lead liaison between the island's stakeholders and the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB), as managed by Hawai'i Tourism United States (HTUSA), he also oversees the development of relationships with community leaders, government officials and visitor industry marketing partners.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Birch relocated to the island of Hawai'i in 1990. He lives in Honoka'a with his wife Tammie, and they have three sons.



Rachel Kaiama joined the Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau (IHVB) team as Destination Manager in November 2021. In her newly appointed role, Kaiama oversees the implementation and reporting of Hawai'i Island's Destination Management Action Plan (DMAP) and Community Enrichment Program. The goal is to rebuild, redefine and reset the direction of tourism over a three-year period, while enhancing residents' quality of life and improving the visitor experience.

Born and raised in Waimea on the island of Hawai'i, Kaiama returned to her Hawai'i Island roots and leverages her vast experience to promote a regenerative tourism model that will ultimately enrich and sustain the community and the environment.

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Jason's talk included several interesting details of the current Electric Vehicle industry. There are a few types of Electric Vehicles including the Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), and the Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV). BEVs have a range of 100 to 300 miles depending on make, model, and charge of the battery. PHEVs have potentially longer range if plug-in charged in addition to fuel use.

Advantages of electric vehicles include low maintenance costs (excepting battery replacement) exceptionally long life of the engine (electric motor), and tax credits for purchasing an electric vehicle.

Disadvantages include high initial cost, high cost to replace batteries, long durations needed to refuel (charge the batteries), and a relative scarcity of refueling (charging) stations.

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Jim Echle
Kona, HI



Elsa
Mezerhana
Madrid, Spain
Guest of
Victoria Morse



Jeffrey Mich
Kona, HI
Guest of
Richard
Farnham



At District 5000 – Conference May 19 –21, 2023 – Hilo

Aloha Rotarians,

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel.

So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

\$350.00 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2022

\$375.00 Registration October 1 through December 31, 2022

\$400.00 Registration January 1 through April 15, 2023

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

Thanks- Jenaya

At District 5000 – Hawaii's Water Cycle – July 13, 2022

Join us to hear Kathleen Elliott-Pahinui from the Board of Water Supply talk about Hawaii's water cycle, drought conditions, and conservation.

Wednesday, July 13th: 8:00-8:30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83838529580?pwd=VExnTk5YcFpGdEZMYXltZGZJR2dIQT09>

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Aloha, Lynn Goya - Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise, President, 2022-2023

Just for Fun – Not-So-New Normal!



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July 21
Brenda Ford

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District Governor
Laurie Yoshida

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This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona Lin McIntosh and her Rwanda Projects



Those long time residents of Kona will remember Lin as a real estate broker in Kona for 25 years before moving to technology side of the business. Lin helped develop a parcel-based real estate information system that sets the standard in the industry. She was product manager for 10 years. Her life goal was to produce industry tools she wished she had when she was selling real estate while at the same time earn enough money to provide seed money for fund raising to restore a primary school in Butare, Rwanda, establishing a scholarship fund to put orphans and other needy children through school, and to build a half-way house for children who do not pass the test required for second

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Rotary Club of Kona Pau Hana - Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 pm

The Rotary Club of Kona's Monthly Pau Hana Get Together is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This Pau Hana we will meet at Renee Kraft's home.

Bring a beverage and a pupu to share. The address is 77-6458 Marlin Road, Kona Sunset Subdivision. From the highway head up Sunset Drive left on Marlin Road house is on the makai side 8 houses down. Street parking.

Bring a pupu she'll have wine and beer available see you there!!! Contact Connie if you want to volunteer your home.



President's Greeting



Aloha Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians,

We begin our 63rd year as the best Rotary Club on the Big Island. This year will be filled with challenges and opportunities. I look forward to this year's Keiki Vision, Mitsubishi Golf Tournament, and all the joy we bring to our community. My biggest goal this year, is to create fellowship and really fun times. The needs in our little town are growing each day and Kona Rotarians are here to help. I am so proud to be member of the Rotary Club of Kona.

Yours in Rotary Service, Michael Kelly

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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
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Kukuku lokomaika'i a
me pilaloa maika'i a'e
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Fellow Rotarian, Richard Farnham, practiced architecture in Vermont for approximately 25 years before moving to Hawaii and retiring from the design business, due primarily to burnout. Now, approximately 30 years later, he has returned to architectural design on a parttime basis. By accepting smaller jobs and being very selective about his clients, he is once again enjoying the work. He will be speaking very briefly about the challenges of design and permitting on the Big Island, the most difficult place in the country to receive a timely permit for construction.

His talk will be brief, to allow time for a video presentation of David Rees-Thomas' 43 Years as a Rotarian. Video production is a hobby of Farnham, and he welcomed the opportunity to honor one of Kona's longest serving



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Partnerships are important to DMAP

- HTA
- County Of Hawaii
- DUNE
- Communities
- Harbor Division
- Nonprofit organizations
- Government
- Resort, Hotel, Airline, Members
- CEP Programs

Regenerative Tourism:

- Empowers our community to have a voice
- Supports responsible economic growth
- Restores and protects natural resources and our environment
- Seeks to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture & recognizes our multi-ethnic cultures

IHVB Support
Mālama Hawai'i
volunteer programs

- Seek good matching volunteer programs to partner with HTA
- Conduct orientation webinar to help qualify programs
- Encourages voluntourism in group travel orientations and farm tours
- Promote and support appropriate messaging



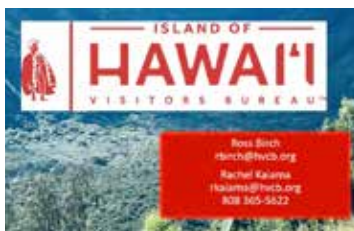
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- Waipio
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- 15 Island wide CEP Programs
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Take away - Be active in Mālama ku'u home

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Paul Harris +1



Kudos to Amy Decker

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Jeffrey Mich, Kona, HI
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Waimea, HI
Rotary Club of
North Hawaii



Musings – "Shifting Tides" by Victoria Morse



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

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Just for Fun –Fluffy and Adorable!



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At District 5000 – Randy Hart – District Governor



Randy Hart, our new District Governor for 2022/2023 joined us and gave an excellent presentation about his plans and goals for the coming Rotary year. He also welcomed Rotary's 1st female International President and discussed the prime initiatives of Rotary International.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY HART
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5000



RANDY'S AREA OF FOCUS: MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be the focus this year, as have over the years, but let's take it up a notch with focusing on engaging members and expanding our reach. With more hands, we can imagine more impactful projects and continuing our mark to be rainmakers.

• D5000 Membership Goal = 10% NET Gain

As of July 2, 2022, D5000 has 1422 members

• Club commitments = Net increase of ONE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES
Rotary Club of Windsor-Bromwich
Windsor, Canada



JENNIFER'S KEY MESSAGES

1. Advancing our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) by each of us doing our part to ensure Rotary is a welcoming and inclusive community. Learn more about DEI in Rotary, determine why DEI matters to your club, raise awareness of DEI including creating a DEI committee in your club that reflects the demographics of your community and take action on DEI.
2. Create a welcoming club experience: Comfort and Care. Ensure that the club environment and experience is welcoming, inclusive, and enjoyable for all members and participants.
3. Empowering girls. Continue past RI President Shekhar Mehta's *Girls Empowerment Initiative*, recognizing that empowered girls become empowered women.
4. Expanding our reach. How Rotary can make a measurable difference, while introducing Rotary to new audiences and potential partners and influencers.

To view the entire presentation;
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RI President Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

DISTRICT 5000 INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS 2022/2023

• Nepal – December 2022

• Fiji - January 2023

ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- October 24-World Polio Day
- November 26 – Rotary Gives
- April 22- Rotarians at Work Day

SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

- Webinars
- Online Rotary Learning Center
- District Leadership Academy (starts in August. Past Presidents apply now)



No child anywhere is safe until we've completely eradicated polio from this Earth and that is why we need donations to pay for 150,000 health workers who are in 60 countries, vaccinating **400 million children each year**.

Please consider donating \$50 to PolioPlus this year and joining the PolioPlus Society to pledge to donate \$100 each year until Polio is completely eradicated.

FOUNDATION GOALS

- EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)
- Per Capita



District 5000 Grant \$
including club and district fundraising funds
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Rotary International District 500 Organization chart 2022-2023



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At the Podium – Laura Varney – Hospice of Kona

July 28, 2022



Life Should Not Only Be Lived, It Should Be Celebrated



Hospice of Kona's family-centered approach to end-of-life care provides warmth, compassion and that needed personal touch. Based in Kailua Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii (also known as "The Healing Island"), Hospice of Kona focuses on the whole person, and believes life should be celebrated with the highest quality of compassionate care.

Hospice is designed to bring personalized, sensitive, compassionate health care and support to individuals and their families facing the advanced stages of a life-limiting illness. Hospice recognizes that a patient who is dealing with the end of life seeks and deserves comfort in every aspect of his/her life. Hospice embraces the reality that, when a cure is not possible, the end of life can still be filled with love and comfort.

Laura has been the Executive Director since 2006. She has lived in Kona for many years and previously owned a successful tile business in Kona.

Just Last Week – Richard Farnham – Archited



Fellow Rotarian, Richard Farnham, entertained the club with a video presentation of David Rees-Thomas' 43 Years as a Rotarian. Video production is a hobby of Farnham, and he welcomed the opportunity to honor one of Kona's longest serving Rotarians.

Unfortunately, due to the video file passing through Zoom headquarters on the mainland, several computers and a "vintage" projector; the video was a bit jerky and lagged the the sound, but the presentation got the point across and was appreciated by all.



To view the video without the "special effects," click here to see it on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/NCxklZQDNxQ>

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Coming Up

Programs:

New Member

Introduction 08/04

Alice Bratton 08/11

Kona Office on Aging

June Moore Unger 08/18

Nurse During Pandemic

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Jeremy Mich, Kona, HI
Guest of Richard
Farnham

Britney Jeffreis
Kona, HI
Peter & Becca's
Granddaughter



At the Club – CPCG Afternoon Tea

Dear Esteemed Rotarian, SAVE THE DATE

You are again cordially invited to join us for afternoon tea to celebrate each other, Rotary in general, and good times had by all. Many wonderful people will be in attendance, so this is an event not to be missed. There will be an assortment of delicious tea bites to titillate your palate and of course, tea...made and served in the proper way.

Hosted at the exquisite residence of David Rees-Thomas.

Saturday, August 20, 3 PM

Look forward to seeing you there - Jenaya - On behalf of the RCOK CPCG (Committee to Promote Civilized Gathering)

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July 28
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Laurie Yoshida

Aug 4
Laura Dierenfield
PATH

Aug 11
Mayor Kenoi

Aug 18
TBD

Aug 25
TBD

Sept 1
Angel Pilago

Sept 8
DARK
Labor Day Holiday

For more info about our club visit www.RotaryClubofKona.com

This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona Laurie L. K. Yoshida, District Governor Rotary District 5000



On April 1, 2002, Laurie Yoshida joined Rotary as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kalepa Sunrise. From that point forward, Yoshida has been on the Board for the club every year including the last 3 years as club Treasurer. As a centennial President, Laurie was fortunate to serve during Rotary's year of celebration.

Laurie also served as Assistant District Governor 2007-2009 and assisted with membership at the district level during the 2009-2010 Rotary year. Laurie is President & C.E.O. of Successful Planning, an Event Planning and Project Coordination company.

Yoshida is able to combine her experience in Management, Marketing, and Advertising along with her hands on experience in Event Planning. Laurie was the Governor's Liaison for Kaua'i from 2003-2010. She represented the Governor on Kaua'i and facilitated issues and complaints through the various state departments. Laurie is also the former President of the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce and the former Marketing Director of the Hawai'i Osteoporosis Center. Yoshida was also an Account Executive for Oceanic Cablevision where she sold cable advertising and was a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative. Laurie earned a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Laurie is married to husband, Vernon and they have 2 children Brittney (almost 13) and Christopher (21)



Rotary Club of Kona Names 2011 Business of the Year

This week we honor the 2011 Rotary Club of Kona Business of the Year: Starbucks Coffee Store #21013, Palani Road location. As Rotarians, we strive to live up to our motto "Service Above Self" and incorporate that into all we do in our community.

Starbucks Coffee has exemplified that standard to actively contribute generously to community projects, both Rotary driven and neighborhood driven, in both product and time. Starbucks manager Kara Saunders, with the support of her District Manager Susan Nixon and her team at the Palani Road store has lead the way in these efforts.

The contributions provided meant the world to our troops, and helped make our Army 1-21 "Gimlets" care boxes and mahalo projects a resounding success.



President's Greeting

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians,

This week we welcome our new District Governor, Laurie Yoshida. She will be presenting Paul Harris Awards to Kris Hazard, Loi Chang-Stroman, and Brian Asbjornson. Congratulations to all of our Kona Rotarians on receiving Paul Harris Awards last year. We also celebrate our Business of the Year, "Starbucks", for doing so much in our community. It will also mark our last meeting at the Royal Kona Resort as we return to the King Kamehameha Hotel.

Yours in Rotary Service, Michael Kelly

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Just for Fun – Most Watched Sporting Event!



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At the Podium – New Member Introductions

August 4, 2022



Rebekah Hill

Rebekah was born on the Big Island of Hawaii. She Moved away for college, studying at California State University in Chico, and recently moved back. She currently lives in Kealahou, Hawaii with Husband, Chuck. She considers herself very lucky to live in Hawaii.



Tony Bonnici

Tony hails from Rohnert Park, California. He currently lives in Kailua Kona, Hawaii with his wife, Amber. He is self employed as a business consultant. His company is Tony Bonnici Coaching and Consulting.

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Just Last Week – Laura Varney – Hospice of Kona



Laura has been the Executive Director of Hospice of Kona since 2006. She gave us an excellent update on how Hospice fared during the Pandemic and how the organization has evolved over recent years.



Hospice's biggest change was the founding of the Hospice of Kona Foundation. The Foundation raises funds for the many initiatives of Hospice that are not funded by government agencies, including *Nakamaru Hale*, *Maluhi Grief Center*, *Camp Erin*, and *Circle of Remembrance*.

The Foundation is supported by direct donations plus two thrift stores, *Memory Lane* and *Memory Lane Too*, local annual events including *Royal Holiday Tea* and *Love 2 Fish*, and various special events.

During the Pandemic, providing services was a challenge, but when asked, the community pitched in to provide an abundance of hard to obtain supplies including the much needed PPE. Hospice facilities were modified to allow for needed separation distance and regular testing was mandatory.

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Steve Lindburg,
General Manager
Sheraton Keauhou Bay
Resort and Spa

Aug 30
Kaimi Judd / Joe Root
Kohalaiki Shores LLC

Sept 6 -TBA

Sept 12–22
Habitat for Humanity
Blitz Build

Kona Coffee Blossom

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At the Rotary Club of Kona District 5000 Governor Chester "Chet" Dal Santo

We now begin the year of RI President Sakuji Tanaka, whose theme is "Peace through Service". Let us also reflect and celebrate the many accomplishments of PDG Laurie Yoshida's year as we look toward the future (as **VISIONARIES**). Over the next 2 months I will be visiting all of the clubs in the District and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and listening to your new and innovative ideas for Rotary. I have gotten to know many of the wonderful Rotarians we have in District 5000 but there are so many more of you I have yet to meet. I am so honored and grateful that I have been given the opportunity to represent what I consider to be the best district in the Rotary world.

This year I am asking each member to recruit 1 new member to their club. Membership is a key focus, both at the RI and District levels. Marco and his team are always available to assist you in rolling out the "IGNITE" membership program. Find someone that you believe would make a good Rotarian based on your friendship and their integrity and leadership qualities. Invite them to your club social or service project and let them get to know the work of Rotary. Talk to them about the networking opportunity within the district and beyond.

We are at a critical time in Rotary. We must adjust to new ways of doing business and adapt fresh and

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President's Greeting



Aloha

Mahalo to everyone who came out and supported our Project Compassion last Sunday at Denny's. We raised over \$4,100 to go towards our Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build "Rotary" house. A special thanks goes out to Brian Asbjornson for stepping up and running this event even after he "retired" from Project Compassion. I think this was his 21st

project. Congratulations.

It was also nice to see all the support coming from the Kona Sunrise and Kona Mauka Clubs. All three clubs brought people in and kept the place buzzing from 4 until 9! It is truly amazing the things we can accomplish through Rotary by leveraging our resources.

I will have volunteer forms available at Thursday's meeting for those who will want to help actually build the house between September 12th and the 22nd. We have raised over \$20,000 to date and would still like to get a lot closer to our goal of \$85,000 to build this house.

If you know of anyone who might like to support this cause please let them know. One way is to let your friends on Facebook know what we are doing. You might be surprised at those who might like to participate if they only knew about it.

Yours in Rotary, Alan Clark

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Hawaii County Office of Aging assesses the needs of the county's older adult population and determines the kinds of services required to meet those needs. In the Office of Aging the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a trusted source where people of all ages and income can go for answers to their questions about aging, disabilities and care-giving resources.

Alice Bratton is an Aging and Disability Specialist working at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in the Hawaii County Kona Office of Aging. Alice moved to Kona in 1998 and worked in children's mental health, encouraging collaborative relationships among various community agencies. For the last six years she has been applying these skills to improving access to, and building capacity in, the network of care for our older and differently abled folks.

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

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

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

Tony Bonnici



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

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

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

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- Silent Auction of incredible local goods and experiences
- An update on our museum's progress by CEO Dana McLaughlin and cofounder/board member Anne Van Brunt

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Enjoy small, delectable, culturally infused plates of culinary delights and creatively crafted, curated drinks. Relax in a posh, speakeasy atmosphere where comfort is key.

Just Last Week – Alice Bratton – HI County Office of Aging



Hawaii County Office of Aging assesses the needs of the county's older adult population and determines the kinds of services required to meet those needs. In the Office of Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a trusted source where people of all ages and income can go for answers to their questions about aging, disabilities and caregiving resources.

Alice Bratton is an Aging and Disability Specialist working at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in the Hawaii County Kona Office of Aging. Alice moved to Kona in 1998 and worked in children's mental health, encouraging collaborative relationships among various community agencies. For the last six years she has been applying these skills to improving access to, and building capacity in, the network of care for our older and differently abled folks.

In her presentation Alice emphasized a few of the current challenges of the Office of Aging. With the mission of "Aging in Place" for Hawaii's kapuna, there is an urgent need for In-Home Service professionals. There are currently very few qualified persons available to meet the rapidly growing need. An alternative to In-Home care, is Private Home care. However there are also very few certified Private Care Homes.

Adult Day Care can often provide help or a break from constant caregiving to relatives providing In-Home care, but unfortunately there is no Adult Day Care facility in either Kona or Waimea.

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At the Club – CPCG Afternoon Tea

Dear Esteemed Rotarian, SAVE THE DATE

You are again cordially invited to join us for afternoon tea to celebrate each other, Rotary in general, and good times had by all. Many wonderful people will be in attendance, so this is an event not to be missed. There will be an assortment of delicious tea bites to titillate your palate and of course, tea...made and served in the proper way.

Hosted at the exquisite residence of David Rees-Thomas.

Saturday, August 20, 3 PM

Look forward to seeing you there - Jenaya - On behalf of the RCOK CPCG (Committee to Promote Civilized Gathering)

At District 5000 – Conference May 19 –21, 2023 – Hilo

Aloha Rotarians,

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel.

So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

\$350.00 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2022

\$375.00 Registration October 1 through December 31, 2022

\$400.00 Registration January 1 through April 15, 2023

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

Thanks- Jenaya

Just for Fun – I'm Over Here!



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Beth Sanders
Univ Hawaii

Aug 25
Laura Dierenfield
PATH

Sept 1
Angel Pilago

Sept 8
DARK—District Assembly

For more info about our club visit www.RotaryClubofKona.com

This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona County of Hawaii Mayor Billy Kenoi

County of Hawaii's Mayor Billy Kenoi was recognized by Hawaii Business Magazine in 2007 as one of 25 people who will help shape Hawaii over the next 25 years. He obtained his Law Degree from UH Manoa's William S. Richardson School of Law, and was Honolulu Deputy Public Defender in the District, Family, and Felony Trial Divisions. He went on to serve as Executive Assistant to Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim.



Billy was elected County of Hawaii mayor in 2008 in his first run for public office.

He is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association. He is a board member with the Hawaii Justice Foundation and the Hawaii Island United Way. He coaches AYSO Soccer and teaches Administration of Justice at the Hawaii Community College.

He has worked at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, the State Judiciary, and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund as a vol-

Beginning August 4th, Club Meetings Move Back to King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

Our Weekly Rotary Club of Kona Meetings have moved to King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. The plated lunch is \$22.00. Or you can use your lunch punch card and take advantage of the \$4 savings off each lunch. Don't have a lunch punch card? They are available at \$90 for 5 lunches! Parking validation is included.



YOU MUST RSVP at <http://rotaryclubofkona.com/> before 2pm on Tuesday. After you enter your data in the reservation form, press enter to submit your reservation.

If you choose not to eat lunch, you are still welcome to come to the meeting. However, drinks and parking are not included. Any Questions – please call Summer at 769-2899.

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Kukulu lokomaika'i a
me pilialoha maika'i a'e

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

President's Greeting



Aloha Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians,

As we meet for the second time at our new home at the King Kamehameha hotel, we are honored to welcome our Big Island Mayor, Billy Kenoi. This will be one of our most interesting meetings filled with information on what is happening around our island. Congratulations to Rotarian Loi Chang-Stroman on receiving his first Paul Harris last week from ADG Bill Cliff.

As we see and feel our changing world, it is a comfort, that Rotary Clubs all over world are striving together to make it better. **Yours in Rotary Service, Michael Kelly**

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Just for Fun – Shark!



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Kameula, HI 96740

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Kilauea Military Camp
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Highway 11
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Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon
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71 Banyan Drive
Hilo, HI 96720

South Hilo:

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August 25, 2022



Our purpose is to give back to our Kona kids through our newly started WeGo! foundation. It was birthed two years ago in the middle of the pandemic because, although we have done a lot of this type of work in the past, partnering with other organizations, we knew we wanted to start our own. The timing couldn't have been more perfect because so many kids were stuck inside at home and not getting outside and being active. There was no better time to get things off the ground and through some relationships with work and generous friends, we were able to get things started. We support at-risk kids through the power of sports. Mainly soccer and the Hawaiian cultural sports of surfing, swimming, and outrigger paddling. Our website is www.wegofoundation.com and our Instagram is @wegofoundation.inc.



I used to be the Athletic Health Care Trainer at Kealahou High School for about 10 years until my son was 15 months old and then I knew I needed to switch careers to be an available mom. I now run two other businesses and recently started our WeGo! foundation, which is all volunteer. A really cool company called Kind Humans heard about what we are doing and wanted to help spread the word by doing a little fun blog about us. That can be found at <https://kindhumans.com/kindhumans-blog/kindhumans-profile-a-few-kind-questions-with-wego-foundation-founders>

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Rian Biallas
Kailua Kona



Visiting Rotarian
Claremont, CA
Kimo Becker
North Hawaii



Aaron Draime
Kailua Kona



At the Club – Welcom to New Member, Jeremy Mich



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



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Shellie Norman, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, DCNP

Shellie is a Dermatology Certified Family Nurse Practitioner with over 38 years of experience in the fields of nursing and healthcare. She obtained her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of Utah in 2014.

As a child growing up in Southern California with Vitiligo, Shellie experienced first hand how skin health can effect a person's life. As a result, Shellie chose to focus her advanced practice in the field of Dermatology so she could help others that struggle with skin diseases. Shellie has been practicing in the field of dermatology since 2012, both at a progressive North Idaho Dermatology Clinic and here on the Big Island of Hawaii. She opened, Island Dermatology LLC and Koru Medical Spa in Kailua Kona, in 2017.

Shellie has always been passionate about helping her patients achieve their best. Her medical practice is focused on treating the whole person and not just the health issue or problem, as well as educating and giving her patients the tools to keep themselves looking and feeling great. In her spare time, Shellie enjoys spending time with her loved ones and her two fur-babies. With a passion for the outdoors and traveling, she spends as much of her free time staying active and amazed by the natural world.

Just Last Week – Rebekah Lussiaa – WeGo! Foundation



Our purpose is to give back to our Kona kids through our newly started WeGo! foundation. It was birthed two years ago in the middle of the pandemic because, although we have done a lot of this type of work in the past, partnering with other organizations, we knew we wanted to start our own. The timing couldn't have been more perfect because so many kids were stuck inside at home and not getting outside and being active. There was no better time to get things off the ground and through some relationships with work and generous friends, we were able to get things started. We support at-risk kids through the power of sports. Mainly soccer and the Hawaiian cultural sports of surfing, swimming, and outrigger paddling.

The program began in 2020 and currently sponsors 13 keiki. The primary goal is to take at-risk keiki, and not only improve their lives and health, but hopefully help them become tomorrow's leaders.



Website: <https://www.wegofoundation.com>

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July 2022

Jennifer Jones is the founder and president of Media Street Productions, an award-winning 27-year-old media company in Windsor, Ontario. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland.

Jennifer's talents have strengthened Rotary's reach and impact as she has served in roles including vice president, director, Rotary Foundation trustee, and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today fundraising campaign.

Jennifer is a leader in cultivating experiential fundraising opportunities, such as a day of golfing with Rotary polio ambassador Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, that raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication. She also led the innovative #RotaryResponds virtual event in May 2020, which raised money for COVID-19 relief projects and showcased how Rotary members were responding to the pandemic around the world.

Working alongside political figures, celebrities, and global leaders, Jennifer has raised awareness and hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace, and provide clean water and sanitation. An expert storyteller, she inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action.

She has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) and has been recognized with the YMCA Peace Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and she was the first Canadian to receive Wayne State University's Community Peacemaker Award.

Jennifer is married to Rotary member Nick Krayacich, a family physician. They share a love for travel, cycling, golf, and relaxing at their family cottage, in addition to adventures such as climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Jennifer and Nick support The Rotary Foundation as members of the Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and Bequest Society.

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Sept 8
DARK—District
Assembly

Sept 15
TBA

Sept 22
Club Assembly

Sept 29
TBA—Meeting to be
at another location
due to Ironman
Events

Oct 6
Dark—Ironman
Competition

Oct 13
United Way

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This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona K. Angel Pilago, Councilman



K. Angel Pilago, 59, is a native of Hawai'i and has been a resident of Kona for over 20 years. Married to Nita Pilago, they have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. All are active in community, social, and civic affairs, promoting family values and advocating for a secure quality of life for Hawai'i.

K. Angel Pilago is a US Army 101st Airborne Division Veteran earning numerous decorations in Vietnam including the Silver Star for Heroism. He received his diploma while in service, obtained an Honorable Discharge, and attended University of Hawai'i majoring in Social Science. He has 20 years experience as an Employment Counselor with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations gainfully engaged in Economic Development and Community Service.

Striving to be involved and contributing to make Hawai'i a better place to live, he was instrumental and successfully led the 2 landmark Supreme Court Civil Rights cases Koha-naiki-PASH, and, Ka Pa'akai v. LUC. These legal victories led to new laws in the state of Hawai'i that provide strong tools to ensure environmental justice, human rights and public

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ROTARY & ROTARIANS AT WORK !!!

We placed four way test labels in 528 student dictionaries in 35 minutes!! Then we all enjoyed pupus and beverages. It was so much fun and a true example of how with fellowship and



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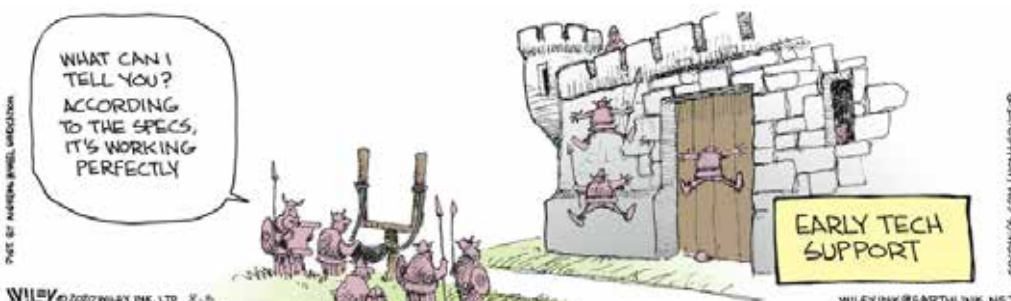
Possibly our last GSE team, has had a wonderful stay in Kona. For all the Kona Rotarians that attended the multi club dinner Monday, experienced a night that we not soon forget. Thanks so much for attending and a special thanks to Jim and Danielle Lightner for being a great GSE host.

Yours in Rotary Service, Michael Kelly

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Honalo, HI 96740

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Red Water Cafe
Highway 19
Kameula, HI 96740

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At the Podium – Patrick Hurney – Habitat for Human–



Habitat For Humanity Hawai'i Island is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. It was established in 2017 with the merge between Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii and Hale Aloha O Hilo Habitat for Humanity. This new partnership renewed a commitment that both affiliates had made to the residents of Hawai'i Island to help families to build a brighter future through homeownership.

Habitat For Humanity Hawai'i Island is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

Just Last Week – Shellie Norman – Island Dermatology

Shellie provided an excellent power point presentation on skin Cancer.S

SKIN CANCER

THREE MOST COMMON TYPES OF SKIN CANCER

- Basal Cell Carcinoma
- Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Melanoma

BASAL CELL CARCINOMA (BCC)

- Basal cell carcinoma is the most common form of skin cancer.
- It is called the most common cancer to humans.
- 5.5-6.2 million cases per year in US (1)
- BCCs arise from the epidermis, the outermost layer of the skin.
- This abnormal growth typically when basal cell (BCC) is diagnosed from exposure to UV radiation (sun or indoor tanning beds).
- 85%-95% cure rate
- 80-90% metastasize

WHAT DOES BCC LOOK LIKE?

WHAT DO SCCS LOOK LIKE?

ACTINIC KERATOSIS (PRE-CANCERS)

It's tough, scaly, patch on the skin that develops from years of sun exposure. It grows slowly and usually first appears in people over 40. Left untreated, the risk of actinic keratosis turning into a type of skin cancer called squamous cell carcinoma is about 1% to 15%.

WHAT DOES AN ACTINIC KERATOSIS LOOK LIKE?

WHAT TO WATCH FOR/RED FLAGS FOR MELANOMA

SKIN CANCER PREVENTION TIPS

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Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful

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At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

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Kelly Fleer with the Mitsubishi PGA Golf Tournament and Fire Chief Darryl Olivera

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Will Murakami Principal of Kealakehe High School State of the School Address

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKERS

This Week's Program, Jay Rubenstein, Director of Sales, Royal Kona Resort will be giving us an update of the current projects, renovations and events at the Hotel, following short updates from Representative Denny Coffman and Gubernatorial Candidate Gary Hooser.



GARY HOOSER
Candidate for Lt. Governor

Hooser believes in being "out in front" on issues. Back in October 2009, he was the first to propose a solution to the "Furlough Friday" situation. He asked for a special session to utilize existing funds to properly restore the school days. Over the years, he has taken a leadership role in numerous important and sometimes controversial issues. Hooser was the leading advocate in the Senate in support of HB444, the civil unions legislation recently vetoed by Governor Lingle.



DENNY COFFMAN
Candidate for District 6 Representative

I have completed my second legislative session as your State House District 6 Representative and my two year term of office expires this year. I am running for re-election. A second term will allow me to leverage my knowledge, experience and legislative relationships to be more effective for our community. I have worked hard for Kona since my election in November 2008. I sincerely hope that I have earned your support.

Keauhou Head Start Pre-School



What a bunch of lucky kids to have Rotary provided the time, energy, love and money it takes to complete such a superb project!

President's Greeting



This has been an exciting week for our club. On Friday, Mike Kelly, Renee Kraft and I attended the blessing of the playground the club renovated at the Keauhou Head start Preschool. The gathered officials were very grateful for Rotary's help. Thank you! Then we received news that our project has been selected as one of five to be spotlighted at the District Conference this weekend on Kauai. We are preparing a presentation, and will be sharing our project with the 47 other clubs in the state. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this playground. The keiki are really enjoying it! I will have news from the District Conference at next week's meeting. So far from our club Harold Meltzer, Renee Kraft, Connie DiZinno and myself will be making the trip to Kauai.

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Education: Hawaii Preparatory Academy, University of Oregon

Max is married to a fellow Duck (Duckess), Leah. Leah was a fellow scholar/athlete running track for one of the premier programs in the country. They have two daughters, Cameron and Elliot.

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Yours in Rotary,

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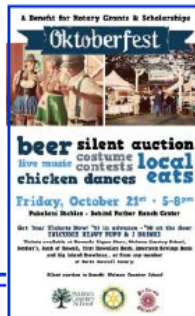
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In the Community – Ironman Parade – Oct 3

Volunteers Needed

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Walk with the athletes from a country (or two) from the entrance of the parking lot at the Courtyard by Marriott King Kam Hotel to Hale Halawai.

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Just Last Week – Kawika Uyehara – Water Department



Kawika Uyehara was appointed as the Department's Deputy by the Water Board, effective August 3, 2015. The Department of Water Supply (DWS) is a semi-autonomous agency of the County of Hawai'i that operates by rules and regulations adopted by the Water Board. The Department operates and maintains its water systems with revenues generated solely through billings for water service.

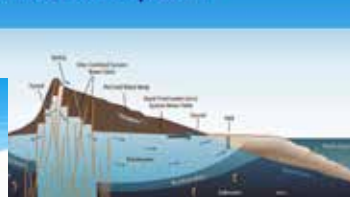


What is the Department of Water Supply?

- Founded 1949
- Safe, reliable supply of water
- 23 public water systems island wide



What is an aquifer?



The Water Cycle



Lessons Learned & Continual Improvement

- Standardization of equipment (pumps, motors, electrical equipment)
- Gyroscopic alignment study
- Spare equipment
- Asset management

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Center

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Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful

fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as "Tía Jennifer." On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, "You'll have no problem."

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

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Just Visiting



Ramapriyan H. V,
Shashikala,
Koushik, Roshna
Rotary Club of
Rajarajeshwari
Nagar Centennial
India

Al Jubitz
Portland, OR



In the Community – Ironman Parade – Oct 3

Volunteers Needed

Come join the fun and excitement of being a Parade Marshal at the Ironman World Championship Parade of Nations.

Walk with the athletes from a country (or two) from the entrance of the parking lot at the Courtyard by Marriott King Kam Hotel to Hale Halawai.

When: Monday, Oct 3rd

Time: 1:00 - 4:30 (Check in no later than 1:30)

You will get an official Ironman Volunteer T-shirt, a complimentary Ticket to the Mahalo Party and loads of fun & memories.

To sign up, Call or Email Maverick at 808-282-9022 or TeamMaverickHawaii@Gmail.com.

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Just for Fun – You Still Taste Good to Me!





Musings – “Vulnerability” by Victoria Morse



When were they going to teach me that staying vulnerable was so hard. In a world of danger, fear and worry vulnerability gets pushed so far. Far from my mind as I just try to succeed, the tears begging to flow, for they are vulnerability's colleague. The tears work to release the grief trapped inside, from the disappointments of life, ones we all try to hide. Atlas, my divine lover shows up and vulnerability can flow, freeing my body, my mind, my heart and my soul.

In the Community – Interact Aid Station

Aloha Club!

Interact is looking for folks to come out and help with their aid station for Thursday, Oct 6. This is a great way to watch the event and show our support for Interact. Any involvement is appreciated even if you cannot make it to an entire shift.

Station is located in front of Honokohau Harbor.

Here is the spreadsheet: They most need help with setup from 10-11 am. And then a couple people each shift would be great. If you are able to come, fill out the following spreadsheet. They are looking for help in shifts starting from 10 am until midnight. If you can only come for part of a shift that is OK too!

[Ironman spreadsheet](#)

We also help to drop pizza off around 6 pm. This would involve ordering the pizzas, picking at Costco and dropping them at the aid station around 6 pm. 6-8 pizza, half cheese, half other. Contact Scott if you are able to help with this. 808 808 331 2203

Thanks, Jenaya

In the Community – Meet N' Eat

Aloha Club!

We are in need of someone who is available to help pick up the give out bag food supplies for Meet N Eat on Tuesday, Oct 4 at 8 am.

This entails meeting Artie at the Food Basket at 8 am, putting the supplies in your vehicle (truck preferred) and driving them to drop off at Kealahou Intermediate School immediately after. Probably takes about an hour total.

If you are available to help with this let me know. If you have specific questions give Jeremy a call at 808 365 6488.

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September 13 - 1:00 P to 5:00 P
KONA PRIDE FESTIVAL 2022 - Courtyard at King Kam Hotel

September 18 - 1:00 P to 6:00 P
KOKUA KAILUA VILLAGE STROLL - Alii Dr, Near the Pier

Member Birthdays

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- Easy correspondence and information retrieval.
- A consistent process for permitting.
- Theoretically level playing field for all applicants.

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- Applicants must be computer savvy, or must pay for consultant.
- Applications forms can be difficult to understand and complete.
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- Difficult to talk with a real person or get answers to questions.
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- Critical shortage of qualified persons to administer the system.

Just Last Week – Victoria Morse – New Member



Victoria gave a short talk about her life and journey on her way to living in Hawaii. She grew up in Illinois, attended college in Colorado, and worked as a door-to-door salesman of Direct TV Services in Colorado and Oregon.

She moved to Hawaii in 2017 where she works as a Electrical Reliability Consultant for American Electronic, and also works as a personal trainer teaching Fitness Classes. She recently started her own company, *Victoria Lynn Movement*, teaching Yoga and Movement.

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Musings – “The Ironmen are Coming” by Victoria Morse



The Iron Men are coming, the Iron Men are here! Some come for recognition, some come to face their fears. What does it take to become a world champion? Is it a willing spirit to conquer mind-body-soul? Do you need a pure heart, if you are to take home the gold? The mental achievement one can obtain, from the internal excitement that comes from the love of the game. So buckle up Kona because the athletes have arrived - fighting for their purposes - hoping to let their legacies thrive.

Victoria's Korean friend Matthew Han, His friend Nick and a “fat-head” of Ginnie, his wife.

Ironman 2022 – Rotary at the Parade of Nations



To see a snippet of the parade: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary> Click on Parade.mp4

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October 23, 2022

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October 29, 2022

ABLED HAWAII ARTISTS 15th ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL - Puna Kai Shopping Ctr, Pahoa

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October 24
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October 8
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Date Joined Anniversaries

Maverick Malech
October 15, 2015 - 7 Yrs
Allen Sullivan
October 18, 2018 - 4 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

Amy & Richard Decker
October 20, 1991 - 31 Yrs
Maverick & Karen Malech
October 15, 2008 - 14 Yrs
Peter Schonberg & Becca Hamar
October 8, 1993 - 29 Yrs

Island Clubs

Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM
PaPa Kona Restaurant
75-5770 Ali'i Drive
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Also on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86997571310?pwd=QVl1YTJjZjM5eEpyaStERFFBNERzd09>

Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon
Teshima's Restaurant
Honalo, HI 96740

North Hawaii:

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

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

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

South Hilo:

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

Hilo Bay:

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

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All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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October 20, 2022



Sonia Nelson is the Donor Relations Manager for the Donkey Mill. She was born in Kona and grew up half here and half in soCal. As a child she discovered a deep love for the arts through music, dance and craft. She has worked in development and nonprofit arts management for 10 years and has a background in program evaluation, data analysis and reporting. She holds an Master of Fine Arts degree in Arts Leadership from Seattle University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Mangement) from San Diego State University.



Natasha Ala is the President of the Board of Directors at the Donkey Mill. She is also the Director of Programs & Resource Development at Hawaii Island Community Health Center (previously known as WHCHC). She has spent the past twenty years working in the nonprofit sector, serving on various nonprofit boards, and working as Executive Director for two separate nonprofit organizations. Ala has a Bachelor of Art degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a certificate of nonprofit management from Alaska Pacific University.

The Donkey Mill Art Center is a leading source for contemporary visual arts, crafts and culture in West Hawai'i. Our core art classes, stunning exhibitions, artist talks, and exciting community events all serve as entry points for folks of all ages to explore diverse perspectives, tell stories and to encourage meaningful dialogue and reflection. We are well known in the community for our quality youth art education programs, our annual art auction, and bi-annual Cool Fusion festival of 1000 Bowls.

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Oldenburg, Germany

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Just for Fun –A Lot of Time in the Bathroom



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Upcoming Speakers:

Nov 3
Perry Springman
Children of Extreme
Poverty with World
Vision

Nov 10
Dutch Kuyper, CEO
Parker Ranch

Nov 17 — TBA

Nov 24—DARK
Thanksgiving
Holiday

This Week at the Rotary Club of Kona Jay Kreuzer, CEO Kona Community Hospital

Executive Officer (CEO) of the West Hawaii region, which includes Kona Community Hospital (KCH) and Kohala Hospital.

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 HHSC West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. "His experience and knowledge in the health care industry, as well as his personal values of honesty, communication and integrity will be a great benefit to our hospitals. His strong background and commitment to promoting health care initiatives is obvious from his distinguished career and the positions he has held. His skills and leadership should prove to be a strong foundation for all of us. Of particular note, his long stays in prior positions promise stability to our hospitals. Given the massive changes in the health care environment and the need for partnerships and relationships within and outside the HHSC system the challenges are daunting. Jay is the right person to be at the helm through these unique times."



CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF HERE?

Please be sure to sign up for one or more of the scheduled days for our Keiki Vision project. We test the third grade students in each school and then present each of them with their very own dictionary. Contact Tammy Kelly to sign up or for questions.

KEIKI VISION PROJECT SAVE THE DATES

Oct 27 Innovations Public Charter
Oct 28 Hualalai Academy
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Who Says You Can't Listen to Opera in Kona?

The Metropolitan Opera Company in New York season runs from September through April each year. The sixth season of the Metropolitan Opera's Peabody and Emmy-winning series entitled *The Metropolitan HD Live* has just begun. The series shows a specific opera performance broadcast via satellite live from New York, to select theaters nationwide for one day only at a specific time. At the theater, programs are provided before the performance with cast names and the story of the opera. There are currently 163 U.S. markets to which the opera is beamed in addition to 51 countries.

For the first time ever in Kona, you can watch New York's Metropolitan Opera Company's performance. You will hear some of the greatest singers in the world today. The quality of the HD film and the quality of the music heard via Dolby surround-sound speakers makes every seat in the theater seem like the best in the house.

For live airings at Makalepa Stadium Cinema, tickets are just \$24 (\$22 for seniors, \$20 students with ID, \$18 for children).

All performances are Saturday matinees and begin at 12:55 p.m. The first opera, *Aina Botena* by Donizetti, is this Saturday, October 15. On Saturday, October 29, Don Giovanni by Mozart will be performed.

Other performances continue through April 15, 2012.

Tickets are available in advance at the Makalepa Cinema box office or online at www.conohollywood.com.

For more information contact Sonia Scadden via email: sscadden@hawaii.rr.com



Anna Botena portrays the 18-year-old queen driven insane by her infatuation with Anna Botena.

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Kupono ia ka kau

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Sara Athans, Artistic Director, is a community arts administrator, facilitator, and director originally from Anchorage, Alaska. Prior to joining the Aloha Theatre as its Artistic Director, Sara served as the theatre's Education Director. Sara worked in a pre-K special education classroom in Kona, as the Director of Programs at the UMLAUF Sculpture Garden & Museum in Austin, Texas and as the Executive Director of Anchorage Community Theatre in Anchorage, Alaska. She holds a BA in Theatre & Dance from the University of Texas and an MA in Applied Theatre from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London. Sara has a passion for creating theatre that is accessible, equitable, and joyful.



Roxanne Fox, Education Director, was raised on the west side of Hawaii Island and made her theatrical debut on the Aloha stage at the age of 5. She has performed extensively on-island, in North Carolina, and with the Oregon Contemporary Theatre; she is a founding member of The Aloha-has Improv company. Some of her favorite roles include Agnes in Agnes of God, Diana Morales in A Chorus Line, Ariel in The Tempest, Lucy in Jekyll and Hyde and Columbia in The Rocky Horror Show. Roxanne completed the 2-Year Musical Theatre Track at The Circle in the Square Theatre School, where she performed with the Alumni Ensemble. Roxanne taught drama and performing arts classes with Hualalai Academy, Kuleana Education, and Innovations Public Charter School, and has served as the Aloha Teen Theatre advisor. Roxanne is overjoyed to be returning home to Aloha Theatre, and is looking forward to the lessons ahead!

Just Last Week – Sonia Nelson/Natasha Ala – Donkey Mill Art Center



The Donkey Mill Art Center is a place of convergence for the exploration of arts and culture to inform, inspire and strengthen individual and collective well-being.

Arts education is essential to break down socio-economic and cultural barriers. Our vision is to establish West Hawai'i as a model of a resilient, thriving community where art is considered a necessity, not a luxury.

We are part of a deeply rooted community that has strengthened over time thanks to close relationships, connection and respect for our island environment and history. Our story starts with a shared vision of why arts and culture matter.

The Donkey Mill Art Center is a leading source for contemporary visual arts, crafts and culture in West Hawai'i. Our core art classes, stunning exhibitions, artist talks, and exciting community events all serve as entry points for folks of all ages to explore diverse perspectives, tell stories and to encourage meaningful dialogue and reflection. We are well known in the community for our quality youth art education programs, our annual art auction, and bi-annual Cool Fusion festival of 1000 Bowls.

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October 2022

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It

was also a tremendous opportunity to spotlight female health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, we are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan is one of only two countries in the world where wild poliovirus remains endemic. (The other is neighboring Afghanistan.) I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5. I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all firsthand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise \$50 million this year to earn the full 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will End Polio.

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Just Visiting



Dr's Gertrud & Wolfgang Lenzen - Osnabrueck, Germany

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Please join us for a special fellowship meeting and a fun event for everyone!

Mahalo! Amy Decker (808) 938-6800

Musings – Changing of Thoughts, Victoria Morse



What does it take to think differently, surely it can't be that hard? It only demands one to forgo all the limiting views that get trapped inside, from child to adult, all that we are taught. I wonder, is this my thought? Or is it just the programming I've learned. I've have forgotten how to think for myself, my spirit burned. Listening to Intuition seems so far out of reach, when life has at times been like a leech. Can I hear the voice inside over my never-ending judgements of myself and others; and why do I feed the need to judge my brother?! Then I breathe deeply, and I come back to Being, oh how listening to my breath is so freeing. Bring me back to my center where patience and humility reside. That place my sweet soul wishes to confide. Won't you come inside... to the secret place, where your beliefs can change over time. Just recognize, respect and redirect those lies. Now you have become conscious my dear, but keep straight on your path for the coast isn't clear. You will be tested and surely fall, for what would life be without it all?

Just for Fun –What a Loser!



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At the Club - Christmas Celebration - December 3, 2022



Rotary Club of Kona 75 Year Anniversary Christmas Celebration

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Games and Activities for "Kids" of All Ages

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In September, Officer Sluss organized the first-ever “Fill a Cruiser” event in collaboration with Costco Kona and the Hawai‘i Island Food Bank. The successful event resulted in 4,053 pounds of food and \$1,381 in monetary donations being donated to the Food Bank to help feed our local community. In June, he initiated 24 abandoned vehicle cases. By taking a proactive approach, Officer Sluss was able to help reduce these eyesores to the community, which are also a hazard to the environment. Officer Sluss has also been responsible for locating and correcting several problem parking areas where ignored signage or lack thereof created safety hazards for people in the community.

He also organizes Hawai‘i Police Department’s popular monthly “Coffee with A Cop” events in west Hawai‘i. In addition to his regular duties, Officer Sluss is the liaison between HPD and the Kona Drug Court, as well as the Community Policing Section representative for the Hawai‘i Island Security & Safety Professionals Association. Consistently working towards the betterment of the West Hawai‘i community, Officer Sluss is well respected among his peers and community members.

Just Last Week – Sara Athans & Roxanne Fox, Aloha Theater



Sara and Roxanne gave an excellent presentation about the workings and plans for the Aloha Theater. They began by stressing that all participants in Theater productions, with the exception of staff are volunteers, including actors, directors, producers, and crew. Also, in addition to shows, the Theater has several education programs including acting, writing, set design, and crew skills.

The Theater puts on about 6 shows per year, including a junior show, a big musical show, and, of course, The Rocky Horror Picture Show each Halloween. All shows have open auditions, and each show requires around 6 months for casting, production, and rehearsals.

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Jennifer Jones, President Rotary International



November, 2022

Being asked to Imagine Rotary can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something

quite small, even personal.

Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that — humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost, and by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary.

It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism: "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them — when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary.

Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, it can take years, before seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or perhaps in hearing from another member something that hit close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I'm going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us.

I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize with local media. Even sharing your stories with friends has impact.

We need ambassadors for Rotary's message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are you. The more you share stories — and share them from the heart — the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

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Charles Rosebrook
Burlingame, CA



Wendy Clark
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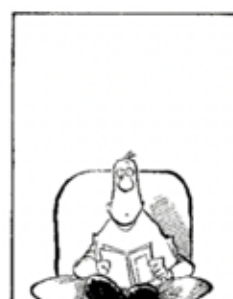
Musings – Grandmother, Victoria Morse



For Beverly (Mimi) Morse

I will continue to find peace with who you are and accept. I will continue to look at everything I expect of you Then realize that my expectations mean nothing and find the freedom to let them go. I will listen to your heartbeat for as long as I can, and I vow to always grab on and hold your hand. As your body shuts down I will not run and hide, I will face the truth of all that life resides. Knowing that we must all wither and die. We all must fall to our knees, we must all learn to cry. I love you grandmother and I honor your path. I will carry on this lineage with the highest esteem. And when you become my Angel I will grow in strength. I commit to passing on the love you shared, the laughs, the smiles. I thank you grandmother.

Just for Fun – Wait Untill I'm Dead!



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I have been a Rotarian for about 15 years. When I'm not deleting spammy emails and shutting down the many scammy calls I get every day, I run Kona Impact, local signage and marketing company.

Just Last Week –Dwayne Sluss, Wyatt Nahale, Aaron Tanaka – West Hawaii Community Policing



Officers Sluss, Nahale, and Tanaka provided a wealth of information regarding what Community Policing involves. The area served by the three officers extends all the way from the Waikola Dump to the border of South Kona District, a land area equal to the entire island of Oahu. Community Policing is not a permanent posting and all officers get rotated out of the program on a regular basis.

The Community Policing Program acts as a bridge between the police force and the public. They deal primarily with homelessness, and there are hundreds of homeless individuals in West Hawaii. Because the majority of homeless have either mental health and/or substance abuse problems, the problem is exacerbated by the complete lack of facilities to treat either.

Homelessness impacts the community by homeless persons loitering in public spaces, often negatively interacting with residents and visitors, and by panhandling. Unfortunately the statutes regarding both are absent or inadequate to solve the problems.

The Policing authority has had some success engaging the homeless in community projects, but participation is very limited.

To see a video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary> Click on Zoom110322.mp4

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Coming Up

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Ola Brew, 5PM	11/18
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Raghel & Jose	
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Musings – "Happy Holidays" by Victoria Morse



Every year during the holiday's there is an energy that returns, one of gratitude, generosity, and hope. But there is another energy that returns also, one of materialism, one of loneliness and greed. How can we honor both? Why does it feel that the materialism is louder? How to be content with what I already have I ask myself. The ads tell me I need more, more, more. If not for me then give to others, piling up the plastics from last year into the garage to make room for the new ones. Will the cycle ever end? Being content is such an easy phrase to throw around but when I look inside, I want, I want, I want. Dear Thanksgiving and Christmas, help me to relish in the gifts that Santa doesn't give, one of contentment, surrender and letting go. I do not wish to resist what is, for I know I can not change it. Awareness of my internal state is all that I can bring into order. In other words, I shall be the example. Let's breathe together as we accept what is. Letting the holiday energy pass gracefully as we look inward.

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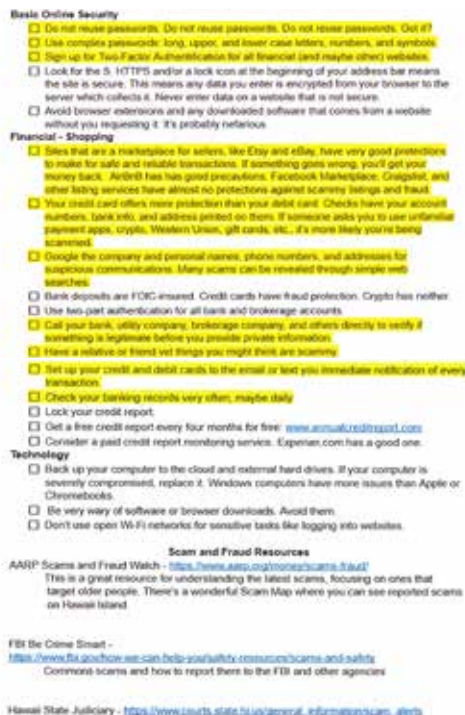
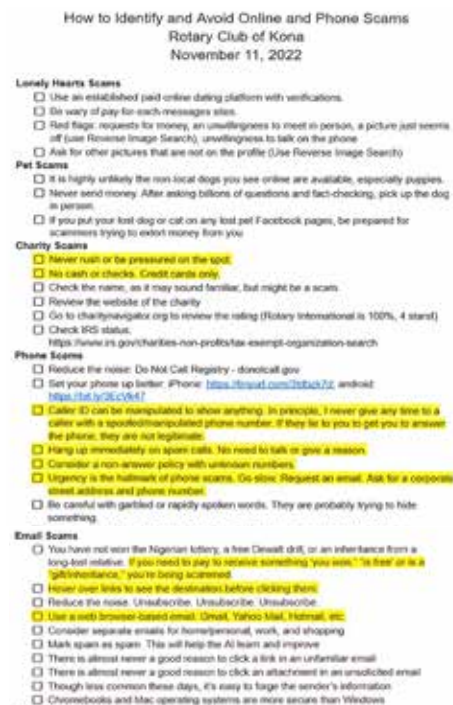
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Beverly Morse
Quitman, TX
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In the Community – Christmas Parade, 12/10/2022

Volunteers Needed

Rotary Annual Christmas Parade. Kailua-Kona

Where: Kekuaokalani Gym Assembly Area

When: Saturday December 10th

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Your Help Makes A Huge Difference Keeping This Parade Safe And Fun For Everyone.



Please Contact Renee Kraft (808) 345-2108 Or Barbara Kossow (808) 938-0806.

In the Community – Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Our club will be helping with bell ringing to support Salvation Army. Our dates are from 12/19-12/23 (8A to 6P daily) and we will be circulating a sign-up sheet.

"I have done the bell ringing with my granddaughter for the last few years and it is inspiring to watch people give. Often the giving comes from families with children, where a parent gives each child some money to put into the kettle. They are teaching that giving is important! I have long believed that true prosperity comes from being generous with our time, treasure, talent, and toil." Becca Hamar - 2021

Sign up link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zpdziKCEV5SWRxa0sEswB-m3YUVRsvDF-9Jn7FWLdEBo/edit#gid=0>

At Interact – Christmas Auction, 2022

Aloha Club,

Interact is again doing an online auction. If you go to the last page that says "Donations and T Shirts" you can also just buy a T-shirt or give a donation. They do great work so lets try to show our support.

Link: <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/khsinteractclub/khs-interact?authuser=0>

Just for Fun – One of Them Must Take Orders!



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If you get lost call **Linda Jane at (808) 936-0469 or me at (808) 937-2541.**

When: 5 pm onward (if you cant make it at 5 come whenever you can!) The sunset from LJK's is epic so if you are there by 5:30 you will be able to catch it!

This is a really great time to fellowship with club members. Please feel free to invite friends, spouses, neighbors, etc so they can see how cool and fun we are.

RSVP: Please respond to this email if you are coming & with how many so we can get a general head count. Don't worry, if you dont RSPV you can still come! We just are looking for a general approximation.

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December 08, 2022



Aloha! My name is Charis, Founder & CEO of Humanity Hale, a local nonprofit which provides underserved youth with life enhancing programs, 24/7 trauma support, and pathways which continue to build promising futures in our community.

I grew up in Kailua Kona, and as someone who had experienced years of abuse and trauma, healing did not come easy, as it took many years of self discovery to pull myself out of depression and harm.

My mission became clear as I dedicated the next part of my life to create a safe space and healthy environment for youth to have an outlet. A place where our youth no longer have to suffer in silence and feel alone. A place to understand the harmful path that stems from substance abuse and self destruction, from mentors who have been in their shoes.



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John Patrick

Altrincham, Manchester, UK
Altrincham Rotary Club, 1285
"Bless you all and many thanks
for your "Rotarian" friendship.



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Volunteers Needed

Rotary Annual Christmas Parade. Kailua-Kona
Where: Kekuaokalani Gym Assembly Area
When: Saturday December 10th
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Your Help Makes A Huge Difference Keeping This
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Please Contact Renee Kraft (808) 345-2108 Or Barbara Kossow (808) 938-0806.



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Just for Fun – Probable Claus!



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



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At the Podium – Larry Webb, Renee Kraft

December 15, 2022



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So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

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Just for Fun – Santa Pause!



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Musings – Victoria Morse



Discounts and Deals

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

Intentions

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

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

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

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

But look in the mirror and awaken to the beauty inside,
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December 17 & 18, 4:00PM
HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" AND VIVALDI'S "GLORIA" HOLIDAY CONCERT - Lutheran Church - www.konachoralsociety.org

Member Birthdays

Hermann Heimgartner
December 30
Rebekah Hill
December 13
Larry Webb
December 1

Date Joined Anniversaries

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December 1, 1979 - 43 Yrs
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PaPa Kona Restaurant
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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Teshima's Restaurant
Honalo, HI 96740

North Hawaii:

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Red Water Cafe
Highway 19
Kameula, HI 96740

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Kilauea Military Camp
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Just Visiting



Matthew Peterson
Davenport, Iowa

Aaron Draime
Kona, Hawaii



This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA, 75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1a, Kailua Kona
No Zoom This Week

Program:

Jake Unger

Commercial Fishing

Meeting Greeter:

Renee Kraft

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Metting at Keiki Museum

International Mkt 01/12

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Musings – Victoria Morse

2022~2023

Are you still reflecting from the lessons learned in 2022, for the pages are now burned. The days will never come again but you better believe the lessons will return. For if you don't see the first warning God gives, the lesson just puts on a new mask and affects everything from within. What did you learn sweet one, and are you different in your being? For these adjustments you made, your friends will be seeing. So seeking peace inside is my 2023-wish, for a knowing that external pleasures all give me a false kiss.



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

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Community Calendar

Every First Friday 5:30 P - 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa Village

January TBA, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL

January 15, 12:00PM to 2:00PM
ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION - Old Airport Beach Park Pavilion - jasmink01@aol.com

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Purpose - We will be given a private tour of the museum with the founders, and viewing the display the Rotary Club of Kona sponsored.

Normal time - Noon to 1pm

Lunch - After the tour - Bring your own or purchase from the food court.



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Hawaii Keiki Museum
Meeting Greeter:
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SHE DOESN'T LOVE ME BEST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DUES ARE DUE

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

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Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

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Pat Leshner
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Fellow Rotarians,

I need help getting pictures of the Golf Tournament. Please bring your pics on flash drive to this week's meeting or email them to:

Richard@Surfhawaii.net.

All flash drives will be returned.

YIR - R.

At District 5000 – Conference May 19 –21, 2023 – Hilo

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel.

So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

\$350.00 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2022

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\$400.00 Registration January 1 through April 15, 2023

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

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From the Archives – January 26, 2006

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

26 JANUARY 2006

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

DUES ARE DUE

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

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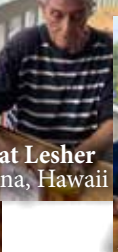
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\$125 per person.
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At the Club – Valentine's Day Poetry Cafe

Victoria Morse and Bekah Hill will be leading us in a Rotary Valentine's Day Themed Poetry Café on February 9.



Each person will get an opportunity to write a love inspired poem to somebody of their choice for Valentine's Day. This is a great opportunity to tune in to your creative side and show your unique writing abilities, or to learn a new skill. No experience required. Amy Decker and Becca Hamar will be helping with flower arrangements for the tables and of course there will be chocolate to share! Feel free bring your own pen or some colored markers to spruce up your cards. All cards are provided and there will extra writing tools to use. Come enjoy the spirit of love at this rotary meeting.

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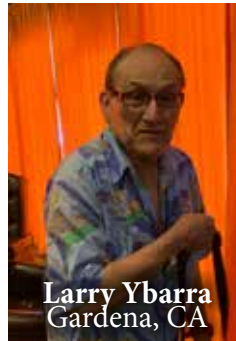
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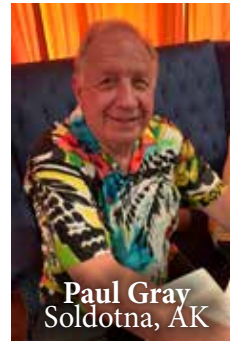
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Paul Gray
Soldotna, AK



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Keauhou, HI

Musings



Picture from Shop With A Cop, Rotary funded the food brought for participating keiki.

My love for Rotary, is a love for a friend. Someone to stand by you, both volunteering to no end. How far does the love of the rotary club extend? We are in multiple countries for whom we stand by and defend. Service above self for 75 years, for when we walk the four way test rings in our ears. To make this Valentine's Day complete, let's all give ourselves a mindful treat. A moment of gratitude for the friendships you have made, the laughter, the tears, all the fundraising you have raised. For we are a light in the community, Kona Rotary Club strives to create unity.

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At the North Hawaii Club – Whale Watch

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Annual Rotary Whale Watch Saturday Feb 11th, 4:30 – 6:30



\$125 per person.
Includes pupus
and drinks.
Reservations
required as space
is limited.

Contact Erik Jacobson,
808-345-9033,
Erik@sleepydog.com.
Check in at Alala at
4pm. Located behind
Matson in Kawaihae.



At District 5000 – 118 Years of doing Good Brunch

District 5000 and
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Melody Euaparadorn is an extension technician with the Hawaii Ant Lab, a program of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the University of Hawaii.

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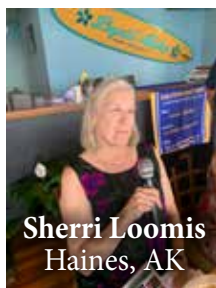


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To see the inspiration poems and the poems they inspired, go to Page 5.

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Thanks, Chryst

Around the World – Shelter Box

ShelterBox has sent in an assessment team to Turkey to determine how they can assist. ShelterBox is already working in Syria and has been for a number of years. Our response will be dependent on the work of the assessment team and may call for direct involvement with supplies, tents and other disaster relief as well as working with other humanitarian and relief groups already on the ground.

Donations can be made to ShelterBox at shelterboxusa.org/donate. Keep in mind that ShelterBox does not operate with specific funds for individual disasters but rather all donations go into the general fund to replenish supplies and supply warehouses located at critical locations throughout the world. The link I posted here is typically used for individual donations. There are other methods for Rotary clubs, groups and Foundations to make donations and that is thru a check mailed to ShelterBox at the following address:

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Mahalo for your support of our disaster relief work throughout the world.

Ron Mabry, PDG (D7570, 2013-2014), RC Poipu Beach, Kauai, D5000

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At Kona Sunrise

The Kona Sunrise Rotary Club invites you to the plaque dedication at Higashihara Park, Saturday February 18th at 10 AM. The recognition of Dr. Cliff Kopp and Les Simonson II is our gift to the visitors who embrace peace and service to the Island of Hawai'i.

Yours in Rotary, Dennis Rast, RCKS Secretary 2021-23, hdr.rotary2016@gmail.com

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Valentine's Day Poetry Cafe – February 9, 2023



The Inspiration

What Time is This?

by Richard Farnham

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When You Come Into View

by Ryan Biallas:

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

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

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

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

How Do I Love Thee?

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me
count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and
breadth and height
My soul can reach, when
feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and
ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every
day's
Most quiet need, by sun and
candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive
for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn
from Praise.
I love with a passion put to
use
In my old griefs, and with my
childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I
seemed to lose
With my lost saints,—I love
thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!—
and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better
after death.

The Inspired



And I Love It

by Mahlon Whittle

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

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

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

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

Let Me be the Silence

by Scott Unger

Let me be the silence,
and also the response.

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

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

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

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

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

For McKayla Mae

by Becca Hamar

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

I Am Better Having Cared

by Peter Schonberg

I am better having cared for
you.

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

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

Love Peter

What I Love

by Richard Farnham

I love my house.
I love my spouse.

I must confide,
That I love my bride.

There's no debate,
I love my mate.

My fervent wish is
To keep my Mrs.

Call me crazy,
But I love my lady.

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

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

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

Lest there be doubt,
Let me shout it out.

I love my wife.
I love my life.



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February 23, 2023



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Just Last Week – Melody Euaparadorn – Fire Ant Lab



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

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

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

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

Just Visiting



Wendy Clark
Alan's Wife



Tami MacAller
Kailua Kona, HI



Andrea Myslicki
Keauhou, HI



Todd H.
Pismo Beach, CA

This Week

12 NOON - LAVA JAVA, 75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1a, Kailua Kona
Also on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824267706>
Opt Phone: 253-215-8782

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President's Position

Jennifer Jones, President

Rotary International



February, 2023

Recently, I spent time in the Nakivale refugee settlement in Uganda. As the "settlement" in its name suggests, the people living there are

free to move around and integrate as best they can — one thing that makes the place unique.

I had a chance to play soccer with boys and girls from about a dozen nations and talk with women who had fled areas of conflict. It was a tapestry of human experience shared through both laughter and tears.

As I walked across a school campus at the settlement with a teacher, she shared with me the dire statistics on girls' education. Most don't get through grade school. Many are sold into child marriage to pay for food for their families. As I looked around at these young girls, I was gutted.

Our work with empowering girls and women is much more than creating equity — sometimes, it's about health or education. Other times it's about providing safety. Regardless of the path, it's always about basic human rights.

We can do more to empower girls and women, and we can expand how we share the progress Rotary members and our partners have made toward this goal.

There is no shortage of inspiring examples of our work, from interest-free microcredit loans for women in Nigeria, to projects in India that provide girls menstrual hygiene products. Hundreds of projects are taking place across all Rotary areas of focus and are making a meaningful and often lifesaving difference.

Together, we can address the needs and inequities that girls throughout the world face daily. But we must also monitor the impact of these projects and create awareness of Rotary resources and subject matter experts, including Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Rotary Peace Fellows, and others.

It is especially important that we tell the stories of our initiatives that have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. This last point is near and dear to my heart. This means sharing our stories on social media, through local news outlets, in this magazine, and wherever we can inspire others.

As you do so, it's important to provide information that helps our Rotary family connect with others who are implementing activities in their regions, as well as across the world. Let's share our successes and learn from one another — then proudly tell our stories to a larger audience.

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At the Club – Another Poem from the Poetry Cafe

My Reality

by Raghel Santiago



My reality is being near to you
In times near and far.

I crave for your love that shines within,
Like the twinkling of a star.

A certain love, a certain friend,
A love to last until the end.

Walking together holding my hand,
Then laugh for no reason I can't understand.

As soon as I seek for my alone time,
I start to miss you like being away for the first time.

You are my love and forever will be.
You are my reality that brings out the best of me.

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At Kona Sunrise

The Kona Sunrise Rotary Club invites you to the plaque dedication at Higashihara Park, Saturday February 18th at 10 AM. The recognition of Dr. Cliff Kopp and Les Simonson II is our gift to the visitors who embrace peace and service to the Island of Hawai'i.

Yours in Rotary, Dennis Rast, RCKS Secretary 2021-23, hdr.rotary2016@gmail.com

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At District 5000 – 118 Years of Doing Good – Brunch

District 5000 and
The Rotary Foundation
celebrates
Rotary International -
118 years of
Doing Good in the World!

Join together for a
special event to celebrate
Foundation Giving and
hear from two amazing
guest speakers.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

BRUNCH

10:00am-1:30pm
Linda Kelley's House
75-5494 Keke Street
Holualoa, Hawa'i

RSVP To Your Club President
By 2/22/24, Or To:

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Village

February 19, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

February 4, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
ANNUAL WAIMEA CHERRY
BLOSSOM FESTIVAL - Park-
er Ranch Center - Facebook:
WaimeaCherryBlossomHeritage-
Festival.

February 8, 6:30PM
"AN EVENING OF KLEZMER
JOY" CONCERT - KAILUA-KO-
NA - Kona Outdoor Circle- www.konabethshalom.org visit konapara-de.org.

Member Birthdays

Date Joined Anniversaries

Peter Schonberg
February 6, 2014 - 9 Yrs
Scott Unger
February 7, 2002 - 21 Yrs
Mahlon Whittle
February 1, 1987 - 36 Yrs
Ray Wofford
February 9, 2017 - 6 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

Brian & Asako Absjornson
February 14, 1998 - 25 Yrs

Island Clubs

Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM
PaPa Kona Restaurant
75-5770 Ali'i Drive
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Also on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86997571310?pwd=QVl1YTJjZjM5eEpyaS-tERFFBNERzd09>

Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon
Teshima's Restaurant
Honalo, HI 96740

North Hawaii:

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

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

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

South Hilo:

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

Hilo Bay:

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

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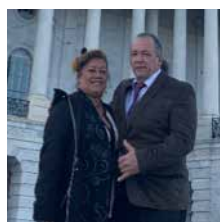
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At the Podium – Mike Hodson – Cheers Tapas Bar



This week (Thursday, Mar 2) we will have our weekly meeting at Cheers Tapas Bar instead of Lava Java. Same time, different place. We will be having the first meeting of each month at Cheers for awhile. Some meetings will have guest speakers, others will be just for fellowship. For our meetings Champ and Kessie will prepare something special for each get together. The cost, as with our meetings at Lava Java, will be \$30/pp.



This week the speaker is Mike Hodson. For the past 17 years, Mike has been a homestead farmer. He has been the President of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association (WHHA) for the past 11 years. He has been the Chairman of the Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation for the past 9 years. Working with Federal, State and County agencies, he led the “Veteran-to-Farmer Program” or “Farming for the Working-Class Program” as it was dubbed by the kamaʻāina of Waimea. Now, af-

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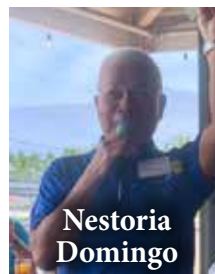
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John & Ivy Williams
Las Vegas, NV



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Keauhou, HI



Nestoria
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March 02, 2023

This Week

12 Noon - Cheers Tapas Bar,
74-5563 Kaiwi St Ste 112, Kai-
lua-Kona, HI 96740
(the old Umeke's location, corner
of Kuakini and Kaiwi)
NO ZOOM THIS WEEK

Program:

Champ & Kessie
Cheers Tapas Bar

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DNA

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March, 2023

As we planned for this Rotary year, I could have never "imagined" the breadth of stories we would encounter nor the scope of the people we would meet.

I find oxygen in sharing time with our members — hearing their truths and learning about their personal journeys and their deepest desires for goodness.

And so it was that I encountered two very different men with very similar stories.

One-hundred-year-old Genshitsu Sen is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. We greeted each other in Kyoto, during my trip to Japan in November, with a hug and an instant connection.

Not only is Sen a former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition but he is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Kyoto, where he has served as club president. He assisted in the charter of the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South. And he has also served as governor of District 2650 and held leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

During that same week, I had the great pleasure to record a birthday video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero who is an exemplary leader and who served two terms as governor of District 5810 in Texas.

Both men are decorated World War II heroes in their respective countries and share unthinkable history. And although they served on opposing sides of the war, their stories are remarkably similar — and they are both honorable men who chose Rotary to carry on lives of peacemaking.

I have been reflecting so much lately that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different.

I feel incredibly fortunate to share in these stories and to meet such incredible people

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Musings – Victoria Morse



I ask where is your strength? What consists of your time? External challenges come when we disconnect from the divine. Do you wonder how I'm training my mind, body and soul? I'm shifting my aura so my story can be retold. For my legacy lives in this very breath, noticing patterns that want to be put to death. Victoria Lynn, will you decide to surrender to the flow of life, for that is where God's presence lies. We all see you sweet girl and we're cheering you on, keep breathing deeply and doing your qigong.

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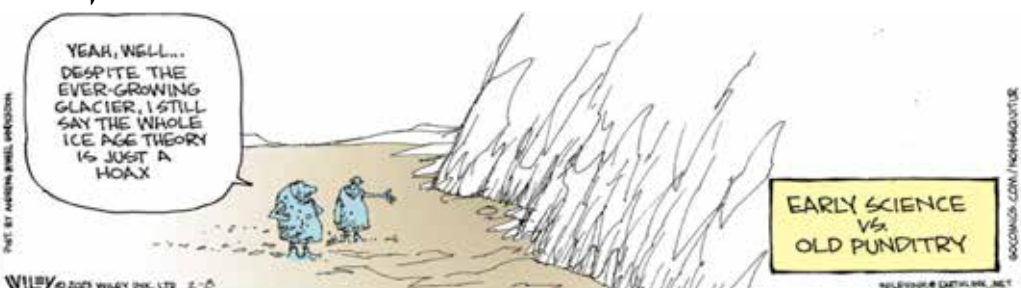
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Just for Fun – It's Just a Hoax



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At the Club – Brunch with the Distric Governor

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



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

Video of the presentations: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary>
Click on 030223-1.mp4 and 030223-2.mp4

Just Visiting



Susie Daniel
Axminister,
Devon, UK



Glen Markham
Toronto, CA



Gordon "Kainoa" Sharp
Oceanview, HI

March 09, 2023

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At District 5000 – Annual Conference

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel. So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

\$350.00 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2022

\$375.00 Registration October 1 through December 31, 2022

\$400.00 Registration January 1 through April 15, 2023

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

At Interact – Mural Painting

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



Around the World – Shelter Box

ShelterBox has sent in an assessment team to Turkey to determine how they can assist. ShelterBox is already working in Syria and has been for a number of years. Our response will be dependent on the work of the assessment team and may call for direct involvement with supplies, tents and other disaster relief as well as working with other humanitarian and relief groups already on the ground. Donations can be made to ShelterBox at shelterboxusa.org/donate. Keep in mind that ShelterBox does not operate with specific funds for individual disasters but rather all donations go into the general fund to replenish supplies and supply warehouses located at critical locations throughout the world. The link I posted here is typically used for individual donations. There are other methods for Rotary clubs, groups and Foundations to make donations and that is thru a check mailed to ShelterBox at the following address:

ShelterBox USA, PO Box 5055, 101 Innovation Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93150

Mahalo for your support of our disaster relief work throughout the world.

Ron Mabry, PDG (D7570, 2013-2014), RC Poipu Beach, Kauai, D5000

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Just for Fun – Evolution for Dummies



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From the Archives – March 9, 2006

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AT THE PODIUM: With us today is Mr. Chris Hansen, one of AARP's top national executives, and a leading spokesperson for AARP's legislative and advocacy agenda. He has brought impressive credentials to his position at AARP, having worked for many years as a political strategist at Boeing Company, and before that at General Dynamics, where he was Manager of Legislative Affairs and Director of Washington Operations.

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

JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE: (Dr. Moore is on Oahu) Addressing us last week was Janet Schmuckal, Education and Training Coordinator for Hawaii Island Alzheimer's Association. Janet gave an overview of Alzheimer's, and using a cauliflower as an example of the size and weight of a human brain, described who is at risk and how prevalent this disease is in Hawaii and in particular our island. She described how the disease not only affects those who have Alzheimer's but also family members, caregivers, the community and the workplace. In addition, Janet spoke about the importance of changing community perceptions, increasing understanding and compassion for those affected by the disease and increasing community awareness of the Alzheimer's Association services and community resources.

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

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

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

2006, is formed by the following young professionals:

Ms. Germana Bove - from Avezzano - lawyer

Ms. Elsa Minuti - from Perugia - lawyer

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

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

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

Laura and Don Guluzzo have graciously adopted Sr. De Fenza. Ann and Norm Goody are willing to adopt two of any sex. Our club needs two more beds for our GSE team from Italia 10 to 13 May, 2006 per favore! Mille

Grazie!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE RF ANNUAL FUND?

NOW WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO DO SO. IT'S THE ROTARIAN WAY

DISTRICT 5000 HOSTS EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT KMC: D5000 is having a first ever gathering of incoming, outgoing and current International Exchange students this coming weekend at Kilauea Military Camp. Former YE student and member of our club Cheryl Holdcroft is at the hub of activity for this event. See her for details.

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Just for Fun – I'll Show Myself to the Doghouse!



Rotary Calendar

Meet N' Eat (Grab N' Go) is held Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealahou Intermediate Parking Lot (next to the cafeteria) and at Old A (Salvation Army sponsored). Call: Larry Webb at 808-989-6336 if you would like to help out.

Community Calendar

Every First Friday 5:30 P - 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa Village

March 11, 4PM to 7PM
28th ANNUAL KONA BREWERS FESTIVAL - King Kam Hotel Luau Grounds
KonaBrewersFestival.com

March 19, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL

Member Birthdays

Brian Asbjornson

March 25

Alan Clark

March 24

Ken Kjer

March 18

Renee Kraft

March 1

Maverick Malech

March 11

James Resor

March 30

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Talmadge Magno is a graduate of Hilo High School and the University of Hawaii at Hilo with a B.A. in Geography. He is a retired National Park Service Ranger with 30 years' experience providing emergency response and law enforcement throughout the United States and Hawai'i. The last 8 years of Talmadge's National Park Service career, he served as the Chief Ranger at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. He joined the County Civil Defense Agency as the Administrator in 2017 under Mayor Harry Kim who served as the Civil Defense Administrator for 24 years before becoming Mayor. Thus far Talmadge has commanded the County through 2 eruptive events, several tropical storms, and a multitude of other natural events that affect the County.

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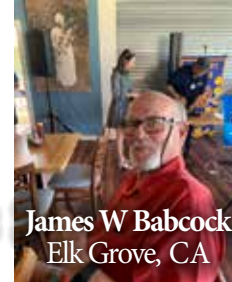
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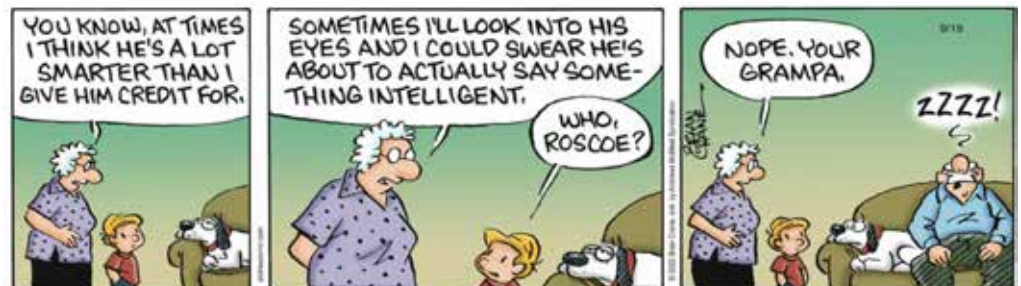
Musings – Janice Gustin



FOR THE CHILD

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

Just for Fun – Nope, Your Grampa



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

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

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

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Angus
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Kimo Becker

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

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At District 5000 – Annual Conference

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel. So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

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Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

Just for Fun – Ain't It the Truth?

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2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from Texas would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty?

Just for Fun – Just Say NO!





From the Archives - March 16, 2006

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF KONA, HAWAII, USA

23 MARCH 2006

At the Podium: We are pleased to have Karen Lynden as our speaker today with a special report on KEIKIVISION, a project where Rotarians go to schools for the purpose of checking the visual acuity of third grade students. Karen Lynden is originally from Akron, Ohio and has lived on Oahu since 1990. She and her husband Bill own King Sweep, a commercial janitorial company. Karen became involved in Rotary in 1992. She is a past president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset. She is one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Diamond Head and served as their Centennial President last year. Karen has also been our District 5000 Secretary for District Governor Gary Siracusa, and District Governor Claude Thompson. She will again serve as District Secretary next Rotary year. We are proposing such a program for West Hawaii's third graders along with the delivery of dictionaries next year. Just another way that Rotary and your club are making a difference in our community.

JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE: (Dr. Moore is on Oahu) Allan Robbins, a staff member of The University of the Nations, gave us his perspective of a recent visit to Kiribati (pronounced Ki-r-i-bas) with The Waters of Life initiative. Kiribati is Hawaii's nearest neighbor to the south, an island archipelago that contains Fanning Island. His expertise in delivering SAFE drinking water and storing same in a safe manner was very interesting. In addition, and of special interest to Rotarians, he has also participated in Polio eradication efforts in The Philippines and India and has established the monitoring processes in Liberia.

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

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

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

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND?
NOW WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO DO SO.
IT'S THE ROTARIAN WAY!!!!

DISTRICT 5000 ASSEMBLY IN WAIMEA 1 APRIL 2006

Club members who are a part of PE Bill Cliff's Leadership Team will want to attend this annual training and information session. There are breakouts on virtually every aspect of the function of Rotary. It's also a great opportunity for members who are new to Rotary to gain some valuable insight. Contact PE Bill for place and time.

ROTARY SUPPORTS THE FOOD BANK STATEWIDE APRIL 22ND: Get together with Ken Clewett to get your name on the list TODAY. DO IT RIGHT NOW!!

INTERACT CLUB TO PICK UP TRASH; NEEDS OUR SUPPORT!! Can't make the Food Bank gig? Then help the Kealahou High School Interact Club clean up the Parkway on Saturday morning 22 April. Find a project and GET INVOLVED!!

ARE YOU IN THE MILITARY OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? WE ARE IN NEED OF AN ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR TO BOOK SPACE AT KMC FOR RYLA 2007. PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT DICK HERSHBERGER AT 989-4140. THANKS!

The Aloha Kona Patrol is looking for volunteers. Contact Bev at the Chamber Office

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Honalo, HI 96740

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Highway 19
Kameula, HI 96740

Volcano:

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Kilauea Military Camp
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At sea, Max has impeccable eyesight and it often able to spot objects on the horizon far before his fellow crewmembers. Max got his daughter, Ana, interested in sailing and she is now a Hōkūle'a crewmember as well, sailing on multiple legs of the World-wide Voyage.

While sailing, Max misses his 'ohana, and once back on land Max misses the teamwork he and his crewmates shared aboard Hōkūle'a. Max is proud of the accomplishments that Hōkūle'a and her 'ohana have had over the journey of the Worldwide Voyage so far.



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Musings – Victoria Morse



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Do you rest your mind every once in a while? If you do- your nervous system will be sure to smile. Resting your mind is an act of self-love. Helping you to tune in to the higher frequencies from above. I assure you that your mood can be lifted and your energy shifted. So turn off your opinions, turn off your thoughts, and awaken to the sweet stillness of your breath. For when that's gone, all that's left is...well...death.

Just for Fun – A4 isms – Courtesy David Rees-Thomas

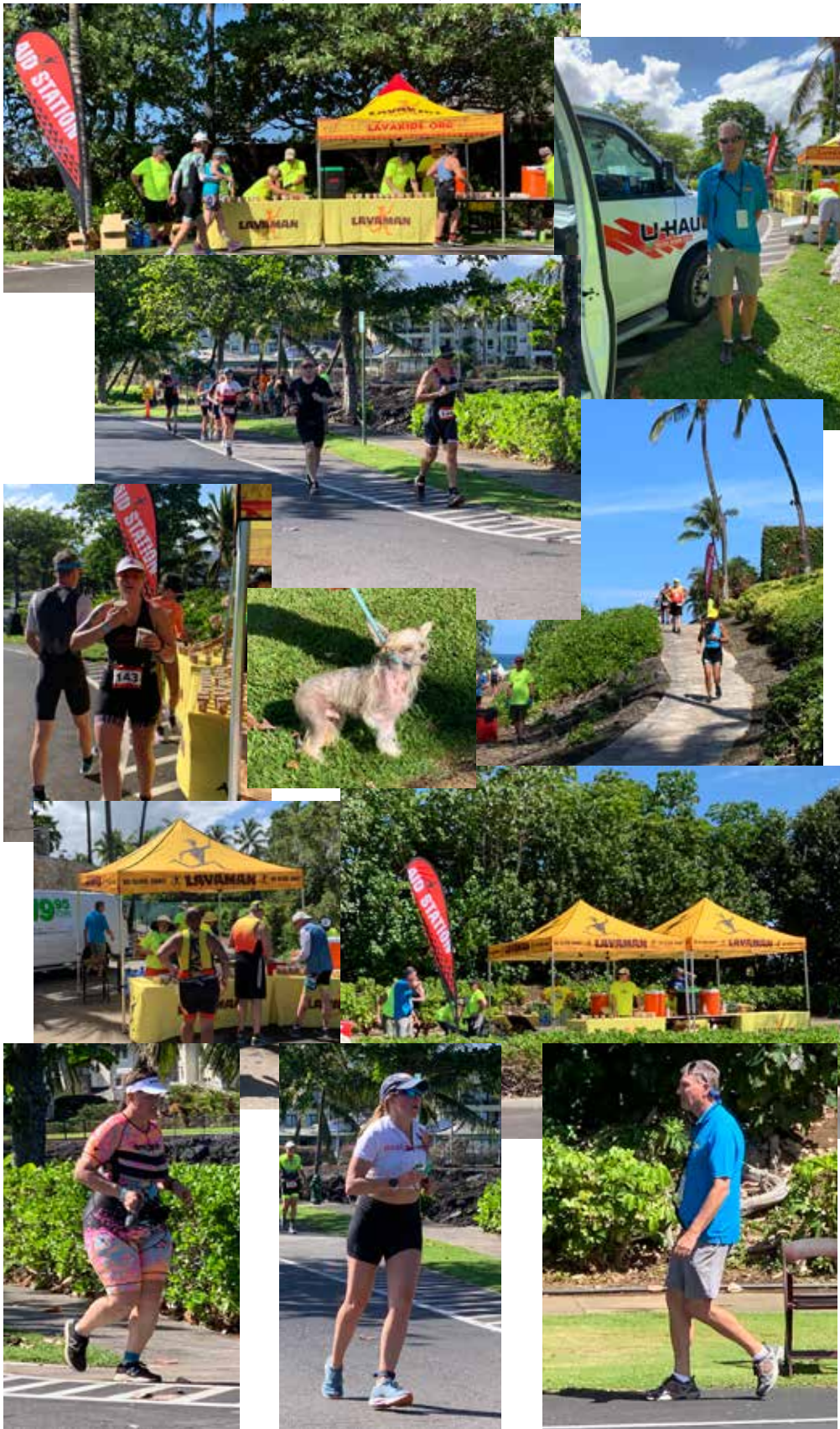


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To get to Palamanui, go East up Kaimanani Rd from the highway, or West down Kaminani Rd from Highway 190. The campus is on the extension of Ane Keohokalale Highway, at the end.

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Max Yarawamai has been sailing with the Polynesian Voyaging Society since 1995. Born on Ulithi Atoll in Yap, Micronesia, Max moved to Hawai'i when he was 13 years old. He developed a successful landscaping business and co-founded a non-profit called Oceania Community Health, which looks to serve and empower the peoples of Micronesia by addressing, with the community, its health needs.



At sea, Max has impeccable eyesight and it often able to spot objects on the horizon far before his fellow crewmembers. Max got his daughter, Ana, interested in sailing and she is now a Hōkūle'a crewmember as well, sailing on multiple legs of the Worldwide Voyage.

While sailing, Max misses his 'ohana, and once back on land Max misses the teamwork he and his crewmates shared aboard Hōkūle'a. Max is proud of the accomplishments that Hōkūle'a and her 'ohana have had over the journey of the Worldwide Voyage so far.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/clients/Rotary> Click on 033023.mp4

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Glen Markham
Toronto, Canada



Nancy Charle-Parker
Waikoloa, HI



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Del Mar, CA

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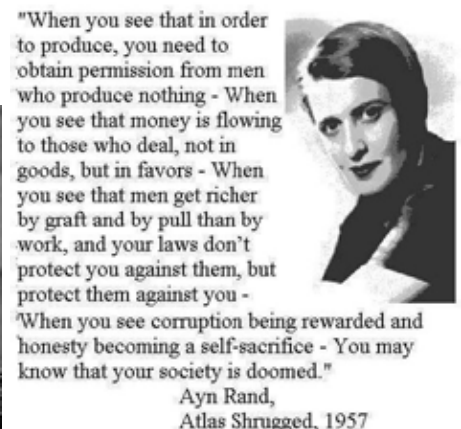
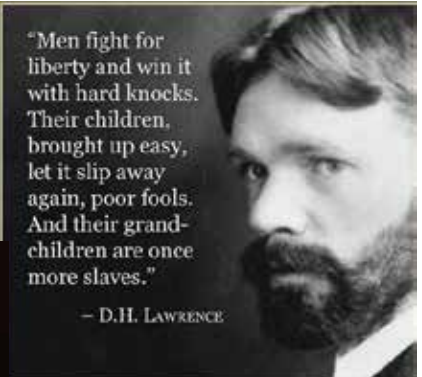
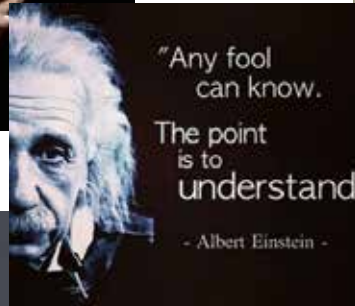
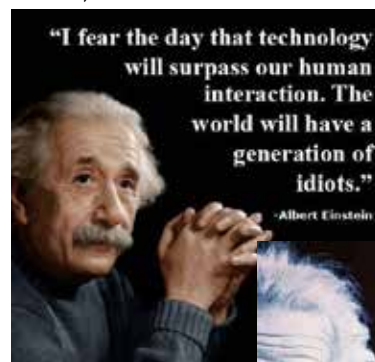
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Everything Has Its Time

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

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

JUST LAST WEEK: BY DR. BILL MOORE: (Dr. Moore is on Oahu) Last week we had Leo Sears, founder and Executive Director of the Big Island Film Festival that will debut May 18-21, 2006. Its purpose is to celebrate the independent narrative filmmaker films. During the four day event there will be films from around the world shown at two outdoor nighttime venues and one indoor daytime venue. In addition there will be parties and receptions, filmmaking symposiums, and a pre-festival golf tournament. All profits from the golf tournament, as well as a percentage of all profits from the festival will go to Project ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). The events will be held at the Waikoloa Beach Resort. Big Island Film Festival is collaboration among Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort, Hilton Waikoloa Village, Waikoloa Land Company and Big Island Film Festival, LLC. For further information you can check out www.bigislandfilmfestival.com or call 883-0394. Leo donated two passes that were given away.

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TO DATE OUR CLUB'S ANNUAL GIVING TO ROTARY FOUNDATION: \$800.00... our club's commitment is over \$13,000. Have you made your annual gift to The Rotary Foundation? TODAY is the right time. Did you know that our District 5000 is one of the largest contributors to TRF? And our Zone 24 is always one of the top three. Do it now.

DISTRICT 5000 ASSEMBLY IN WAIMEA 1 APRIL 2006

There was great support from PE Bill Cliff's new team. They are enthusiastic and ready to go. Join them today and be a part of LEADING THE WAY.

ROTARY SUPPORTS THE FOOD BANK STATEWIDE APRIL 22ND: Get together with Ken Clewett to get your name on the list TODAY. DO IT RIGHT NOW!!

INTERACT CLUB TO PICK UP TRASH; NEEDS OUR SUPPORT!! Can't make the Food Bank gig? Then help the Kealahou High School Interact Club clean up the Parkway on Saturday morning 22 April. Find a project and GET INVOLVED!!

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Four-Way Test

Of The Things We Think, Say, Or Do:

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



At the Podium – Franz Weber – Pay It Forward



Franz Weber and his wife Joanna moved to Hawaii from Germany in 1992. From 2008 – 2016, Franz was a legal guardian at the West Hawaii juvenile court.

Over the last 10 years, he joined the board of various local non-profit organizations, such as Visitors Aloha Society of Hawaii, Habitat for Humanity, Kids Matter, Children's Justice Center, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, Kiwanis, Hawaii Cycling Club, Full Life, and of course, Paying It Forward-West Hawaii.

After being involved with organizations that help children and families in adverse situations, I noticed that there was a lack of ability to respond quickly and unbureaucratic to immediate needs. People within our community started to give me money, products, hoping that I would know, how to best use it. To give it some structure, I started Paying It Forward in January 2020. The primary goal has been to help children, one by one, immediately, without paperwork or any requirements. Through my contacts with over a dozen organizations that work with children, I get regular referrals and requests for assistance, some small, some large. The process is simple: Identify a need, and fill it. Often, this is done within a couple hours, most of the time within a day or less.

100% of all the funds I receive go directly to support the children. Nothing is spent on administration, supplies, postage, fees. I cover all those expenses myself.

Just Last Week – Palamanui Campus Visit



Dept Head - Toni Cravens
Facil-Laura Hall
Luria Namba



Students - Jacey Coetzee • Safir Khaddar
Michelle Guzman • Thomas Allen



A few years ago the rotary club of Kona donated \$35,000 to outfit the Physics Lab at Palamanui. For today's visit, we got an update on what the funds have purchased and the state of the Physics Program.

Unfortunately, the Pandemic shut down much of Palamanui's programs and the Physics Program was one. Some programs went to Zoom classes, but not all programs lent themselves to online participation, and not surprisingly, labs programs got cut entirely. Now that in-person classes are starting up again, there is a real shortage of qualified instructors that are willing to teach Physics at the Community College level.

None-the-less, much equipment has been purchased and funds are left to buy more when programs resume, which hopefully will be soon.

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Endless patience how do I find you? Test after test you give to me, must I stand up to give a plea. You cost of me my selfish ways, and often ask of me to give up time in my day. Oh endless patience what is your worth? You teach me acceptance. Remind me of the contentment that will come when endless patience is on my tongue.

Just for Fun – A4 isms – Courtesy David Rees-Thomas

RESPECT YOUR PARENTS
THEY PASSED SCHOOL WITHOUT GOOGLE.

When I was young,
I was a poor golfer.
But after years of play
and practice,
I am no longer young.

Growing old is hard work...
The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"

ANGRY WIFE'S NOTE TO HUSBAND:

"Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 34 and the ingredients are at the store"

I've come to the conclusion that I have a memory like an Etch-A-Sketch...
I shake my head and forget everything!

My new SUV has a button that says "rear wiper". I'm afraid to push it. 😬

GETTING OLDER SUCKS.

I USED TO WAKE UP FEELING LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.

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

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Cycling Club, Full Life, and of course, Paying It Forward-West Hawaii.

After being involved with organizations that help children and families in adverse situations, I noticed that there was a lack of ability to respond quickly and unbureaucratic to immediate needs. People within our community started to give me money, products, hoping that I would know, how to best use it. To give it some structure, I started Paying It Forward in January 2020. The primary goal has been to help children, one by one, immediately, without paperwork or any requirements. Through my contacts with over a dozen organizations that work with children, I get regular referrals and requests for assistance, some small, some large. The process is simple: Identify a need, and fill it. Often, this is done within a couple hours, most of the time within a day or less.

100% of all the funds I receive go directly to support the children. Nothing is spent on administration, supplies, postage, fees. I cover all those expenses myself.

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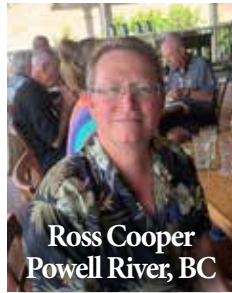
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Toronto, Canada

In the Community – Kona Choral Society – Jubilate Deo

Set in seven different languages and drawing from a spectrum of musical influences, Jubilate Dea brings to life the traditional Psalm 100 text.

Sunday, June, 4, 2023 • 4:00PM

Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort • Grand Ballroom

\$35 General • \$50 Reserved • \$10 Youth • Validated Parking \$10

Tickets Available at the door or KonaChoralSociety.Org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Just for Fun – Whenever I'm in the Room!



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In the Community – Rotarians & Interactors

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



Just for Fun – Hello Kitty!



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Every First Friday 5:30 P - 8:30 P
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Village

April 9 - 15
60th ANNUAL MERRIE MON-
ARCH HULA FESTIVAL - Hilo
www.MerrieMonarch.com

April 16, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

April 22, 6:30P
MAKAHA SONS BENEFIT
CONCERT FOR KONA COM-
MUNITY HOSPITAL - Aloha
Theatre, Kainaliu

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This week the speaker is Mike Hodson. For the past 17 years, Mike has been a homestead farmer. He has been the President of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association (WHHA) for the past 11 years. He has been the Chairman of the Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation for the past 9 years. Working with Federal, State and County agencies, he led the “Veteran-to-Farmer Program” or “Farming for the Working-Class Program” as it was dubbed by the kamaʻāina of Waimea. Now, after 70 years of waiting and due to the WHHA's persistence coupled with support from state leaders, the Waimea Nui Community Development Initiative began infrastructure construction in March 2018.

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Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The out-pouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too.

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

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Just for Fun

A new vacuum cleaner salesman knocked on the door of the First house on the street. A tall lady answered the door.

Before she could speak, the enthusiastic salesman entered the living room, opened a big black plastic bag, and poured all the cow droppings onto the carpet.

Just Visiting



Nestirio Domingo
District 5000 AG

"Madam, if I cannot clean this up within 5 minutes using this new powerful Vacuum cleaner, I will EAT all this dung!" exclaimed the eager salesman.

"Do you need chilly sauce or ketchup with that?" asked the lady.

The bewildered salesman asked, "Why, madam?"

"There's no electricity in the house..." said the lady. :-)

In the Community

Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

Palamanui is hiring a physics teaching position. They are planning to offer an in-person Physics lab at Palamanui and will need a part-time lecturer for this coming fall semester. Please help us spread the word so that we can get many qualified applicants in our lecturer pool.

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hawaiiedu/jobs/2631012/lecturer-cc-physics>

In Community Spirit, Rebekah Hill, Secretary
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Just for Fun – Lexophilia – Courtesy David Rees-Thomas

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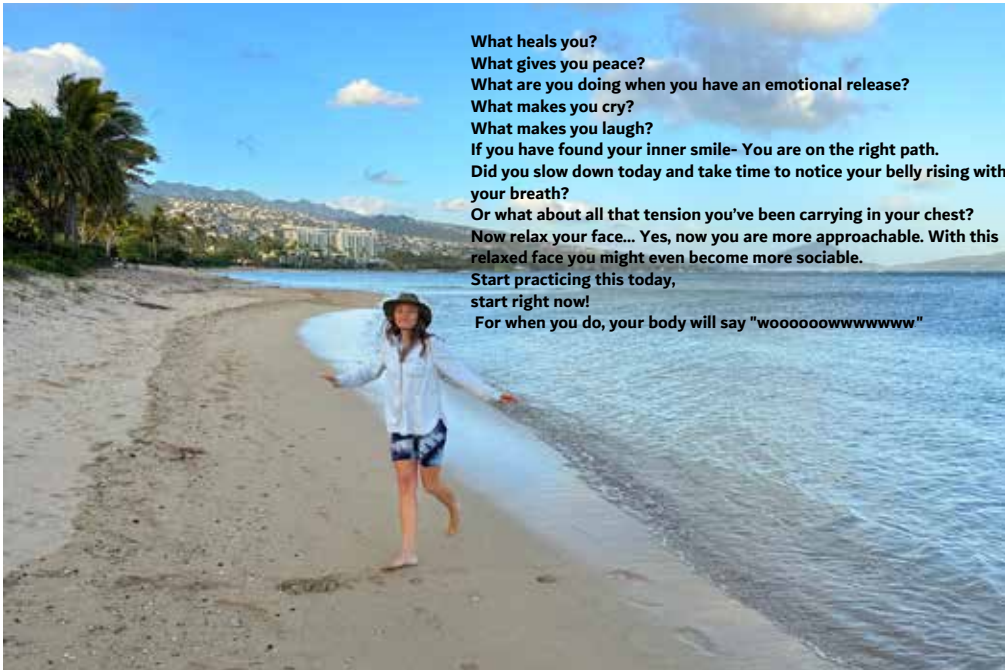
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

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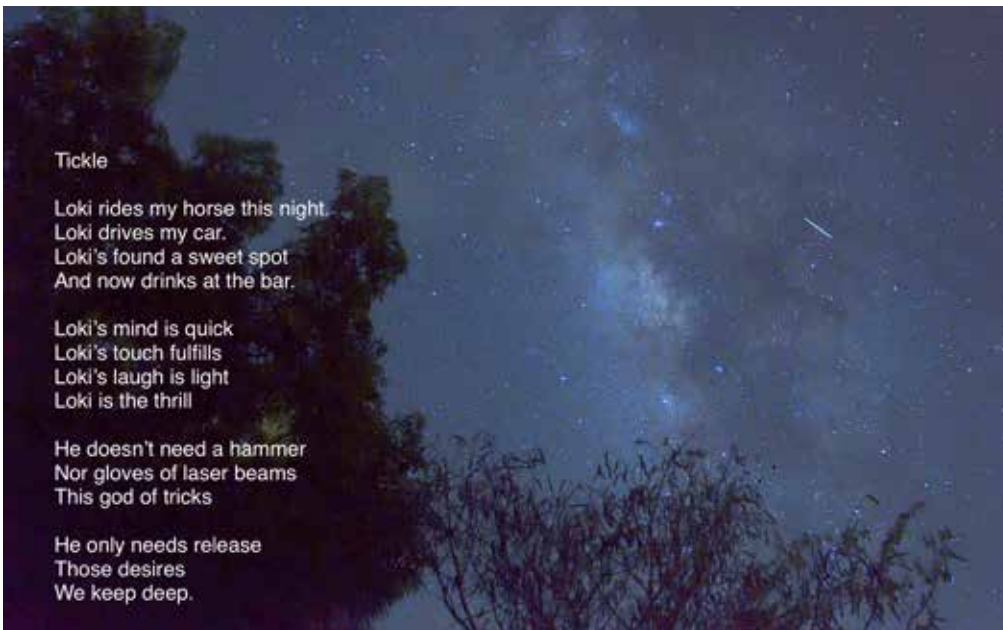


Musings- Victoria Morse



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

Musings- Glen Markham



Tickle

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

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

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

He only needs release
Those desires
We keep deep.

In the Community – Kona Choral Society – Jubilate Deo

Set in seven different languages and drawing from a spectrum of musical influences, Jubilate Dea brings to life the traditional Psalm 100 text.

Sunday, June, 4, 2023 • 4:00PM

Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort • Grand Ballroom

\$35 General • \$50 Reserved • \$10 Youth • Validated Parking \$10

Tickets Available at the door or KonaChoralSociety.Org

Rotary Calendar

Meet N' Eat (Grab N' Go)
is held Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealahou Intermediate Parking Lot (next to the cafeteria) and at Old A (Salvation Army sponsored). Call: Larry Web at 808-989-6336 if you would like to help out.

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Every First Friday 5:30 P - 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa Village

May 13
KONA ORCHID SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW & SALE - Ma-
kaeo County Pavilion, Old Kona
Airport

May 21, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

May 21, 2PM
KAMUELA PHILHARMONIC
POPS CONCERT- Kahilu The-
atre, Waimea - [KamuelaPhil.Org/](http://KamuelaPhil.Org/Event/Pops)
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Member Birthdays

Tom Bierlein
May 5

Date Joined Anniversaries

Tony Bonnici
May 5, 2022 - 1 Yr
Rebakah Hill
May 5, 2022 - 1 Yr
Michelle Romo
May 5, 2022 - 1 Yr

Wedding Anniversaries

Alan & Wendy Clark
May 4, 1980 - 43 Yrs
Janice & Jim Gustin
May 24, 1970 - 53 Yrs

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Honalo, HI 96740

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Highway 19
Kameula, HI 96740

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Just Last Week – Cheers Tapas Bar – Mike Hodson



Last week the speaker was Mike Hodson. For the past 17 years, Mike has been a homestead farmer. He has been the President of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association (WHHA) for the past 11 years. He has been the Chairman of the Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation for the past 9 years. Working with Federal, State and County agencies, he led the “Veteran-to-Farmer Program” or “Farming for the Working-Class Program” as it was dubbed by the kama‘āina of

Waimea. Now, after 70 years of waiting and due to the WHHA’s persistence coupled with support from state leaders, the Waimea Nui Community Development Initiative began infrastructure construction in March 2018.

“It starts with our native Hawaiians as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Each of our 21 regions of homestead lands could be a political subdivision or state of the future Native Hawaiian Government. This would breathe life into Prince Kūhiō’s plan of getting our people back on the land and fulfilling the main purpose of rehabilitation. Our people could go back to what we once were in being socially accepted, free to practice our culture, being highly educated, economically self-sufficient and becoming politically sovereign.”

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740
NOO ZOOM THIS WEEK

Program:
April Bullis
Rotary Eco Club
Greeter
Maverick Malech
Zoom Facilitator
DNA

Coming Up

Programs:
Keiki Museum 05/18
Planterium Build
Becca Hamar 05/25
Japan Trip & Wedding
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At the Foundation

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

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

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

At District 5000 – Annual Conference

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel. So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

REGISTER NOW & Save money!

Early bird registration is now open (as of May 22, 2022) for \$350.00.

\$350.00 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2022

\$375.00 Registration October 1 through December 31, 2022

\$400.00 Registration January 1 through April 15, 2023

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

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Museum Director/CEO: Dana McLaughlin started combining technology and early child development while a student working on robotics at the MIT Media Lab. She has an MBA from San Jose State and has worked as a technology program manager for Walt Disney, Yahoo! and Apple. She has a lifetime of experience teaching teens and running a non-profit as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

In October of 2022 we opened our museum doors to the public for the first time. In six short months we have received over 10,000 guest visitors, two thirds of which are children. When we first opened, Canada France Hawaii Telescope loaned us their portable planetarium, and we ran star shows every hour to share the constellations with young and old alike. But the design of the dome was limiting. It had a crawl-through tunnel entrance that sometimes made it difficult for kupuna to join their keiki inside for the show. We are raising funds to purchase a “Cosmic Dome” which uses a geodesic aluminum structure and negative pressure to make a dome that looks great on the inside and has an ADA-compliant doorway. This system also uses a digital projector which opens up the possibilities of inspiring older keiki to make their own presentations. We can’t wait for them to teach us how the world looks through their eyes.

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Just for Fun – R. Farnham

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Just Visiting

Val Hadley
Kailua Kona



Musings – Victoria Morse



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At District 5000 – Annual Conference

The 2022-2023 District 5000 Governor, Randy Hart, is from Hilo. So Hilo will be hosting the District 5000 Conference for the first time ever! May 19-21, 2023 at the Grand Naniloa Hotel. So those of you who have been interested to go but didn't want to travel to another island, you're in luck!

Check out this You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekf58s88mo>

Register at: <https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/discon2023>

On Mother's Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That mom's are strong and seldom wrong,
Providing support and so much more.

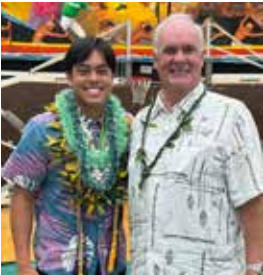
That's moms are great and never late
To offer love and loving care.

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

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At the Foundation – Scholarships

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



- **Ken and Marge Clewett Scholarship** awarded to **Kianni Dodson** a graduate of Kealahou High School
- **Jim and Sis Bedingfield Scholarship** awarded to **Ryli Sasaki** a graduate of Konawaena High School
- **James Lightner Scholarship** awarded to **Ciara Blaber** a graduate of Kealahou High School
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In all a total of \$20,500 in scholarships were awarded this year. Major funding for the Foundation comes from the PGA each year. The Rotary Club of Kona manages the volunteers each year at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in January for the PGA Tour Champions. Other individuals and organizations may make donations to the Foundation. The funds are invested and the proceeds from the investments are used for funding the scholarships each year. The Foundation also funds community projects that are managed by the Rotary Club of Kona.

Rotarians at Play – Lisha Spicer Performs

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



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At the Podium – Kealakehe Interact Club – Projects

May 25, 2023



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12 Noon - Lava Java,
75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1a,
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
NO ZOOM THIS WEEK

Program:
Kealakehe Interact Club
Projects
Greeter
Victoria Morse
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DNA

Just Last Week – Dana McLaughlin – Keiki Museum



Museum Director/CEO: Dana McLaughlin started combining technology and early child development while a student working on robotics at the MIT Media Lab. She has an MBA from San Jose State and has worked as a technology program manager for Walt Disney, Yahoo! and Apple. She has a lifetime of experience teaching teens and running a non-profit as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

In October of 2022 we opened our museum doors to the public for the first time. In six short months we have received over 10,000 guest visitors, two thirds of which are children. When we first opened, Canada France Hawaii Telescope loaned us their portable planetarium, and we ran star shows every hour to share the constellations with young and old alike. But the design of the dome was limiting. It had a crawl-through tunnel entrance that sometimes made it difficult for kupuna to join their keiki inside for the show. We are raising funds to purchase a "Cosmic Dome" which uses a geodesic aluminum structure and negative pressure to make a dome that looks great on the inside and has an ADA-compliant doorway. This system also uses a digital projector which opens up the possibilities of inspiring older keiki to make their own presentations. We can't wait for them to teach us how the world looks through their eyes.

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June 1, 2023

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Just Last Week – Kealakehe Interact Club – Projects



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



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Walter N. Bacxa
Kailua Kona, HI



Stephen Johnson
Kailua Kona, HI

At District 5000 – Annual Conference – More Pics



Musings – Glen Markham



You are the dark, the light
All the shadows in between
So fear when you rise
I will stay at ease

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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

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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:
Glenn Gingo 05/31

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Lynn Walton (Susan) 05/29
Don Beebe (Willie) 05/28

Programs:
David Huitt and Yanna Lewis, 06/10
Interact Club 06/10
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KAI 'OPUA CANOE CLUB'S
KING KAMEHEHA DAY RE-
GATTA/CRAFT FAIR/ROAD
CLOSURE INFO - Kailua-Kona -
Kailua Pier - Info@KaiOpua.org

June 11, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

June 10, 9A
KING KAMEHEHA DAY
CELEBRATION PARADE- Kai-
lua Kona - Kuakini Hwy & Palani
Road Intersection

Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham

June 16

Becca Hamar

June 27

Gretchen Watson-Kabei

June 25

Date Joined Anniversaries

Preston Crowl

June 30, 1997 - 26 Yrs

Ardie & Janice Ikeda

June 29, 2020 - 3 Yrs

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June 17, 2022 - 1 Yr

Jose Santiago

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Crystal Yamasaki

June 30, 1998 - 25 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein

June 1, 2013 - 10 Yrs

James & Valerie Lowson

June 25, 2007 - 16 Yrs

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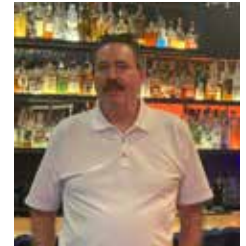


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Raghel & Jose Santiago
Relocating to Oahu



Musings – Victoria Morse

NEW BEGINNINGS

The buds are all opening, creating a magnificent bloom.

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

Eyes are straining from the fresh insight.

Hoping for more meaning, hoping for more delight.

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

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

Not just in numbers, but in purpose and compassion.

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

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

May the smiles be genuine and the conversations deep.

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



Musings – Glen Markham



Does awe ever grow old
Do wonders never cease
Does what we do not know
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Surrounding

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KAILUA-KONA

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Peace Love and a Smiley Fourth of July!

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Every First Friday, 5:30 P - 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa
Village

June 10, 8A
KAI 'OPUA CANOE CLUB'S
KING KAMEHEHA DAY RE-
GATTA/CRAFT FAIR/ROAD
CLOSURE INFO - Kailua-Kona -
Kailua Pier - Info@KaiOpua.org

June 11, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

June 10, 9A
KING KAMEHEHA DAY
CELEBRATION PARADE- Kai-
lua Kona - Kuakini Hwy & Palani
Road Intersection

Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham
June 16
Becca Hamar
June 27
Gretchen Watson-Kabei
June 25

Date Joined Anniversaries

Preston Crowl
June 30, 1997 - 26 Yrs
Ardie & Janice Ikeda
June 29, 2020 - 3 Yrs
Victoria Morse
June 17, 2022 - 1 Yr
Jose Santiago
June 29, 2020 - 3 Yrs
Crystal Yamasaki
June 30, 1998 - 25 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein
June 1, 2013 - 10 Yrs
James & Valerie Lowson
June 25, 2007 - 16 Yrs
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All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.

Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to Imagine Rotary. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.

The Coffee Blossom Rotary Club of Kona

At District 5000 – Year End Transition Party



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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 Kealakehe Intermediate Parking Lot (next to the cafeteria) and at Old A (Salvation Army sponsored). Call: Larry Web at 808-989-6336 if you would like to help out.

Community Calendar

Every First Friday, 5:30 P - 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa Village

June 10, 8A
KAI 'OPUA CANOE CLUB'S
KING KAMEHEHA DAY RE-
GATTA/CRAFT FAIR/ROAD
CLOSURE INFO - Kailua-Kona -
Kailua Pier - Info@KaiOpua.org

June 11, 1PM to 6PM
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL

June 10, 9A
KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY
CELEBRATION PARADE- Kai-
lua Kona - Kuakini Hwy & Palani
Road Intersection

Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham

June 16

Becca Hamar

June 27

Gretchen Watson-Kabei

June 25

Date Joined Anniversaries

Preston Crowl

June 30, 1997 - 26 Yrs

Ardie & Janice Ikeda

June 29, 2020 - 3 Yrs

Victoria Morse

June 17, 2022 - 1 Yr

Jose Santiago

June 29, 2020 - 3 Yrs

Crystal Yamasaki

June 30, 1998 - 25 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein

June 1, 2013 - 10 Yrs

James & Valerie Lowson

June 25, 2007 - 16 Yrs

Jenny & Jade Rasmussen

June 12, 2010 - 13 Yrs

Gretchen & Dale Watson-Kabei

June 28, 1997 - 26 Yrs

Island Clubs

Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM
PaPa Kona Restaurant
75-5770 Ali'i Drive
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Kona Mauka:

Tuesday, 12 Noon
Teshima's Restaurant
Honalo, HI 96740

North Hawaii:

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

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

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

South Hilo:

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

Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM
Hilo Yacht Club
77 Laehala Street
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Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Richard Farnham by Monday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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