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July 11, 2024



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Just Last Week – Alex Farnham – Making a Movie in HI



Alexander Dane Farnham was born in Burlington, Vermont on October 16, 1987. He moved to Kailua Kona, Hawaii at age five and attended public school until enrolling in Hualalai Academy, a private school strong in the performing arts. After graduating from the Academy he attended L.A. Film School where he completed a 12 month immersion course in filmmaking, with concentrations in acting, directing and editing.

Alex started making videos when he was 12 years old and completed his first commercial film when he was 14. After graduating from film school, he started making videos for distribution on YouTube. His primary channel, MockStars, has garnered over 60 million YouTube views and has over 250 thousand subscribers. His videos are predominately comical and cover a variety of timely subjects, especially in the world of entertainment.

Now into filmmaking, he has completed one feature film, *One Million Dolla*, now in marketing, and two more in post production, *Terrestrial* and *Entity*. His latest, *Entity*, was filmed at the Aloha Theatre in Kainaliu, using several local actors and personali-

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Link to MoviesTrailers: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/AlexMovies>

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Kamuela, HI 96743

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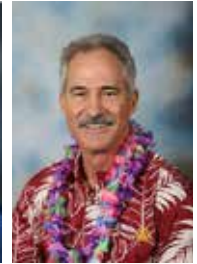
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Long time Rotarian and Director of The Rotary Foundation, Mahlon will be giving us an update on all things Foundation. Mahlon joined Rotary on February 1, 1987 and has been a dedicated Rotarian ever since. He has led the Foundation for several years, and inspired the Rotary Club of Kona to be one of the best supporters of the Foundation on the Big Island.

Due to his nearly perfect attendance, Coffee Blossom editor, Richard Farnham, has designated Mahlon as the permanent Meeting Greeter.

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In the Community – 4th of July Parade



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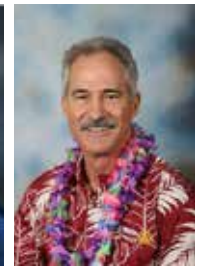
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Keahole - Center for Sustainability

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

Daniel served as the scientific/technical director for NELHA 1982-2003 and collaborated with Dr. Uehara and other energy leaders in the development of NELHA's many OTEC projects. "I'm pleased to accept the award as recognition for my role in facilitating and promoting the development of this exciting alternative energy technology," notes Daniel, who explains that a large part of his time was spent interfacing with leaders and researchers from all over the world.

Just Last Week – Mahlon Whittle & Alan Clark The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus



Long time Rotarians, Mahlon Whittle and Alan Clark gave an excellent presentation on the Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus Program.

Their talk Covered everything from the History of Rotary and how the Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus program began, to the size of the organization and the huge amounts of money the organization has raised, to the many programs it funds, and today's accomplishments



Mahlon also explained how the Foundation works, and the types of support and recognition available.



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From the Heart – Victoria Morse – From My Journal



Today I'm grateful for Ryan's ongoing help and support with Pat. We are a wonderful team and I am grateful to have a partner by my side. There are some concerns moving forward, but I must trust the process. Everything unfolds in divine timing. I am grateful for this opportunity to live with Pat and help her. God is giving me more compassion and strength as I honor and respect her boundaries.

I must learn to listen and be mindful in all ways, at all times. This is enlightenment. I pray that I do not get led astray and that I would be able to speak my truth in every situation. The angels are always with me.

From the Heart – Richard Farnham



What is Love?

That thing often searched, and seldom found.
And when, if found, often too soon, lost.

Less the passion of "sleeping with."
More the intimacy of sleeping together.

Dramatic moments shared, soon forgotten.
Years of sharing moments, never lost.

A warm embrace, a tender kiss.
The lightest touch in passing.

Good intentions, sometimes failed.
Celebrations often, even if subdued.

Indescriptions few, and soon admitted.
Truth always told, always with compassion.

Apologies offered and accepted.
Not soon forgotten, but soon forgiven.

Lovers come and lovers go, friendship loves to linger.
Companionship can last forever, with just a little help.

Common goals and similar desires are important.
Common values are essential.

That thing never about color, race, wealth or gender.
Always about caring, understanding, and accepting.

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Royal Kona Resort

July 25, 2002



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Kona Coffee Blossom

Field Trip to Kona Community Hospital

July 25, 2002

Do NOT go to the Royal Kona Resort this Thursday for a Rotary Meeting....because we won't be there!!!!

This week we will be meeting promptly at NOON at the Kona Community Hospital. We will meet in the basement of the Administration Building. (That

is the green building across from the Court House). The Security Guards will direct you where to park. Carpool if you can.

After Lunch we will break up into smaller groups for a tour of the Imaging Center and the Cancer Treatment Center. All of this is made possible by our own Kona Rotarian and Hospital CEO, Lynn Walton.

Visit by District Governor Bob Pennington

August 1, 2002

On August 1, 2002, we will have the distinct pleasure of entertaining a visit by District Governor Robert "Bob" Pennington. This is his official visit to our club where he will give his address. He will also present an award he has created called "The Quiet Rotarian Award". An award to recognize one among us that doesn't get recognized or always being here to help out, or always does their job and more. Come early so you can meet and chat DG Bob Pennington.



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Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio

Rotarians are on the verge of ridding the world of polio. The number of polio cases has declined by 99 percent in the 16 years since Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation made polio eradication the highest priority.

In this period, many of the challenges and obstacles in the path of the ultimate goal have been overcome through the pioneering work of PolioPlus. But because of the changed priorities following the terrible events of 11 September 2001, it is now clear that without a special effort, governments, agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector will not be able to fill the US\$400 million funding gap that threatens to snuff Rotary's dream of a polio-free world.



The RI Board of Directors and the Foundation Trustees have unanimously resolved to introduce a new campaign to raise additional funds for PolioPlus. The campaign, "Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio," will last only through the 2002-03 Rotary year with the goal of raising \$80 million.

The funds raised through this campaign will multiply quickly because they will be matched or surpassed by funding from the World Bank, the Gates Foundation, and the United Nations Foundation. In some cases, every dollar brought in by Rotary will become a contribution of up to five dollars that will go to governments, the World Health Organization, or UNICEF to buy and distribute vaccine.

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July 14
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July 11, 2003 - 21 Yrs

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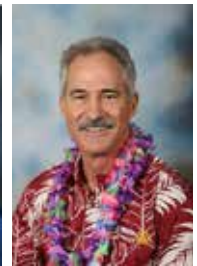
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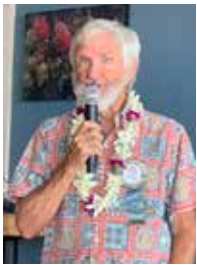


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Shawn Keoha
Kailua Kona, HI



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Karen Valentine
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Kelly is a transplant from Northwest Ohio and has been in Kailua Kona for 15 years. She has a BA in Communications and worked for the County of Hawaii-Parks & Recreation Department, IRONMAN and started as PATH's Chief Operations Officer in August after serving on the board for 4 years. After moving to the Island, she found the flourishing athletic community and began running, cycling, participating in the local Peaman & Mango Man events, Lavaman, Coffee Talk Riders and joined Hawaii Cycling Club. "I look forward to continuing the great work that PATH does and getting the word out about our wonderful programs!"

Just Saying – Richard Farnham

THERE'S ALWAYS PLAN D

Reprinted from a BizBitsBlog, 05/27/19 - <https://bizbitsblog.blogspot.com>
In business, and in life for that matter, we often encounter problems. Sometimes simple problems lending themselves to simple, and quick, solutions. Sometimes not so simple problems, with not so simple and not so quick solutions. But solve them we must, lest they linger and fester and begin to erode our success, or our happiness, or both.

Therefore we need to formulate a plan, a plan to solve the problem. Now what that plan is can vary depending on the problem it needs to solve. It may be a simple plan or a complex plan. It may be implemented quickly or over time. It may require few resources or many. It may be cheap or very costly. The one constant is that the plan needs to solve the problem.

Of course we never know if a plan is going to work until we try it out. And if it doesn't work we may very well need a backup plan, a Plan B so to speak. And if that doesn't work we may need a back up to the back up, a Plan C, which also may not work.

IN THIS CASE WE OFFER THE PLAN THAT ALWAYS WORKS. Simplicity itself, requiring few if any resources and little or no monetary or intellectual investment, it is guaranteed to solve the problem, immediately and forever. It is called "PLAN D." Stated briefly, it is: DECLARE THE PROBLEM TO NOT BE A PROBLEM!

If plan A didn't work, and plan B didn't work, and plan C didn't work, then it's a pretty good bet that this problem can't be solved. And If it can't be solved, the choice is simple; stop doing whatever business or activity it is that created or uncovered the problem if the first place, or use "PLAN D" and DECLARE THE PROBLEM TO NOT BE A PROBLEM!

One example: A common business problem, and one nearly all businesses have at one time or another; is the failure of a customer or client to pay promptly. Incentives haven't worked, threats haven't worked, bill collectors haven't worked. The customer or client always pays, but never in a timely manner.

Of course, you can just stop doing business with this customer or client and the problem is solved. Or you might just utilize "PLAN D." This is a good account, and the income is appreciated, if not needed. Why not just DECLARE THE PROBLEM TO NOT BE A PROBLEM! You keep the account, and a relationship you have probably nurtured for some time. You keep the income, you keep the client or customer, and you stop worrying and/or feeling resentful. "PLAN D," it's a WIN WIN.

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From the Archives – August 1, 2002

Royal Kona Resort

August 1, 2002



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ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

Visit by District Governor Bob Pennington

August 1, 2002

On August 1, 2002, we will have the distinct pleasure of entertaining a visit by District Governor Robert "Bob" Pennington. This is his official visit to our club where he will address the club.

He will also present an award he has created called "The Quiet Rotarian Award". An award to recognize one among us that doesn't get recognized for always being there to help out, or always does their job and more.

Come early 11:30 am so you can meet and chat DG Bob Pennington. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 noon.

Robert M. Pennington is a Past President and Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Pearlridge. He has served as District Membership Chair and District Interact Chair. He was an Assistant Governor and the GSE Team Leader to Korea.

Bob is the owner of Jani-King Hawaii, a commercial cleaning franchise company. His 20 years of franchise experience includes senior management positions with ERA Real Estate, Qualitech Computer Centers and owner of two master franchises in Hawaii. He is also a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Hawaii. Bob attended the University of Maryland and Northern Montana College.

After 20 years of active duty he retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1979. He arrived in Hawaii in 1971 and spent the last 8 years of his career at Headquarters PACAF, Hickam Air Force Base. He is a decorated Vietnam Veteran having earned the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service and Air Force Commendation Medal. After serving two, 4-year tours in Japan he became conversant in the Japanese language. He maintains proficiency by visiting sushi bars and practicing with his many Japanese friends and acquaintances at social gatherings.

The oldest of six boys, he grew up as a sharecropper's son in rural Arkansas. His drive, motivation and determination come from the fact that "he doesn't want to go back."

Bob and Carol are Multi-Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors and members of the Bequest Society. Their extended family consists of two sons, Mark and Phillip, daughter Michele and 5 grandchildren, Phillip, Phletcher, Phlynn, Max and Claire. They reside in Pearlridge on the Island of Oahu.



Global Quest Continues (From RI Website)

Tina Clothier, Chair Membership Committee

Rotary's Global Quest is a major recognition program encouraging all Rotarians to focus their efforts on strengthening membership worldwide. In order to expand its vital humanitarian and educational work and enhance its efforts to advance peace and international understanding, Rotary must continue to seek qualified, active, and committed members.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

Each district and club will be asked to establish individual goals for membership growth and development. As a general goal, Rotary clubs are encouraged to bring in one



qualified new member per month, with a minimum net gain of five new members per club at the end of the year.

WHO WILL BE RECOGNIZED?

Fifty districts and 100 clubs will be designated as winners. At least one winning district will be recognized from each zone, for a total of 34 districts.

The remaining 16 winning districts will be determined on an at-large basis, based on their percentage net growth. The district with the largest percentage net gain will be named the overall world winner.

To keep the competition more evenly

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FESTIVAL Pu'ukohola Heiau
National Historic Site, Kawaihae

Member Birthdays

Anthony Bonnici
August 20
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Katherine & John Rauch
August 28, 2005 - 19 Yrs

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Kimber DeVerse
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Alysia Dinneen
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August 15, 2024



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August 1
New Rotarians
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Around Town
Preparing Food
for Meet N' Eat



President Jenaya Rockman, Gretchen Watson-Kabei, and Marcia Masters prepare 150 meals of chili for the Meet N' Eat program.

Just for Fun
Mahalo to
Tom Bierlein

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8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
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Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

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West Coast Hawaii Little League

Andy Goodman, President, August 15, 2002

Andy Goodman was born and raised in Massachusetts. He met future wife Sharon Tomiyama from Kailua -Oahu while at USC. He graduated from USC in 1980. Together they have two children Rebecca and Adam. Both attending Kamehameha Schools on Oahu.

Andy and Sharon own a successful business called "Image 38." Image 38 manufactures shopping bags/promotional material for the high fashion industry. Customers include Polo/Ralph Lauren, Louis Vitton, Cal-

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Corri Bell will be leaving on Aloha Airlines at 7:45 am to Honolulu. If anyone can come to the airport at 6:45 am to say aloha it would really help send her on her way with some extra moral support.

Our incoming exchange student Caren Tong, arrives from Taipei, Taiwan on the same morning at 9:30 am on the JAL flight from Tokyo. If you can make it please come to the International Terminal at 9:30 so that we can give Caren a proper Kona Rotary greeting.



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Date: August 21

Time: 5:30PM

Place: Scott Unger's House
77-6366 Kenika Place
Kailua Kona

Food: Dinner & Drinks Provided

Notes: RSVP Not Required

Coming Up – Pickleball Introduction and Fun



Date: August 22

Time: 9:00AM

Place: Royal Kona Tennis Courts
Street Side Court

Bring: Water, sunscreen, Positive Attitude

Attire: Athletic Gear, Tennis Shoes

Notes: Get introduced to the fastest growing sport in the US

Just for Fun – R. Farnham

Do These Jeans Make Me Look Fat?

If you're a guy and your wife ever asks the question, before heading out for a fun-filled evening, "Do these jeans make me look fat?" DO NOT ANSWER!

Obviously saying yes is disastrous. It will, most likely, result in not going out, not being spoken to, and not sleeping in your own bed.

You may think that if you say "no, of course not dear," everything will be fine. IT WON'T! She will assume you are lying to her, and be hurt and angry that you would let her go out in such unflattering pants. It will, most likely, result in not going out, not being spoken to, and not sleeping in your own bed.

But what if she actually doesn't look fat in those jeans, you ask. Believe me, she wouldn't have asked if she wasn't worried, and if she is worried, there is usually a reason. Justified or not, she thinks her butt is as big as a barn.

Perhaps you don't care how big her butt is, because you love her unconditionally. It doesn't matter, she's thinking barn and your opinion isn't going to change that.

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Saturday, September 24, 2002



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8:00 AM Saturday morning. Participants please be sure to wear a cap or hat, sunscreen, grubby clothes, sturdy shoes and work gloves.

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Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center

George Jacob, Project Director

George Jacob is the Project Director of the \$28 million Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center being planned at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. Mr. Jacob was educated at the University of Toronto and the Birla Institute of Technology & Science with degrees in Physics, Museum Studies and Industrial Design. He has over 16 years of museum planning and design experience, having worked on assignment in 11 countries.

He trained at the Smithsonian Institution and has held many senior positions including the Directorship of a Planetarium and Science museum complex and most recently as the Vice President of Exhibits and Design at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. He has served on the Board of Commonwealth Association of Museums, UNESCO affiliate, under the aegis of the Commonwealth Foundation in London, UK and is one the leading

museum professionals of our times.

The final campus plan will of course depend on the conceptual plan which is still under development. In general terms, however, it is very likely to include a planetarium, theater, exhibits, class rooms, offices, a restaurant and gift shop. The artist's rendering below suggests a possible plan.



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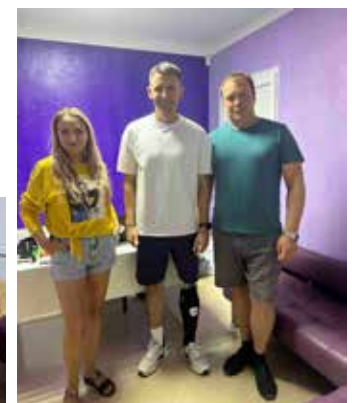
Aloha Janice

I was pleased to get these pics from Dr. Loza in Ukraine! Luckily, he had some friends in Germany that were able to purchase the Ecoflow as soon as they knew the money was in motion from Kona, and Dr. Loza arranged to pay them back - so that way the power station could be sent quickly. The day this picture was taken - Dr. Loza was feeling understandably unsettled with airstrikes that had occurred at nearby industrial facilities.

In the 2nd picture, Dr. Loza was up all night making the cosmetic cover to this soliders's prosthetic and making some much needed tweaks to the prosthetic to allow this solidier to walk down the aisle. This solidier was getting married the next day and wanting to walk as well as possible for his big day.

This certainly would not have been possible without the help of Rotary Kona.

Thanks for all you do!
Brett Carey



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Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center

George Jacob, Project Director

George Jacob is the Project Director of the \$28 million Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center being planned at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. Mr. Jacob was educated at the University of Toronto and the Birla Institute of Technology & Science with degrees in Physics, Museum Studies and Industrial Design. He has over 16 years of museum planning and design experience, having worked on assignment in 11 countries.

He trained at the Smithsonian Institution and has held many senior positions including the Directorship of a Planetarium and Science museum complex and most recently as the Vice President of Exhibits and Design at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. He has served on the Board of Commonwealth Association of Museums, UNESCO affiliate, under the aegis of the Commonwealth Foundation in London, UK and is one of the

leading museum professionals of our times.

The final campus plan will of course depend on the conceptual plan which is still under development. In general terms, however, it is very likely to include a planetarium, theater, exhibits, class rooms, offices, a restaurant and gift shop. The artist's rendering



Our Monthly Opportunity to Help the Hungry

Kathy Damon, Community Service Chair, August 29, 2002

As the last meeting of the month, the Club's August 29 meeting affords all of us the opportunity to contribute non-perishable food items and/or funds for feeding the hungry of West Hawaii through the Hawaii Island Food Bank's distribution of food by its affiliated organizations.



Canned goods and/or cash are being emphasized in this month's collection.

Anyone who forgets to bring his/her personal donation of food/money this week will receive a special privilege — that contribution will be gratefully accepted at next week's meeting!

Highway Cleanup with Interact Club

Saturday, September 24, 2002



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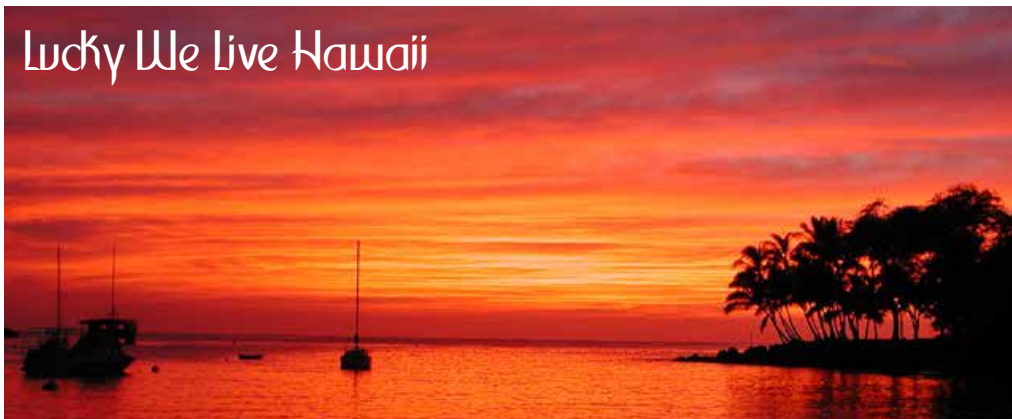
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Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948

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August 17 & 18
ANNUAL HAWAIIAN CULTURAL
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National Historic Site, Kawaihae

Member Birthdays

Anthony Bonnici
August 20
Darlene Dabbling
August 14
Jenny Rasmussen
August 17
Mahlon Whittle
August 17

Wedding Anniversaries

Katherine & John Rauch
August 28, 2005 - 19 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Kimber DeVerse
August 29, 2013 - 11 Yrs
Alysia Dinneen
August 22, 2019 - 5 Yrs
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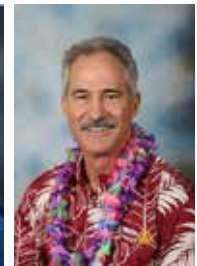
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Malama Ka Po'e O Hawai'i

Just Last Week – Mitch Tam – Fentanyl Awareness



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In the Community – RCOK Donates to Kealakehe High School Model UN Club's Civic Engagement and Forum

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona,

We have the utmost appreciation for your club's generosity towards this event! We are so grateful that you are making it possible for all of these students to learn important skills regarding public policy for issues within our community as well as our entire world.

Mahalo nui loa! - Kealakehe Model UN and PAAC Club



Just Visiting

Tricia Hynes
Kailua Kona, HI



Eric Paul
Kailua Kona, HI

At the Club – Big Check for West Hawaii Mediation

President Jenaya presents Eric Paul of West Hawaii Mediation Services with a check for \$4000 to be used in their Peer Mediation Program, to teach youth how to resolve conflicts. This year the Center hopes to present programs in up to 14 schools in West Hawaii.



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Mahalo, Jenaya

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September 21, 2024, 1P
KONA PRIDE FESTIVAL
Courtyard by Marriott King
Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

September 21, 2024
FESTIVAL IN THE FIELD CON-
CERT BENEFIT - Makae'o Soccer
Field, Old Airport Beach Park

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DEDICATION OF MAKAE'O
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Allen Sullivan
September 30

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Ben & Sona Noyes
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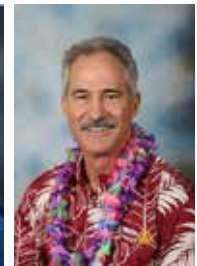
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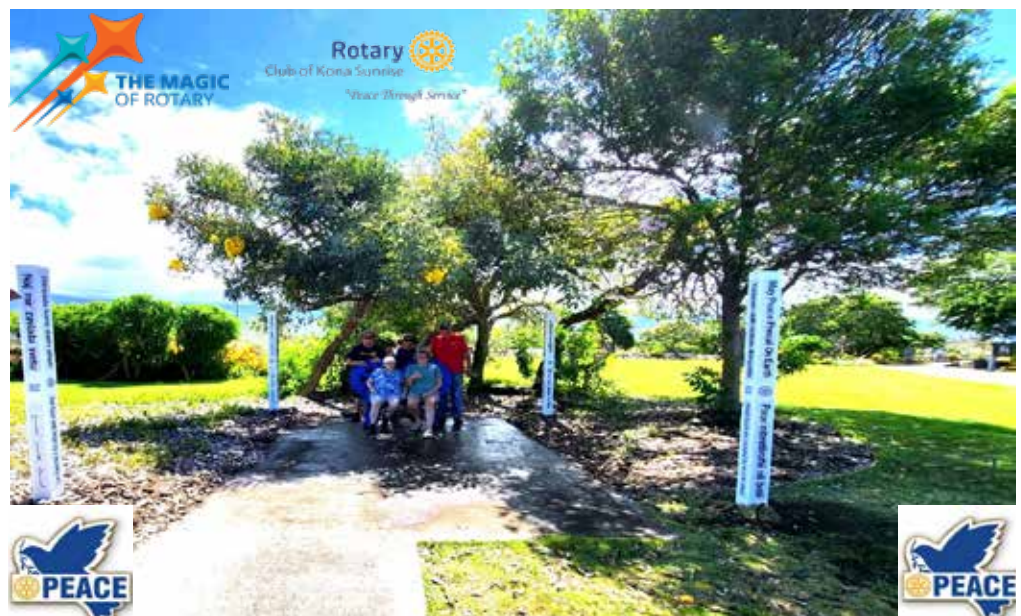


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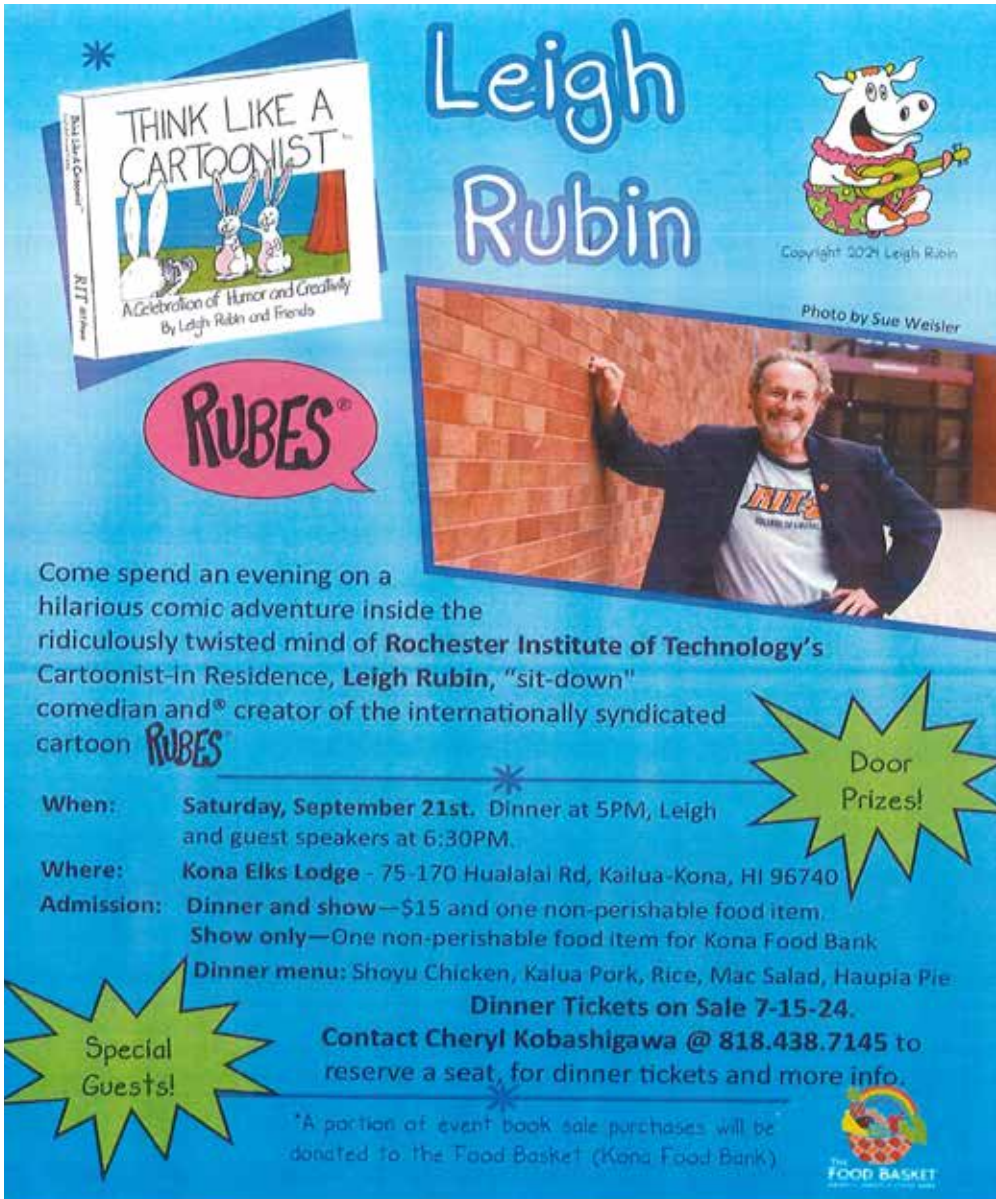
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In the Community – Leigh Rubin at the Elks



Leigh Rubin

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At our market you will find locally raised produce, honey, flowers, Kona coffee, macadamia nuts, meat, eggs, handmade breads, jams, and so much more. All 100% grown and produced in Hawaii. Enjoy meeting the farmers and makers dedicated to bringing you fresh food right from their farms while walking through our beautiful outdoor market.



The Keauhou Farmers Market is held every Saturday, 8AM - 12PM at the Keauhou Shopping Center. We hope to see you there! The Keauhou Farmers Market is sponsored by the Kona County Farm Bureau (KCFB). KCFB is committed to the growth of more community-oriented food systems that serve to advance island prosperity.

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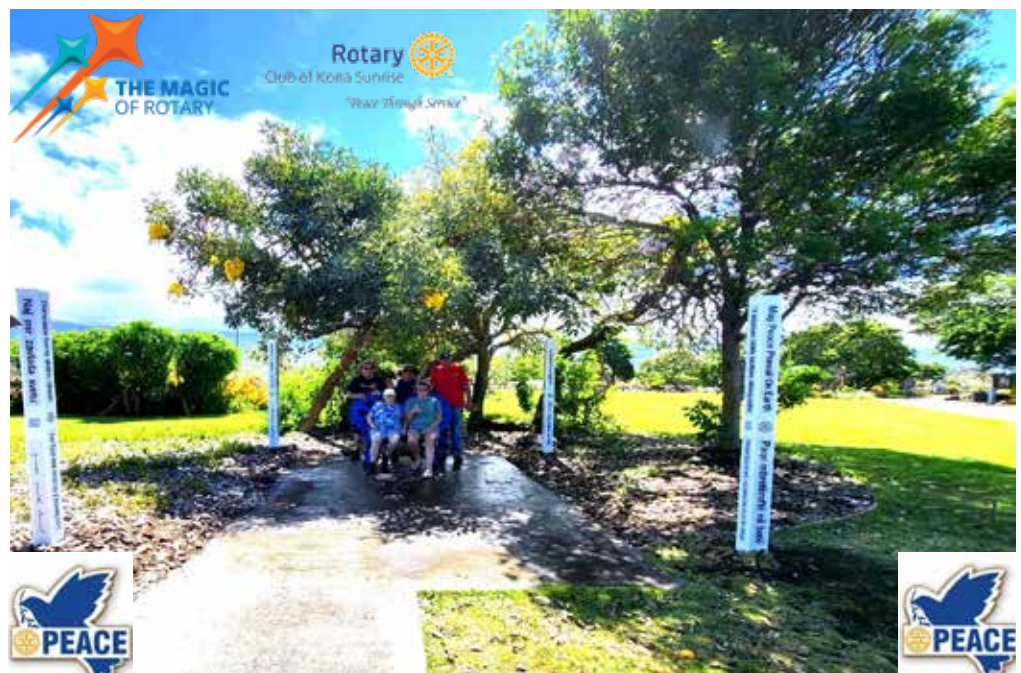
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Rotary Peace Garden

Located within the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path

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Saturday, September 21, 2024 4:00 to 6:00

Light pupu's and drinks will be available.

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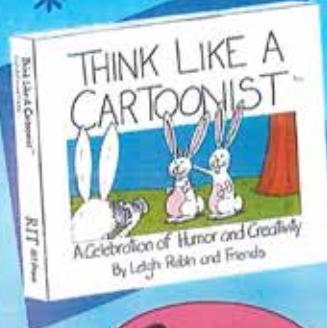
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Sunrise

7:45 AM

Morning Walk with Mayor
Queen Liliuokalani Gardens

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**Mid Morning Snacks with
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Gil Kahlele Park Peace Pole

to

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Sunset

Visit <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/peace> for more info!



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IRONMAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ironman Parade of Nations

Tuesday, Oct 22 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83899>

Password: **ROT24**

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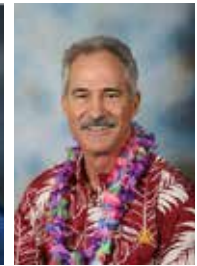
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Mission Statement

The employees of the Hawai'i Police Department are committed to preserving the Spirit of Aloha. We will work cooperatively with the community to enforce the laws, preserve peace, and provide a safe environment.

Vision Statement

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In the Community – Ironman Needs Volunteers

IRONMAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ironman Parade of Nations

Tuesday, Oct 22 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83899>

Password: ROT24

Question 1: Are you with a group seeking an Ironman Foundation Donation?

Answer 1: YES

Question 2: Are you seeking an Ironman Foundation donation, what is the name of your group? If not, then enter 'none'.

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Ironman Race Day

Saturday, Oct 26 4 pm to 8 pm - Finish line "catching."

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Ironman Interact Aid Station

Saturday, Oct 26 - Help with set up, take down and pizza delivery.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FupLSGiDkdA7-5L8YTpR-B taYlMZy-FM6bfC8XAr1wY/edit?usp=sharing>

Around the World – RCOK EcoFlow to Ukraine – Update

The Ecoflow 3D Printer provided to the Rotary Club of Ternopil, Ukraine really was the cornerstone to enabling a lot of progress over the past month!

Dr. Yevhen and Dr. Christine Loza were able to travel to Kyiv and present at a medical conference - demonstrating the many different devices they are making - including how to set up a portable power station to. Now-a-days in Ukraine - conferences of this nature typically take place either in fortified buildings or in parking garages - for safety as the air sirens go off constantly.

The Doctors have been able to expand their success into making surgical planning models. Shrapnel injuries make for difficult and dangerous surgeries. The Loza's are turning CT scans into 3D models - which is incredibly helpful to allow surgeons to carefully make a plan prior to surgery. They are teaching these techniques to doctors throughout Ukraine.

This is a volunteer soldier that lost his left leg. They scanned his right leg and make a prosthetic that matched the volume of his right leg.



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. Call: Larry Web at 808-989-6336 if you would like to help out.

Community Calendar

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

October 20, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL - Alii Drive

October 13, 2024
27th ANNUAL HAWAIIAN
SLACK KEY FESTIVAL - Outrigger Kona Resort, Keauhou

October 19, 2024, 10A to 3P
2024 BIG ISLAND ARTS SUMMIT AND CELEBRATION OF NELHA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. NELHA mauka research campus building at 73-188 Makako Bay Dr., Kailua Kona, HI 96740,

October 31, 2024, 4P to 7P
HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT - Queens' Marketplace, Waikoloa Beach Resort

Member Birthdays

Tom Daniel - October 24
Floyd Nordstrom - October 11
Rod Quatararo - October 18
Katherine Rauch - October 25
John Spicer - October 8
Scott Unger - October 27
Ray Wofford - October 27
Chrystal Yamasaki - October 23

Wedding Anniversaries

Amy & Ricahrd Decker
October 20, 1991 - 33 Yrs
Maverick & Karen Malech
October 15, 2008 - 16 Yrs
Peter Schonberg & Becca Hamar
October 8, 1993 - 31 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Maverick Malech
October 15, 2015 - 9 Yrs
Allen Sullivan
October 18, 2018 - 6 Yrs

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

North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon
Red Water Cafe
Highway 19
Kamuela, HI 96743

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon
Moku'ola Room
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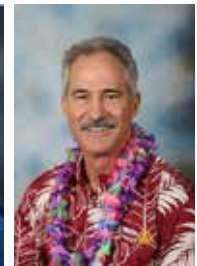
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Science Fueled Fun for the Whole Family



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The Hawai'i Keiki Museum inspires curiosity, creativity, and innovation by introducing children to science during their early years.

Inspiring our keiki to become stewards of the land starts by sparking their curiosity. The hands-on exhibits inspire wonder and excitement, and are thoughtfully designed to engage our keiki through a process of self-discovery and exploration.

Including means our exhibits are engaging for a diverse audience. Accessibility is much more than ADA compliance, it is a celebration of our diversity. Attracting girls to STEM is an important goal. Including all ages and abilities, fosters respect for one another.

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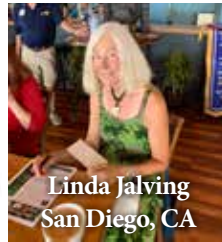
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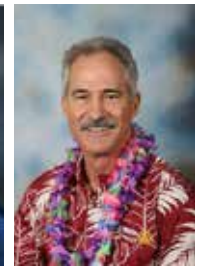
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At the Podium—Danielle Filiva'a—Hawaiian Community Assets

October 17, 2024

Our Mission



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IRONMAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ironman Parade of Nations

Tuesday, Oct 22 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83899>

Password: **ROT24**

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Saturday, Oct 26 4 pm to 8 pm - Finish line "catching."

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Kamuela, HI 96743

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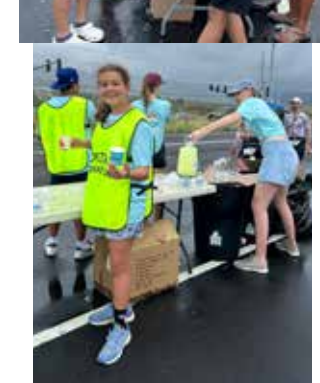


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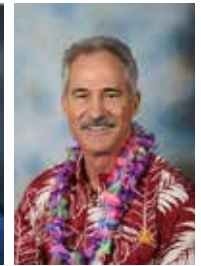
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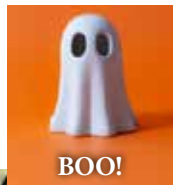
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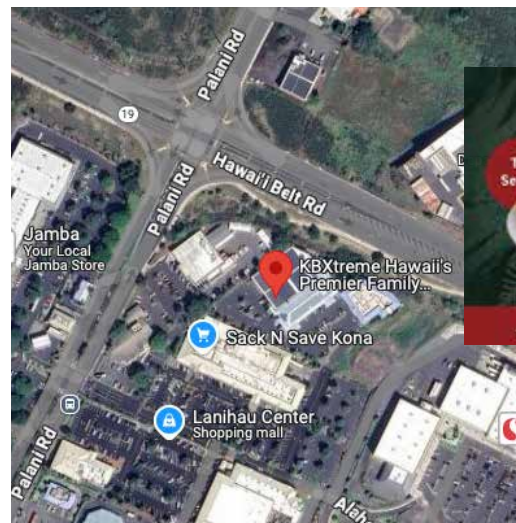


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hawaiiartistcollaboration.org

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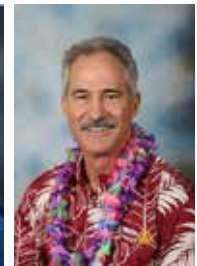
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We are pleased to deliver education with aloha, offering high-quality, affordable college programs to the West Hawai'i community in sustainably designed facilities.

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

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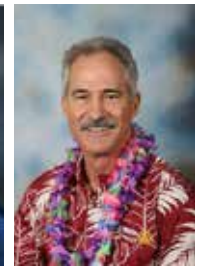
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Guided Activities - Island Vibes

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Gear - Island Style

Gear for Island Life is our motto, and outside of Hawaii this is the only place you can purchase Kona Boys gear. We specialize in short run, high quality lifestyle gear to add a splash of aloha to your personal style.

Community - Big Island / Small World

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To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

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Annual Community Holiday Concert

Featuring:
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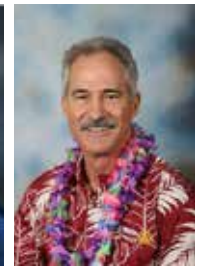
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Community - Big Island / Small World

Here on the Big Island we take the time to “talk story”. We'd love to introduce you to some of the amazing people, places, food, and more that help to make Hawai'i so special.

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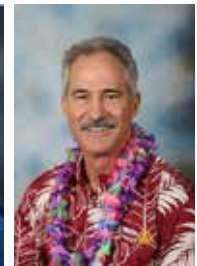
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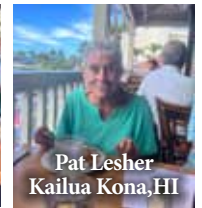
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See below for update on how the EcoFlow backup battery is working in Ukraine.

Aloha Kakou Janice and Tom,

I just wanted to send you two some pics and a video tour of the mini prosthetic factory fully up and running in Ternopil, Ukraine. The EcoFlow that Kona Rotary purchased is in a closet behind this room. The team in Ternopil were able to install a transfer switch so that when power gets interrupted- the EcoFlow seamlessly takes over, and when the power is working, the EcoFlow charges itself.

The wonderful thing about 3D printing prosthetics is that - normally prosthetic sockets are made by hand - meaning, of course, that while making the socket - the healthcare provider isn't able to do anything else. With 3D printing, the healthcare provider can set up the printer, let the printer work and then go treat patients - so it's an automatic doubling of productivity.

Thanks to you both,

Dr. Brett Carey - Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
AN TEACHT ABHAILE - Belfast, Northern Ireland
International Homecoming Ambassador
Adjunct Faculty, Hawaii Pacific University

Video: SurfHawaii.net/Rotary/Misc Click on 3DPrinting.mov

At the Club – A Message from the President

Fellow Rotarians,

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Mahalo, Jenaya

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MAS TREE LIGHTING
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December 14, 2024, 5P to 7P
KAILUA-KONA CHRISTMAS
PARADE
paradesinkona.com
808-785-2898.

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Kaimalu Kope - December 27
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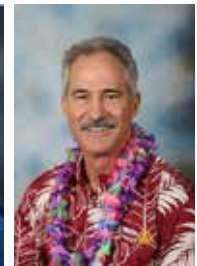
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A Few Weeks Back – Kristy Lungo – Mental Health Kokua



In 2023 MHK celebrated 50 years in Hawaii - Established in 1973 as The House, housing patients discharged from the Hawaii State Hospital during deinstitutionalization. By 1994, the organization changed its name to Mental Help Hawaii and in 2000 expanded to become Mental Health Kokua

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Just Visiting – George Prokop – Medford Rogue Rotary Club



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Around the Island – Keiki Christmas Party

On December 21 the Ocean View Community Center Committee hosted a Kieki Christmas party for the children of Ocean View. The party was a huge success and over 300 children showed up for a trip to the "Toy" house where they could pick their own Christmas gift! Rotary club of Kona donated \$500 of gifts for this event. There was live music and Santa Claus. Kids could also play games and decorate Christmas ornaments. The committee provided goodie bags and hot chocolate. Kudos to the Ocean View Community Center Committee for providing a fun afternoon for the Keiki of Kau.



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Adopting a shelter pet is a rewarding and life-changing experience, for you AND for your new best friend. At Hawaii Island Humane Society, our goal is to enhance the bond between humans and animals. Pets are a lifelong commitment. As living beings, pets have physical, social, and emotional needs. Our trained Lifesaving Programs team utilizes progressive, conversational adoption counseling to help make the best matches for not only our shelter pets but also for you! In line with national best practices and animal welfare industry standards, our goals are to remove barriers to adoption while also helping our shelter pets live their best lives as companion animals.

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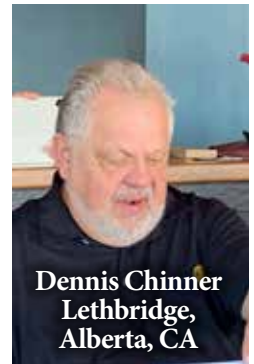
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Welcome to the Club – Mark England



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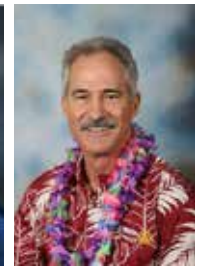
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Hawaii Island Humane Society is a non-profit animal welfare organization that offers lifesaving programs and community outreach services. The mission of Hawaii Island Humane Society is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation, and enhance the bond between humans and animals. Our organization, established in 1965, serves Hawaii Island's community with shelters in Keauau and our new Animal Community Center in Kona.

Adopting a shelter pet is a rewarding and life-changing experience, for you AND for your new best friend. At Hawaii Island Humane Society, our goal is to enhance the bond between humans and animals. Pets are a lifelong commitment.

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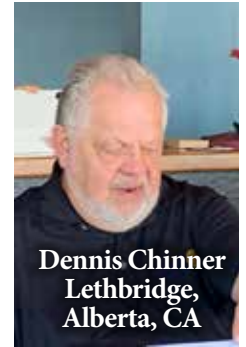
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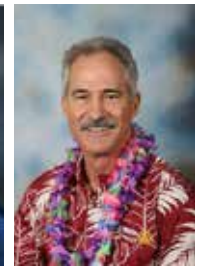
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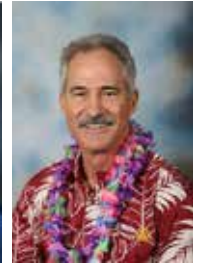
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Weber started Paying it Forward in January as a way to organize the increasing amount of donations sent in his direction. Paying it Forward serves as a bridge between various organizations and nonprofits in West Hawaii that help those in need, but are restricted in often very specific ways by red tape.

“Sometimes you go to a 501(c)(3) and ask if they can give money and they say, ‘No, our bylaws don’t allow it, our mission statement doesn’t allow it, the funds are restricted...’” Weber added. “I can spend my money on anything... There’s probably about 30 or 40 organizations here in West Hawaii that do things for kids, but all are specific in what they can do or how they do it. I try to work with as many as I can.”

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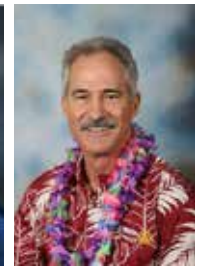
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“A situation like this only brings out the good in people,” said Weber. “If you give them a chance, they really want to give.”

Weber started Paying it Forward in January as a way to organize the increasing amount of donations sent in his direction. Paying it Forward serves as a bridge between various organizations and nonprofits in West Hawaii that help those in need, but are restricted in often very specific ways by red tape.

“Sometimes you go to a 501(c)(3) and ask if they can give money and they say, ‘No, our bylaws don't allow it, our mission statement doesn't allow it, the funds are restricted...’” Weber added. “I can spend my money on anything... There's probably about 30 or 40 organizations here in West Hawaii that do things for kids, but all are specific in what they can do or how they do it. I try to work with as many as I can.”

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Welcome – Newest Rotarian – Kai Steuer

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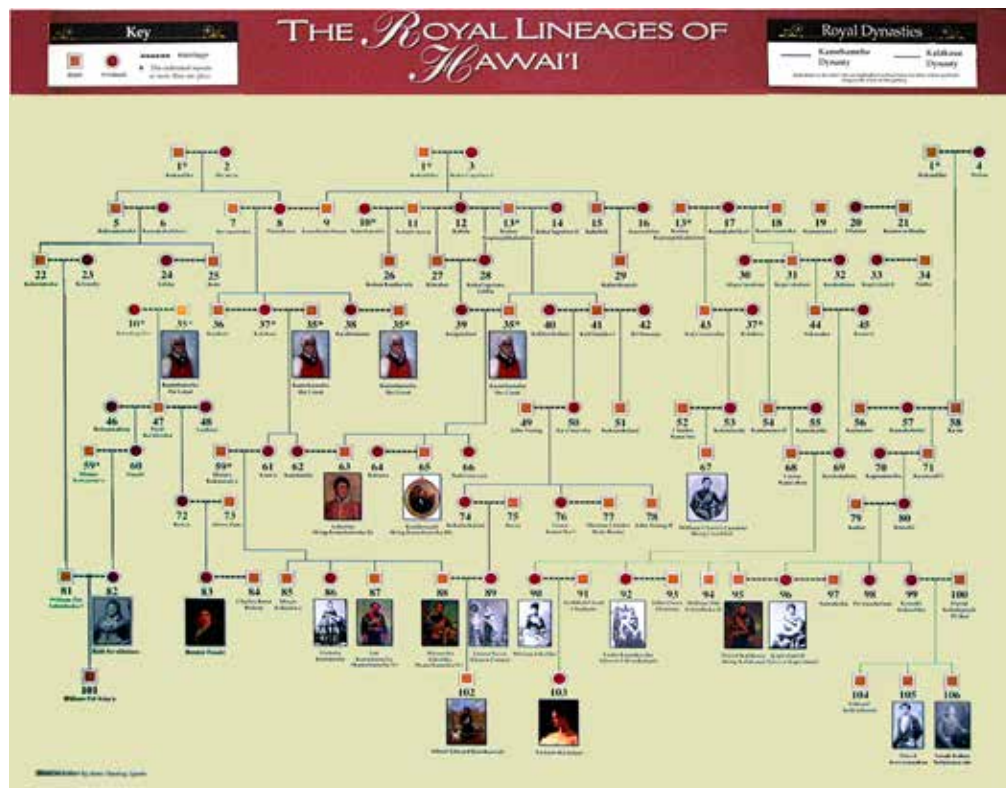
Nick and Michelle Romo's House 77-6492 Marlin Road, Kailua Kona

There will be tea, and tea bites (sandwiches, pastries and the like).

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Friends and family are also welcome! A great time for Rotarian fellowship!

Good to Know – Royal Lineages of Hawaii



Mahalo to Tom Daniel

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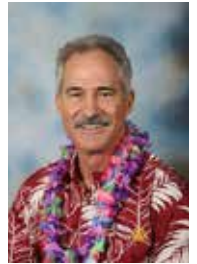
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Foundation Video: <https://youtu.be/JIEbXwLbaTk>

Just Last Week – Marcia Masters – Zimbabwe Project



We assist children and families in Zimbabwe by creating opportunities for education, health care and employment through the development of sustainable businesses and community development.

In August of 2007, when we traveled to Zimbabwe we had no idea what to expect. It was our first time to Africa and our first mission type trip. On one of the first days we were there, we were taken on a visit to a feeding center that had been functional for about a year. This gave us an idea of what we were going to be building and the impact it would have on the community. We learned that they fed approximately 150 children one meal per day at that site. The children would go to school in the morning and then to the feeding center for lunch. While there, they would also receive biblical instruction and practical learning such as how to plant and grow a garden. Then they would play games in the afternoon.

We spent 7 of our 10 days on that first trip to Zimbabwe working on the construction of a feeding center in a rural area outside of Harare. We worked with many wonderful people, learned about their families and their lifestyle, and experienced a culture where they take care of others who are in need.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 032025.mp4

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March 27, 2025

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Program:

Shirley De Rego
Alex & Duke DeRego
Foundation

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

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March 2025



March is here, and for Rotary International, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month — a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work.

This month is an opportunity to reflect on The Magic of Rotary and the profound impact we create when we come together with determination and purpose.

Years ago, I experienced this magic firsthand in the Dominican Republic. When a group of members helped people install water filters, three children watched with amazement as dirty water entered one end of a filter and clean water emerged from the other. When we paused the demonstration, one child tugged at my sleeve and pleaded, "Show me the magic again."

To them, it felt magical. It was also the result of countless hours of effort — planning, transporting, and installing the filters — alongside local partners who were dedicated to making clean water accessible. In that moment, I realized that what seemed like a small act could change residents' lives. That is The Magic of Rotary.

This story is a testament to the incredible potential of our global family to create change. Water projects exemplify our reach, our partnerships, and our unwavering commitment to improving lives. Consider Rotary's work with USAID. That partnership has enabled us to work with communities and governments to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services for thousands of people in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Partnerships remind us that Rotary's impact is amplified when we work together. Through our strategic alliance with the United Nations Environment Programme, we're advancing the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. This program equips Rotary members with the tools and resources to protect, restore, and sustain freshwater ecosystems.

When we make use of Rotary grants and advocate for clean water in our communities, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual projects.

As we embrace the spirit of the month, I encourage every Rotary member to seek out new partnerships. Collaboration multiplies our efforts and helps us reach more people in need.

Whether it's joining forces with local organizations, forming alliances with international agencies, or mobilizing your community, every step we take together brings us closer to a world where everyone has access to clean water and safe sanitation.

The Magic of Rotary shines brightest when we work in harmony with others to create lasting good. Together, we can turn dreams into realities that transform lives and communities. The result may feel like magic at times, but we know it's from the power of our collective commitment and compassion. Let's harness this magic to make a difference this month and beyond.

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Just Visiting



Daniel Colimon
Kailua Kona, HI



Craig Watts
Naahelu, HI



Abra Pinter
Kailua Kona, HI



McKayla Mae Jeffries
Kailua Kona, HI

Congratulations – Victoria Morse – Another Paul Harris



Mahlon Whittle presents continuing Paul Harris contributor, Victoria Morse, with her recognition pin for multiple year donations.

Kudos, Victoria, for being one of our newest, youngest, and best Rotarians.

Let's Get Together – High Tea at the Romo's



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Let's Get Together – Meeting at the Unger's

A great night was had by over 30 Rotarians as we welcomed Vicky and Tim Puliz from Rotary international and Ted Faigle, our district Governor. Vicky talked about goings on with Rotary International and the International Foundation. The goal is to have 2.025 billion by the end of 2025. Many good things are happening.



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Alan Clark
March 24
Stephen Johnson
March 2
Kenneth Kjer
March 18
Renee Kraft
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Maverick Malech
March 11

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Kris & Jim Hazard
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Michelle & Nick Romo
March 2, 1996 - 28 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Brian Asbjornson
March 12, 2009 - 15 Yr
Amy Decker
March 7, 2018 - 7 Yrs
Richard Farnham
March 14, 2019 - 6 Yrs
Janice Gustin
March 1, 2018 - 7 Yrs
Kris Hazard
March 10, 2011 - 14 Yrs
Jim Kilgore
March 14, 2024 - 1 Yr
Andrea Myslicki
March 9, 2023 - 2 Yrs
Floyd Nordstrom
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Gretchen Watson-Kabei
March 1, 1997 - 27 Yrs
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Honalo, HI 96740

North Hawaii:

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Red Water Cafe
Highway 19
Kamuela, HI 96743

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

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Queen Court Restaurant
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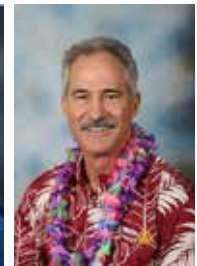
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Commit to ongoing involvement: Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support.

Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is The Magic of Rotary — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.

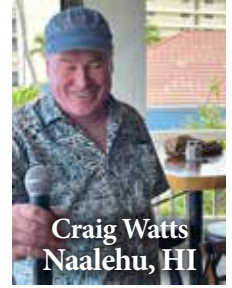
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President Jenaya welcomes Don Dupont, a visitor from Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club in Lafayette, California.



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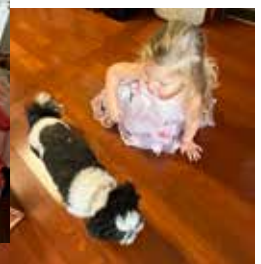
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Mahlon Whittle presents continuing Paul Harris contributor, Alan Clark, with a pin and plaque to recognize his status as a Major Donor. Major Donors have given at least \$10,000 to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Congratulations and mahalo Alan.

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At the Club – A Message from the President

Fellow Rotarians,

One of our goals for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is to increase our members signed up for Direct Giving. Direct Giving is a recurring donation to the Rotary Foundation. You can choose monthly, quarterly or annually in any dollar amount you desire. The Foundation is integral to the success of Rotary projects around the world. Consider signing up for Direct Giving! As president I feel I can't ask the members to do what I'm not, so I just signed up! Any amount makes a difference! We now have 4 club members who are Direct Givers. Let's try to double that this year!

Mahalo, Jenaya

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

Lucky We Live Hawaii

One of the few positives of living on an island with an active volcano, aside from the obvious draw for visitors, is that, on occasion, the ensuing VOG can infiltrate the atmosphere in just the right way to allow for spectacular sunrises and sunsets.



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In 2016, due to the great need for ocean cleanups, Ocean Defender Alliance (ODA) began working in Hawai‘i. We kicked off our debris-removal work in Oahu with the help of long-time friend Stephen Boreman, Esq., his nephew Mash Hatae, Vicki Szymczak, and friends from the University of Hawai‘i who are very concerned about the health of their local waters.

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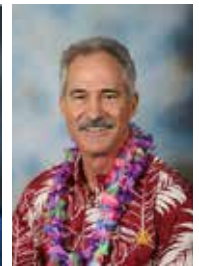
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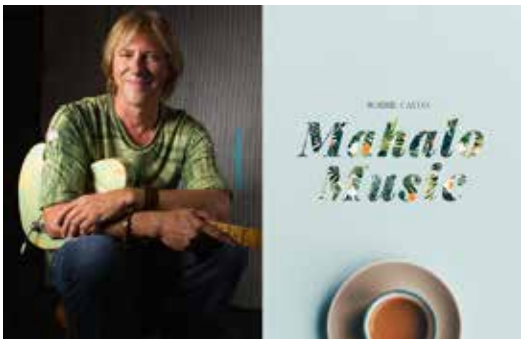
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A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

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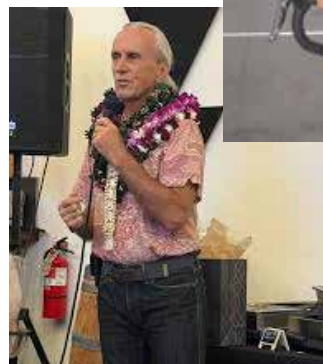


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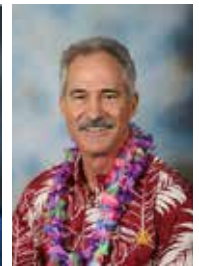
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This April, we're honored to celebrate two meaningful milestones: Going Home Hawai'i's 10th anniversary as a nonprofit and National Second Chance Month. A big mahalo to Governor Josh Green and Mayor Kimo Alameda for proclaiming April as Second Chance Month in Hawai'i. Their support recognizes the importance of helping justice-involved individuals find their footing and thrive as they return to our communities.

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I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

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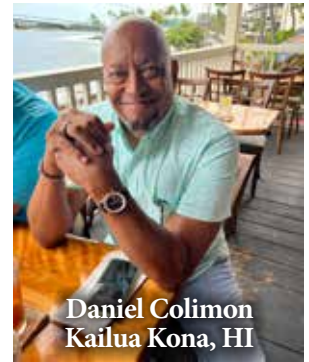
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GOLF

TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

 **KONA COUNTRY CLUB
KAILUA-KONA, HI**

SHOTGUN START
4 Person Scramble
8:00AM
6-7:30AM Registration
Breakfast Bag
Included

Be a Sponsor—\$150, \$350 and \$500 sponsorships available. Donation opportunities are also available.

Hole-In-One Contest!

Closest to the Pin Challenge!

Longest Drive Contest!

Be a Sponsor and/or Register to play
For registration and more event information
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**Deadline to register is May 5, 2024
120 MAXIMUM GOLFERS**

\$150 Entry Fee per player (4 per team)
Includes Round of Golf - Lunch -
Contests - Entertainment - Cash
Prizes for Low Gross & Low Net

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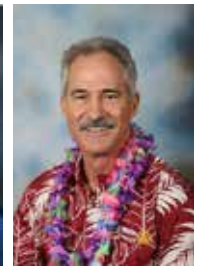
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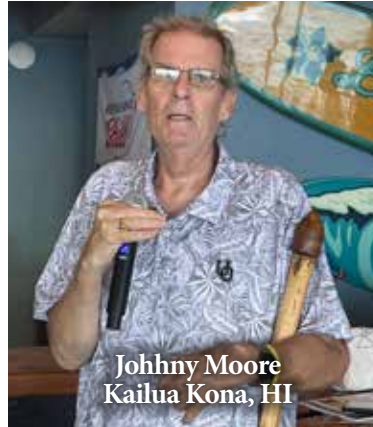
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Jennifer Akiko Shimada Heimgartner was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Growing up, she split her time between there and Okayama city, Japan. Her experience of growing up within the rich and beautiful customs of Japanese culture helped her become fluent in both written and spoken Japanese. She was accepted into Okayama

University in Japan and graduated from their Law Department.

Thereafter, passionate about furthering her education in law, Jennifer attended the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i Manoa, where she graduated in 2008. She is licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai'i, and The United States 9th Circuit District Court since 2009.

She is an active member of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and West Hawaii Bar Association. She is also a member of Wealth Counsel, a network of estate planners who work together to stay educated and provide excellent legal services. Jennifer also strongly believes in utilizing her license to give back to the community, a passion which manifests itself through her representation of abused and neglected children in the Child Welfare Services system. This same compassion and concern for the people in her community can be found in every case she takes on a desire to be of maximum service, and bring relief to each of her clients by ensuring that their legal issues are resolved.

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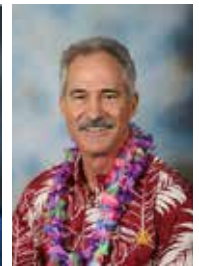
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Just Last Week – Jennifer Heimgartner –Trust Attorney



Jennifer Akiko Shimada Heimgartner was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Growing up, she split her time between there and Okayama city, Japan. Her experience of growing up within the rich and beautiful customs of Japanese culture helped her become fluent in both written and spoken Japanese. She was accepted into Okayama University in Japan and graduated from their Law Department.

Thereafter, passionate about furthering her education in law, Jennifer attended the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i Manoa, where she graduated in 2008. She is licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai'i, and The United States 9th Circuit District Court since 2009.

She is an active member of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and West Hawaii Bar Association. She is also a member of Wealth Counsel, a network of estate planners who work together to stay educated and provide excellent legal services. Jennifer also strongly believes in utilizing her license to give back to the community, a passion which manifests itself through her representation of abused and neglected children in the Child Welfare Services system. This same compassion and concern for the people in her community can be found in every case she takes on a desire to be of maximum service, and bring relief to each of her clients by ensuring that their legal issues are resolved.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations>. Click on 051525.mp4

This Week

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Program:

Alexis Ching
E'walu Industries

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

No Meeting	06/05
Marcia Masters	06/12
Kau Satellite Club	
Maka Gallinger	06/19
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President's Position

Stephanie Urchick

Rotary International

May, 2025



I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

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Just Visiting



Jeff Haynes
Kailua Kona, HI



Brian Kispert
Kailua Kona, HI

In the Community

Mark England and Tom Colimon, two of our Club's newest members help Gonzo Garcia install the first of three gazebos that the Club is erecting for the Mental Health Kokua.



At the Club

There is a **Club Strategic Planning Meeting**, Saturday, June 7, 9:00 to Noon at the West Hawaii Civic Center. Contact Jenaya, 808-937-2541 for directions and/or to confirm your attendance.

We need maximum attendance to give input into what OUR club members want to see the club doing in the next few years. Please make it a priority to attend this meeting and give your input!

Lucky We Live Hawaii?



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From the Archives

Royal Kona Resort

May 29, 2003



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Lasik Eye Surgery

Dr. John D. Olkowski, May 29, 2003

Dr. Olkowski graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1985 and served his internship at Providence Hospital in Washington DC. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at George Washington University in 1989 and went on to get his Cornea Fellowship at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston Massachusetts.

Dr. Olkowski is a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu. Throughout the years of his practice, he had presented at a number of Lectures and Symposia. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, the International Society of Refractive Surgery, the Study Club for Ophthalmic Research I Hawaii, the Hawaii Ophthalmologic Society and the Hawaii Medical Association.

In his spare time Dr. Olkowski enjoys painting still-lives and landscapes. Along with cooking, tennis, running, swimming and weight training and especially walking with his wife Tina and their dogs Roxy and Max.

John D. Olkowski, M.D. has been a corneal surgery specialist in Ha-

wai for over 12 years and has performed **over 4000 LASIK surgeries** in Hawaii, even on other LASIK surgeons.

EyeSight Hawaii has been at the forefront of bringing the most advanced and safest vision correction technology to Hawaii, including

- ORBSCAN corneal imaging
- VISX Star S4 excimer laser - the only FDA-approved 3-Dimensional eye tracking laser
- VISXWaveScan - it creates a "Fingerprint of your

Dr. John Olkowski, personally performs all pre-operative and post-operative exams (as well as the surgery) on each of his patients. Dr. Olkowski goes to **Maui, Kauai, Kona and Hilo** to see his patients. He feels that it is extremely important for surgeons to always be seeing all of their patients from beginning to end.



Annual Recognition Dinner

June 20, 2003

Mark **FRIDAY, JUNE 20th** on your calendar for the Annual Recognition Dinner!

We'll have delicious food, wonderful company, and crooner Joe Mackey and The Band to entertain us at **King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel Luau grounds**.

We'll go "dark" on Thursday noon, June 19th, so everyone will have the opportunity to make the Annual Recognition Dinner the "Rotary meeting" for that week. Cost will be \$35 per person,

all-inclusive. As this is a wonderful fellowship opportunity, please bring your spouses, partners, etc!

We'll recognize those fellow Rotarians that have served us well all year long, say "goodbye" to the Bush era, and "welcome" the Fraser era. Please plan to attend, it's an important gathering for our club.



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PRAYER

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

Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948

At the Club - A Message from the President

Fellow Rotarians,

One of our goals for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is to increase our members signed up for Direct Giving. Direct Giving is a recurring donation to the Rotary Foundation. You can choose monthly, quarterly or annually in any dollar amount you desire. The Foundation is integral to the success of Rotary projects around the world. Consider signing up for Direct Giving! As president I feel I can't ask the members to do what I'm not, so I just signed up! Any amount makes a difference! We now have 4 club members who are Direct Givers. Let's try to double that this year!

Mahalo, Jenaya <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

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BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa

May 18, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL - Alii Drive

Member Birthdays

Tom Bierlein
May 4
Jim Kilgore
May 15

Wedding Anniversaries

Alan & Wendy Clark
May 4, 1980 - 45 Yrs
Janice & Jim Gustin (Deceased)
May 24, 1970 - 55 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Bob Barker
May 23, 2024 - 1 Yr
Anthony Bonnici
May 2, 2022 - 3 Yrs
Rebekah Hill
May 2, 2022 - 3 Yrs
Michelle Romo
May 2, 2022 - 3 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
Kamuela, HI 96743

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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At the Podium – Jessica McCullum – Ava Sofia Foundation

June 12, 2025



Jessica McCullum is the mother of 3 children on the Autism spectrum, and Founder of a small nonprofit on the Big Island of Hawai'i, the Ava Sofia Foundation which is named after her 11-year-old daughter, Ava Sofia, living with Non-speaking, Profound Autism.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave. The organization, which is DBA Autism Moms of Kona, supports the whole family raising a child on the Autism Spectrum so that they may thrive in the home, and integrate with their local community. They achieve this by advocating with families to secure proper support and services, as well as curating immersive and engaging experiences that are accommodating, sensory-friendly and therapeutic to these families. They are gearing up for their annual fundraiser, the 5th Annual Sensory Festival on July 27th which will provide sensory-friendly activities and experiences for the entire community in the heart of celebrating neurodiversity & inclusion and in support of childhood development.

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Program:

Jessica McCullum
Ava Sofia Foundation

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Maka Gallinger	06/19
Musician & Advocate	
Speaker TBA	06/26
Marine Mammal Center	
Dark	07/03

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Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International



June, 2025

I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfill that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.

I was amazed at the capability and commitment of the peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship program and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose, and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals — to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity — we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use.

Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are The Magic of Rotary, and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.

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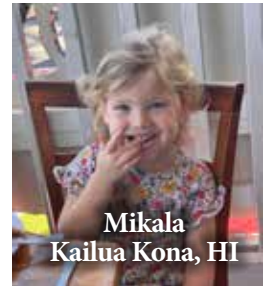
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Congratulations – Daniel, Chloe, & Kai



President Jenaya Rockman presents Daniel Colimon, Chloe Uhi, & Kai Steuer with their permanent badges. Congratulations to our newest members. Welcome to the Club!

Video of the presentation:

<http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations>

Click on 052925.mp4

At the District – Distric Conference at Ala Moana

Last weekend Scott, Jenaya and Becca went to our district conference at Ala Moana on Oahu. They had a great time meeting up with people and making new friends. Cheryl Holcroft, longtime Kona Rotarian was there with her exchange student Frieda from Sweden 🇸🇪.

Great speakers and fun times! Hats off to district governor Ted and his committee.



Throwing
Genki
Balls in the
Ala Wai!

The Sunrise Club
was also there.

Lucky We Live Hawaii – Taking the Boys for a Walk



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At the Club – Forward Planning Meeting

Last Saturday, members of our Club got together to do some “forward” planning. It was hoped that at least 6 members would show up and much to the great surprise of all, close to 18 attended. We reviewed the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of the past year and where we needed to go in the very near futures. More Community Involvement, More Letting the Community know Who and What we are doing, Reaching out for More Members and continuing on with the Great Comradery the Club has and is building on. Many thanks for the Coffee and Sweet Rolls. Had others known about the treats we probably would have needed a bigger meeting area.



The Moderator

In Memoriam – Franz Weber (Text Courtesy West Hawaii Today)



Born in 1953, Franz was a cherished member of the Kona community, known for his unwavering dedication to service, cycling, and compassion. He served as president of the Hawaii Cycling Club and was a familiar figure on the roads of the Big Island, averaging over 9,500 miles annually on his bicycle.

Franz was the founder of Paying It Forward (PIF), a grassroots initiative that bridged community organizations and nonprofits to support those in need across West Hawaii. Through PIF, he provided Chromebooks to foster children during the COVID-19 pandemic-

ic, donated hundreds of pairs of shoes to local students, and distributed nutritious snacks to children in public housing. His Bike Aid program refurbished donated bicycles for children, the homeless, and others lacking transportation, empowering them with mobility and opportunity.

Franz's commitment to service extended to volunteering at athletic events like Ironman and Lavaman, where his generosity and enthusiasm left a lasting impression. He believed deeply in the power of small acts of kindness, often saying, “Helping others may give them a glimmer of hope. That is how you change a community — the world — one person, one act of kindness at a time.”

For Videos of Franz Talks at the Club go to: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations>
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MEMORIES of ALOHA

Link to a short video below about Franz' skydiving experience for his birthday in 2023.
<https://youtu.be/J2L20rEVA7M?si=3pJ0OnT1De7f5RFz>

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STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA
DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

June 22, 7A
KONA HOSPITAL GOLF TOUR-
NAMENT BENEFIT- Kona
Country Club

June 28, 2025
64th ANNUAL ANNIVER-
SARY AND CULTURAL
FESTIVAL - Pu'uhonua O
Honaunau National Historical
Park

Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham
June 16
Peter Schonberg
June 27
Gretchen Watson-Kabei
June 25

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein
June 1, 2013 - 12 Yrs
Stephen & Pamela Hicks
June 18, 1994 - 31 Yrs
Gretchen & Dale Watson-Kabi
June 26, 1997 - 28 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein
June 1, 1989 - 36 Yrs
Stephen Hicks
June 12, 2014 - 11 Yrs
Artie & Janice Ikeda
June 29, 2020 - 5 Yrs
Victoria Morse
June 17, 2022 - 3 Yrs
Ben Noyes
June 18, 2014 - 11 Yrs
Chrystal Yamasaki
June 30, 1998 - 27 Yrs

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Kona Mauka:

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

North Hawaii:

Wednesday, 12 Noon
Red Water Cafe
Highway 19
Kamuela, HI 96743

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

Friday, 12 Noon
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71 Banyan Drive
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South Hilo:

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Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave. The organization, which is DBA Autism Moms of Kona, supports the whole family raising a child on the Autism Spectrum so that they may thrive in the home, and integrate with their local community. They achieve this by advocating with families to secure proper support and services, as well as curating immersive and engaging experiences that are accommodating, sensory-friendly and therapeutic to these families. They are gearing up for their annual fundraiser, the 5th Annual Sensory Festival on July 27th which will provide sensory-friendly activities and experiences for the entire community in the heart of celebrating neurodiversity & inclusion and in support of childhood development.

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Kailua Kona, HI


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