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**Club of Kona**



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2025/2026

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July 10, 2025



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#### Program:

Gonzo Garcia

Presidential Address

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Just Last 2 Week – Carmelita Villalobos –Marine Mammal Center



Carmelita Villalobos is the Response and Outreach Manager for Ke Kai Ola-The Marine Mammal Center. Ke Kai Ola is the only long-term rehabilitation center for sick and injured Hawaiian monk seals. Carmelita, along with her coworkers and 150 volunteers, works to conserve the population of Hawaiian monk seals that consists of just over 1600 individuals by caring for the animals, educating the public, and tracking the monk seals on Hawai'i Island.



The Marine Mammal Center advances ocean health through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, research, and education.

Since 1975, we've rescued more than 26,000 marine mammals along 600 miles of California coastline and the Big Island of Hawai'i.

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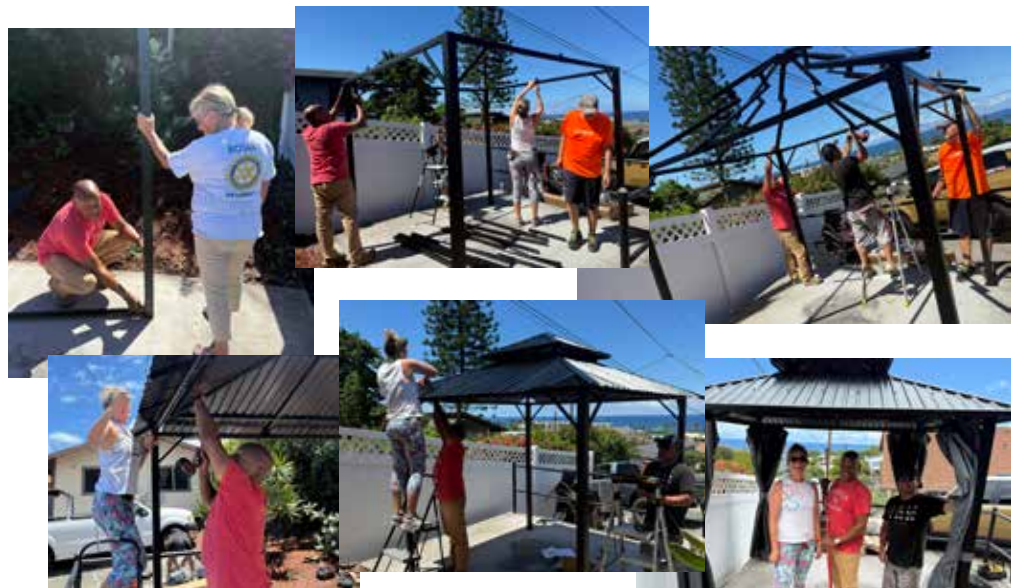
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### Rotary Works – A Second Gazebo

Last Thursday a few Rotarians put up a second gazebo at a mental health home in Kailua Kona. Jenaya, David, Floyd, Becca and Jai Jeffries were all hands on deck. We read the obscure instructions and with a little help from several power tools, we got it done in record time! It was a beautiful morning, great view and good company! One more will be installed. Join in on the fun!



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## You're Invited – District Installation Celebration

**You're Invited to 2025-26 District 5000 District Installation Celebration!**

**Sunday ~ July 13, 2025 ~ Noon to 3pm**  
**Pana'ewa Equestrian Center ~ Hilo**

We'll be celebrating a New Year of Rotary including our new Rotary Leadership: District Officers, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, and Club Board Members... along with our new District Governor, Nancy Cabral!

And if you know Nancy, you know this celebration will be flavored by  
**PANIOLO COWBOY FUN!**

**BBQ** with beef, chicken, corn, & more... all chuck wagon style!  
**Horse Riding** for the Keiki (and you, if you're brave enough!)  
**Line Dancing** (Instructions included... bring your boots!)  
 Bring the kids, grandkids, partners & future Rotarians  
 Rotarians please pay \$50... all family and guests are FREE!  
 Please RSVP at: [nancyd5000rotary@gmail.com](mailto:nancyd5000rotary@gmail.com)

**MAKE IT A HILO WEEKEND!**  
**Saturday, July 12 ~ HILO BREWFEST, 2025**  
 It's the Rotary Club of Hilo's Signature Fundraising Event!  
 Celebrating the 12th successful year  
 with over 70 Craft Beers and ono-licious Food Tasting...  
 all on the beautiful Hilo Yacht Club's oceanfront grounds!  
**Tickets: VIP \$150 ~ GEN \$75 @ [HiloBrewfest.com](http://HiloBrewfest.com)**

**Great Hotel Rates July 10-15 at the Grand Naniloa Resort**  
 Starting at \$209 per night with \$249 Ocean View and \$299 Ocean Front.  
 Plus enjoy a private Shuttle to and from the Brewfest!  
 Email your reservations to: [ITUHN\\_Sales@hilton.com](mailto:ITUHN_Sales@hilton.com) Code: **DUnotME**

## In Memoriam – Franz Weber

REMEMBERING  
**FRANZ WEBER**  
 NOVEMBER 1953 – APRIL 2025

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
 MAKA'EO COUNTY PAVILION  
 OLD AIRPORT – KAILUA-KONA  
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025  
 1:00PM – 4:00PM

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Kamuela, HI 96743

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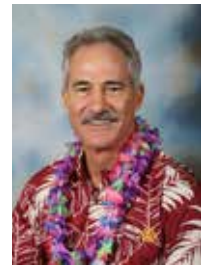
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## Four-Way Test

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 – New Member Introductions

July 17, 2025



As our planned speaker had to cancel at the last minute, we are taking this opportunity to ask a few of our newest members to share a little bit about themselves.

We are hoping to hear from Co-president Gonzo Garcia, new member Mark England, and new member, Tricia Hynes. However if there are other new, or nearly new, or even long-time members who would like to share, time permitting, we would love to hear more about you.

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Sign up for one or both opportunities. Here is the link and thank you!! You enter the password when you sign up to see only your Rotary Shifts.

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=93273>

Tues 10/7/25

Job: Parade of Nations

Shift: 1pm - 5:30pm

Sat 10/11/25

Job: Post Race - Athlete Escorts

Shift: 4pm - 8pm

Group Password: Rotary

To make it easy, it's the same password for both jobs and it will pop up both shifts once you enter the password and your team can start signing up. You do not need to be a Rotarian to volunteer so please pass this on to your Ohana.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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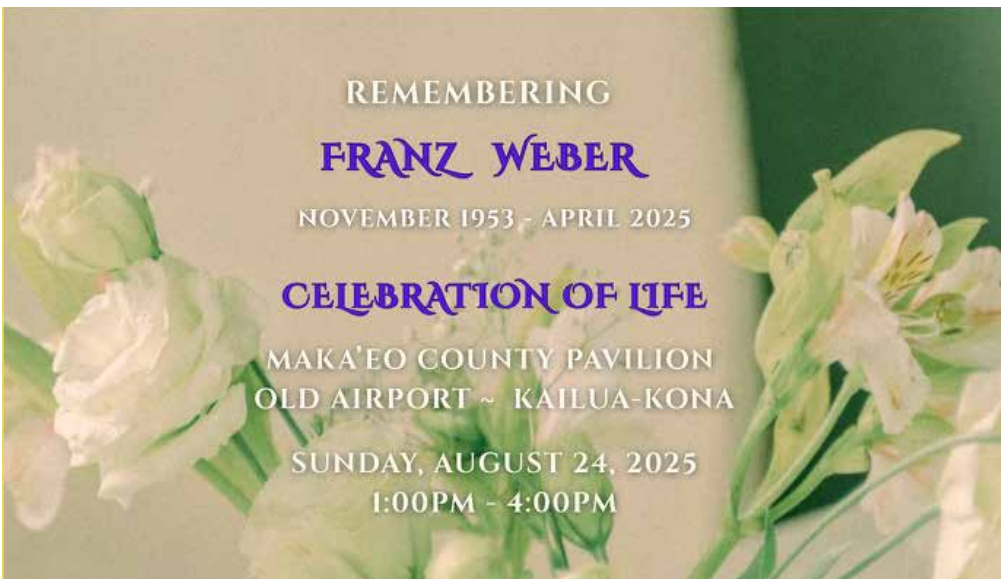




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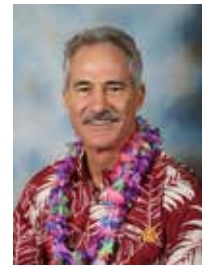
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Kona Historical Bee Exb.	
Dark	08/07
Kevin O'Brien	08/14
Papahānaumokuākea	
Marine Debris Project	

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**July 2025**

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Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

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He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

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### In the District – Joint Club Induction for 2025/2026

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**Where:** Heavenly Hawaiian Coffee Farm, 78-1136 Bishop Rd, Holualoa, HI 96725

**When:** Saturday, July 26, 2025 - Farm Tour: 4P (optional), BBQ Picnic: 5P, Induction

**Price:** \$20.00/person includes sausages, hamburgers, and beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks). (Club Presidents, please collect this before the event)

**What to Bring:** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share (it doesn't have to feed 40 people!). It could be chips, etc. too, you don't need to cook! Let's just do homemade desserts, leave the Costco cakes for other parties! Make something fun that is associated with summer BBQ! Jello salads anyone? Would like a few people to bring bacon and guacamole for the burgers, These are going to be fancy burgers!

**RSVP:** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xptlsBbnMWCHXN4jAUGtm3\\_ien\\_rRF\\_Gi-umzCFwIzWE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xptlsBbnMWCHXN4jAUGtm3_ien_rRF_Gi-umzCFwIzWE/edit?usp=sharing) Please RSVP with the number attending and the dish or dessert you will bring.

We are honored to have DG Nancy Cabral and PDG Ted Faigle in attendance too! As usual, feel free to invite family and friends. A swimming pool is available.

Also Dave Bateman is kind enough to give everyone 10% off at the coffee farm retail shop so it's a great time to stock up on coffee or gifts of coffee!

**Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all there! - West and North Hawaii Presidents**  
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### In the Community – Help Needed for Meet 'n Eat



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HILO BREWFEST  
Hilo Yacht Club.

July 12-13, 2025, 8A to 5P  
16th ANNUAL FilAm  
CHARITY TOURNAMENT  
Keauhou, Kona - Holua  
Tennis and Paddle Club and  
[www.FilAmHawaii.com](http://www.FilAmHawaii.com).

## Member Birthdays

Becca Hamar  
July 2  
Ben Noyes  
July 28  
Jenaya Rockman  
July 10

## Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Emily Kilgore  
July 11, 2003 - 22 Yrs

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Erin Thompson  
July 1, 2006 - 19 Yrs

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Teshima's Restaurant  
Honalo, HI 96740

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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:

Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
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Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
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### Hilo Bay:

Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
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## Submissions

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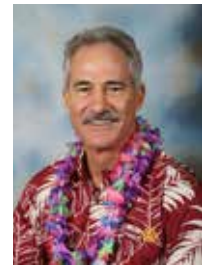
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ANNUAL QUEEN LIL'UOKA-  
LANI OUTRIGGER LONG-DIS-  
TANCE CANOE RACE - Kona  
[qlcanoerace.com](http://qlcanoerace.com)

## Member Birthdays

Anthony Bonnici

August 20

Darlene Dabbling

August 14

Mark England

August 13

Jenny Rassmussen

August 17

Chloe Uhl

August 19

Mahlon Whittle

August 17

## Wedding Annivers

Katherine & John Rauch

August 28, 2005 - 20 Yrs

Chloe & Daniel Uhl

August 2, 2013 - 12 Yrs

## Joined Annivers

Kimber DeVerse

August 29, 2013 - 12 Yrs

Alysia Dinneen

August 22, 2019 - 6 Yrs

Rebecca Hamar

August 21, 2014 - 11 Yrs

Linda Jane Kelly

August 02, 2012 - 13 Yrs

Jeremy Mich

August 18, 2022 - 3 Yrs

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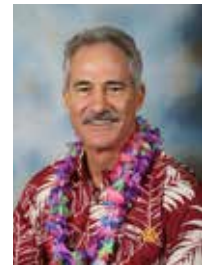
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August 21, 2025

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Reno, NV

Colin &  
Leanne  
Byron  
Melbourne,  
Victoria,  
Australia



### Congratulations – Andrea Myslicki



Foundation President, Mahlon Whittle, presents Andrea Myslicki with her pin for \$6000 in donations to the Rotary Foundation. This shows incredible generosity and a impressive commitment to the Rotary Club of Kona and the Foundation. Especially so, since Andrea has only been a member since March of 2023. Congratulations Andrea.

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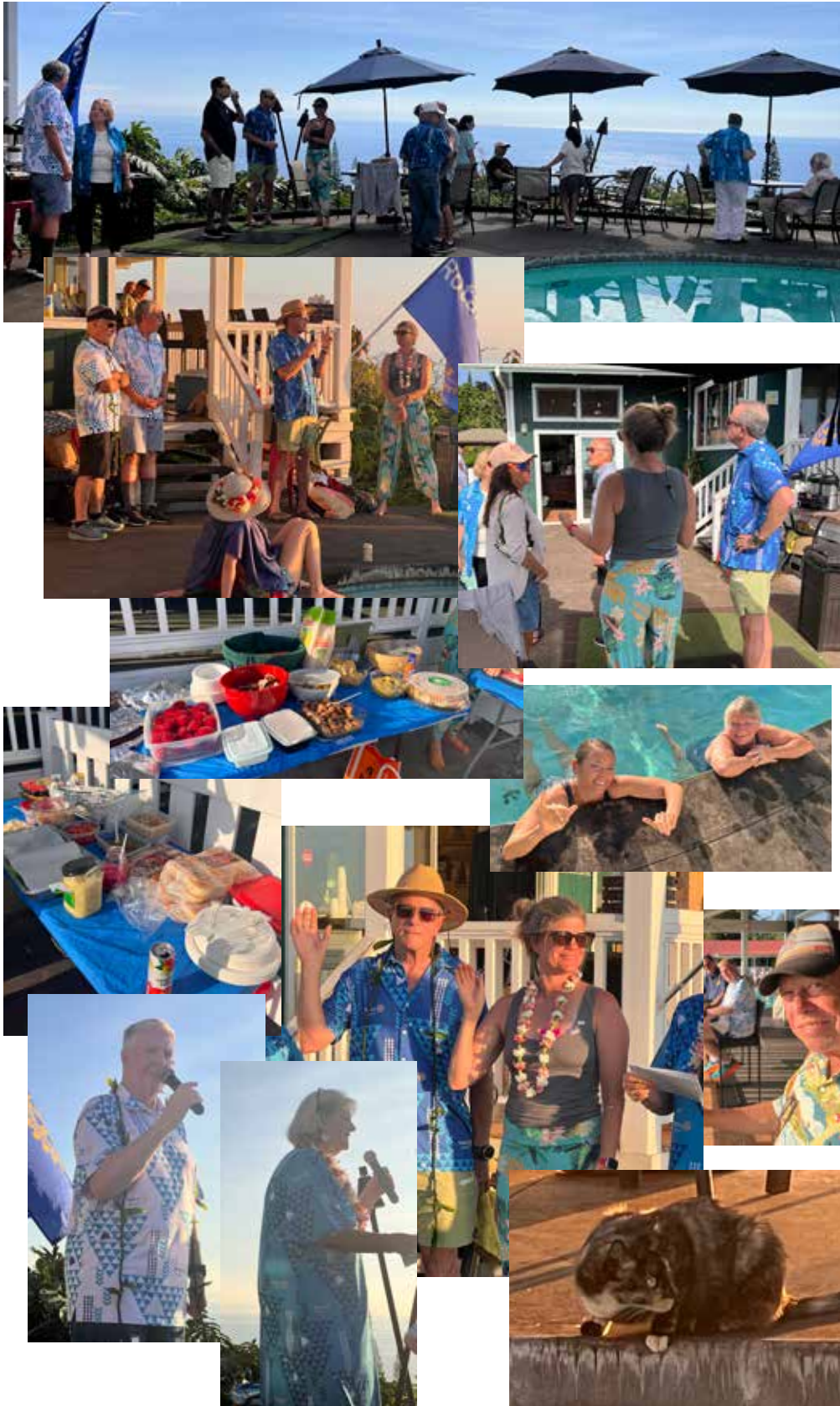


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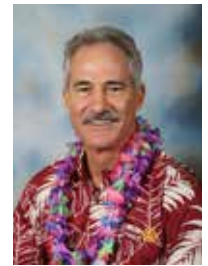
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Mike grew up on a small family farm in Western Oregon in a family of Educators. After graduation from Western Oregon State University, Mike moved to Pohnpei in Micronesia as an ESL teacher. He returned to Oregon after six years on Pohnpei and bought a farm and raised cattle while working nights in a plywood mill and taking master's degree courses. After completing his course work in 1988, Mike and family moved to Pahoa Hawaii where he taught special education classes at Pahoa High and Intermediate school. He later became the vice principal of the intermediate school. In 2000, Mike was selected as the CEO of the Arc of Hilo and remained in that position for 15 years, accomplishing many program and facility upgrades. In 2023 he took a job as the Executive Director at Windward Seniors Day Care Center in Kailua on Oahu again increasing programs and facilities. Finally, Mike accepted the position as CEO for the Volcano Art Center and is extremely happy to be back at home on Hawaii Island.

Volcano Art Center (VAC) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) educational organization founded in 1974. Located in Volcano, Hawai'i, VAC operates two locations. The first, VAC Gallery, situated on Kilauea volcano, within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a successful fine art gallery showcasing hand-crafted artworks by over 180 local artists. The second location, VAC's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village hosts ongoing classes, workshops, performances, events and a restored native, old-growth rainforest. Due to its unique location, Volcano Art Center (VAC) is in a strong position to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian arts and culture. Volcano Art Center develops and offers ongoing programs for residents, keiki (children) and visitors, including the award-winning Na Mea Hawai'i Hula Kahiko performance series held monthly at the kahua hula in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

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### VISION STATEMENT

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### GOALS

- ❖ Recruitment Goals
  - Younger members
  - More diversity
- ❖ Community Service Projects
  - Find or support a “BIG” project (maybe in partnership with other Rotary Clubs or other non-profit organizations)
  - Additional focus on youth projects
- ❖ Expand involvement with youth
- ❖ Diversify meetings and programs
  - Consider twice monthly lunch meetings and one event/activity per month
- ❖ Define and activate committees
- ❖ Establish an Environmental Focus for one of our committees

### ACTION PLAN

1. Invite businesses
  - a. Attract new and younger members through business engagement
  - b. Establish a more visible presence including social media (Jeremy)
  - c. Establish a drop box for support of social media items such as photos, etc.
  - d. Fill Membership Committee Chairperson
  - e. Refresh and enhance our onboarding of new Rotarians
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  - b. Formally invite Tina Rossman to be an Honorary Rotarian
  - c. Try for RCOK to attend Interact meetings occasionally
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  - c. Commit to the new meeting structure if that is the selected alternative
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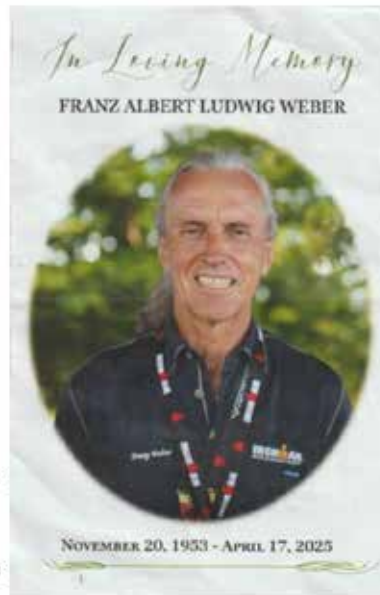
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## MEMORIES of ALOHA

Link to a short video below about Franz' skydiving experience for his birthday in 2023.  
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## Just Last Week – Mike Gleason – Volcano Art Center



Mike grew up on a small family farm in Western Oregon in a family of Educators. After graduation from Western Oregon State University, Mike moved to Pohnpei in Micronesia as an ESL teacher. He returned to Oregon after six years on Pohnpei and bought a farm and raised cattle while working nights in a plywood mill and taking master's degree courses. After completing his course work in 1988, Mike and family moved to Pahoa Hawaii where he taught special education classes at Pahoa High and Intermediate school. He later became the vice principal of the intermediate school. In 2000, Mike was selected as the CEO of the Arc of Hilo and remained in that position for 15 years, accomplishing many program and facility upgrades. In 2023 he took a job as the Executive Director at Windward Seniors Day Care Center in Kailua on Oahu again increasing programs and facilities. Finally, Mike accepted the position as CEO for the Volcano Art Center and is extremely happy to be back at home on Hawaii Island.

Volcano Art Center (VAC) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) educational organization founded in 1974. Located in Volcano, Hawai'i, VAC operates two locations. The first, VAC Gallery, situated on Kilauea volcano, within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a successful fine art gallery showcasing hand-crafted artworks by over 180 local artists. The second location, VAC's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village hosts ongoing classes, workshops, performances, events and a restored native, old-growth rainforest. Due to its unique location, Volcano Art Center (VAC) is in a strong position to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian arts and culture. Volcano Art Center develops and offers ongoing programs for residents, keiki (children) and visitors, including the award-winning Na Mea Hawai'i Hula Kahiko performance series held monthly at the kahua hula in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

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### Just Visiting



Liz Heiman  
Reno, NV



Mike Lynch  
Kailua Kona  
HI

## At the Club – Polio Plus Kennel Club – World Polio Day

### Aloha Club!

I just signed one (of the 4) dogs up for the Polio Plus Kennel Klub! Commit to \$10/month or \$100 per year to sign up your pet! Lets see how many RCOK pets we can get signed up before World Polio Day on Oct 24! Sign up, get a bandana, take a pic and we will put them all in the Coffee Blossom! If you just cant decide which cat or dog or rabbit gets to join, you can give as many commitments as pets you want to join!

Its easy to sign up! Go to the following link for instructions!

<https://www.rotaryppskennelklub.org/join>

Thanks! Jenaya



## At the Club – Pau Hana – September 4



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&

Peace Hula  
Mo'oheau Bandstand ~ 12 noon

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Peace Pole Rededication  
Kuhio Kalaniano'le Park ~ 5:00 pm

### Thursday, Sept 18th

Rotary Club of Kona  
Lava Java in Kailua Kona ~ 12 noon

### Friday, Sept 19th

NAMI Mental Health Summit at UH-Hilo  
8:30 am ~ 4:00 pm

### Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

Honoka'a Peace Festival  
<https://www.peacedayparade.org/>

### Sunday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

Peace Celebration  
Puna Hongwanji in Keaau ~ 9:00 am

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Ring Your Bells for Peace  
[bit.ly?PeaceDay2025](http://bit.ly?PeaceDay2025)

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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

September 21, 1 P to 6 P  
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE  
STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA  
DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

September 10 and 11, 2025  
KUPUNA HULA FESTIVAL 2025  
Outrigger Kona Resort in  
Keauhou,

September 27, 2025  
KONA ORCHID SOCIETY'S  
FALL SHOW & SALE - Makaeo  
County Pavilion, Old Airport  
Beach Park

## Member Birthdays

Allen Sullivan  
September 30

## Wedding Annivers

Brett & Melissa Carey  
September 10, 2011 - 14 Yrs  
Mark & Majorie England  
September 21, 2019 - 6 Yrs  
Ben & Sona Noyes  
September 23, 2006 - 19 Yrs

## Joined Anniversary

Tom Daniel  
September 1, 1996 - 29 Yrs  
Stephen Johnson  
September 21, 2023 - 2 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

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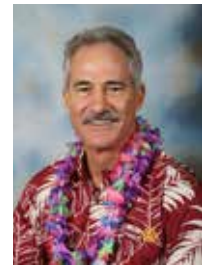
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Sign up for one or both opportunities. Here is the link and thank you!!  
You enter the password when you sign up to see only your Rotary Shifts.

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=93273>

Tues 10/7/25 - Job: Parade of Nations - Shift: 1pm - 5:30pm

Sat 10/11/25 - Job: Post Race - Athlete Escorts - Shift: 4pm - 8pm

Group Password: Rotary

To make it easy, it's the same password for both jobs and it will pop up both shifts once you enter the password and your team can start signing up. You do not need to be a Rotarian to volunteer so please pass this on to your Ohana. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Maverick Malech - 808 282-9022 - [TeamMaverickHawaii@gmail.com](mailto:TeamMaverickHawaii@gmail.com)



## Rotary Works – Ironman Interact Help

Aloha Club!



Interact is looking for folks to come out and help with their aid station for Saturday, Oct 11 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.

Their aid station is located in front of Honokohau Harbor. Its easist to park on the side street (Kealakehe Pkwy-south of where the Queen K Texaco/Starbucks/etc is) and walk across the highway to the makai side. The aid station is just near the entrance to the harbor.

Click on the link below to sign up on the google spreadsheet. They most need help with setup from about 9:30 to 11:30 am. Its a lot of just making sure the kids are getting the stuff set up, you dont need to be able to provide man-power, just bossing power!

If you are a night owl and want to come for clean up I know they would appreciate that. Tina, the Interact sponsor, will have been there from 9 am to midnight so lets get out and show her our support!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xAt-7-5RybX15oApbY7\\_b\\_2s6YpVfQe\\_1fZAKTiF-tRc/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xAt-7-5RybX15oApbY7_b_2s6YpVfQe_1fZAKTiF-tRc/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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## Lucky We Live Hawaii – An Early Morning Walk





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Kamuela, HI 96743

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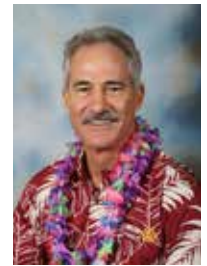
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12th Hawaii Distiller is the first distillery in Kona since the 1950's and the 12th distiller in the state of Hawaii. Every drop they make is produced right here on the Big Island. Their spirits use locally sourced ingredients and the purest form of sugar on the planet: raw Hawaiian honey. Their purpose is to bring out the best that Hawaii has to offer. Dave Puckett's 3rd-great-grandfather began distilling in the 1800's, and that passion was passed down through generations. Dave started experimenting with whiskey and other spirits in 2010. Six years later, he retired from construction work and traded in his copper nails for copper stills. He's been perfecting his craft ever since.

September 18, 2025

### This Week

12 Noon - Lava Java,  
75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1A,  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

#### Program:

Dave Puckett  
12th Hawaii Distiller

#### Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Just Last Week – Ola Shaw – Flight of Aloha



Ola Shaw is a Hawai'i born entrepreneur, storyteller, and founder of Flight of Aloha — the state's first locally owned and produced flying theater attraction. Now open in Kailua-Kona, the immersive experience blends 8K aerial footage, motion seats, water, wind, and scent effects to transport guests across breathtaking island landscapes, guided by stories rooted in Hawaiian values and history.

Before launching Flight of Aloha, Ola built We Are More Solutions, an electrical and AV contracting company that helped power businesses across the islands. His technical

background allowed him to help design and build the very infrastructure behind his attraction.

After leaving the islands to attend school on the mainland, Ola returned home with a greater appreciation for his culture, community, and the responsibility to protect and uplift both. That experience fuels his mission to ensure every visitor leaves with not just stunning visuals but a deeper fun connection to Hawai'i.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 091125.mp4

### Coming Up

#### Programs:

Speaker TBD	09/25
'Ako'ako'a Coral Reefs	
Dark	10/02
Dark (IronmanWeek)	10/09

## Just Visiting



Armondo Rodrigues  
and Friends, Marlin &  
Gracilia, from  
Aloha Latinos

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### Rotary Prayer

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

## President's Position

### Francesco Arezzo

#### Rotary International



**September 2025**  
When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world

can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

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### Rotary Works – Volunteers Needed for Ironman

**Amazing Volunteers, Once again, we have been asked to help out at the 2025 Ironman World Championship here in Kona.**

Sign up for one or both opportunities. Here is the link and thank you!!  
You enter the password when you sign up to see only your Rotary Shifts.

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=93273>

Tues 10/7/25 - Job: Parade of Nations - Shift: 1pm - 5:30pm

Sat 10/11/25 - Job: Post Race - Athlete Escorts - Shift: 4pm - 8pm

Group Password: Rotary

To make it easy, it's the same password for both jobs and it will pop up both shifts once you enter the password and your team can start signing up. You do not need to be a Rotarian to volunteer so please pass this on to your Ohana. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Maverick Malech - 808 282-9022 - [TeamMaverickHawaii@gmail.com](mailto:TeamMaverickHawaii@gmail.com)

**IRONMAN**

### Rotary Works – Ironman Interact Help

Aloha Club!



Interact is looking for folks to come out and help with their aid station for Saturday, Oct 11 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.

Their aid station is located in front of Honokohau Harbor. Its easist to park on the side street (Kealakehe Pkwy-south of where the Queen K Texaco/Starbucks/etc is) and walk across the highway to the makai side. The aid station is just near the entrance to the harbor.

Click on the link below to sign up on the google spreadsheet. They most need help with setup from about 9:30 to 11:30 am. Its a lot of just making sure the kids are getting the stuff set up, you dont need to be able to provide man-power, just bossing power!

If you are a night owl and want to come for clean up I know they would appreciate that. Tina, the Interact sponsor, will have been there from 9 am to midnight so lets get out and show her our support!

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### Lucky We Live Hawaii – An Early Morning Walk





## In the Community – Peace Week – September 16 – 23



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**SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2025**

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for events throughout Peace Week.**

This 4th Annual Hawai'i Island Peace Week is brought to you through the efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Hawai'i Island, Destination Hilo, Honoka'a Peace Committee, NAMI Hawai'i, Mayor's Office, and the Puna Hongwanji.

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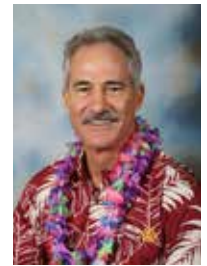
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October 16, 2025



Maj. Keoki Leong is a native son of Hawai'i. He enlisted into the Hawai'i Army National Guard in 2010 and commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2011. In 2016, 1st Lt. Leong was selected to Active Guard Reserve status (full time) being reassigned from Hanapēpē, Kaua'i to Hilo, HI. In 2018, then Capt. Leong deployed as the Headquarters Troop Commander to Sinai, Egypt. In 2022, he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned as the 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment's Executive Officer in the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, HANG.

Additionally, Maj. Leong serves as the Facility Administrator for Keaukaha Military Reservation and is the Hawai'i National Guard representative/Island Commander in support to Hawai'i County Civil Defense during emergency operations.

## Just Last 3 Week – Greg Asner – 'Āko'āko'a Reef Restoration



Greg Asner is Director of the Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science, an Arizona State University research unit based in Hilo, Hawai'i. Following service as a U.S. Navy Diver, he studied at the University of Hawai'i and worked at The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i. Asner received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Colorado (1997) based on his conservation research on Moloka'i and Hawai'i islands. In 2000, he joined the

Carnegie Institution for Science, where he led the Pacific Ridge[1]to-Reef Program and the Carnegie Airborne Observatory in Hilo, providing ecosystem mapping and monitoring services to State and federal agencies.

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## The Coffee Blossom



### Rotary Works – Volunteering at the Ironman Parade



The Italian team before the start of the Parade of Nations on Tuesday.



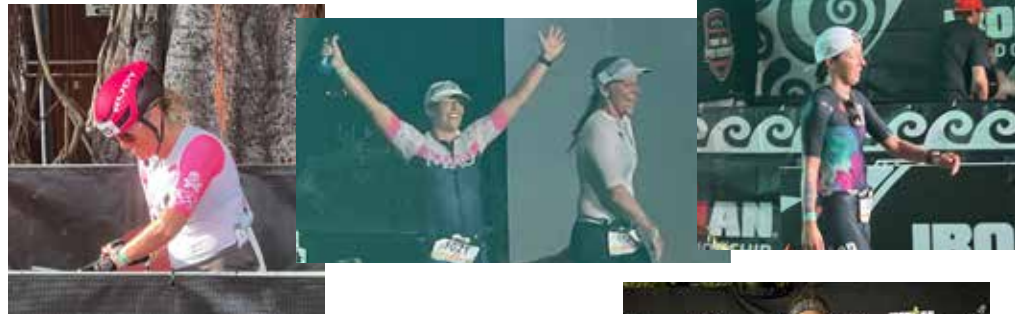
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The Rotary club of Kona is assisting with the blood drive at Welina Mai, a health facility near Kealahou High school. Only 2% of our state donate blood, and one donation can save three lives! The goal is to collect 300+ pints of blood. Thank you to the people of Kona for giving the gift of life to people in need throughout our state.



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From the Archives – October 16, 2003

## Kona Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

### At the Podium - THE MEXICAN COMMUNITY IN KONA

What do you know about the Mexican community here in Kona? Are they all coffee pickers? What else do they do? How many are there? How long have they been here? Do they mostly want to return to Mexico, or do most want to stay here and seek US citizenship?

The Rotary Club of Kona International Service Committee wanted answers to these questions and thought the answers would also be of interest to the rest of the club. This week, Sotero Agoot, who, as Director of the Kona Coffee Farmers' Cooperative, has been instrumental in bringing many Mexican workers to Kona, and Cesar Gonzales, who came here as a coffee worker and now works as a gardener, will tell us about the nature of our local Mexican community.

Come learn about this recent, vibrant and growing segment of our community!

### Profiles - PAT BERRY



Pat Berry came to Kona in 1990 from Amarillo, Texas, where she and her husband, Ray, owned an independent insurance agency. Pat worked in Kona for Prudential Financial Services for 10 years and is now a financial services consultant and investment executive at First Hawaiian Bank. She holds two financial services designations: Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. She also has a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and a Masters in Political Science from West Texas State University.

Pat is past president of the West Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. She has served as Moderator of Life Underwriters Training Council courses. She has been a member of various Kona organizations including the Rotary Club of Kona, Kai Opuia Canoe Club, Toastmasters International, Kona Aquatics Club, Kona Outdoor Circle and Mokuaukua Church. She has been a participant for several years in the annual King's Swim and Cinco De Mayo Swim.

Pat's hobbies include swimming, kayaking, sewing, singing and reading. She and Ray have been married for 45 years and they have three children who live in Texas. Her youngest son was a United Airlines pilot on 9/11/01 and since has been furloughed. He is currently serving in the Texas Air National Guard as a C-130 pilot in Qatar. Ray is retired but works part time for Avis car rental.

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Community in Kona  
Sotero Agoot, Cesar  
Gonzales

Greeter: Cathie Amelotte

Door Prize: David Schaeffer

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Rick Asbach 10/30

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Crystal Yamasaki 10/23  
Barbara Bush 10/23  
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Michael Moore (Rhonda) 10/16

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## In the Community – RCOK 's Provide Support



The Rotary Club of Kona  
helps fund the Volcano  
Art Center Keiki Camp

Youth from Ka'u were treated with strawberry milkshakes at St. Judes church by the Rotary club of Kau. These young people go to St. Judes church after school four days a week for tutoring. They have access to computers and head phones, provided by the Rotary Club of Kona.



Erwin, Anilang and Isaiah

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

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Helm



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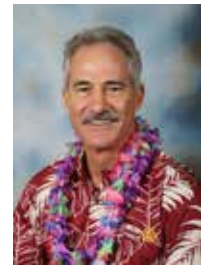
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Of The Things We Think, Say, Or Do:

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## At the Podium – Jeff Jones – Kona Honu Divers



Jeff Jones, General Manager of Kona Honu Divers is a Dive Professional, Group Travel Leader, Scuba Instructor, and Ocean Advocate with 20 years of dive center management experience.



Jeff has Scuba Diving/ Group Travel Experience in Mexico, Honduras, Belize, Okinawa, French Polynesia, Turks and Caicos, Bonaire, Curacao, Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Borneo, Indonesia, Bahamas, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Galapagos Islands, Fiji, Cayman Islands, and the Philippines. He has additional travel experience in South America, Australia, SE Asia, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Europe, and all 50 U.S. States.

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Maj. Keoki Leong is a native son of Hawai'i. He enlisted into the Hawai'i Army National Guard in 2010 and commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2011. In 2016, 1st Lt. Leong was selected to Active Guard Reserve status (full time) being reassigned from Hanalei, Kaua'i to Hilo, HI. In 2018, then Capt. Leong deployed as the Headquarters Troop Commander to Sinai, Egypt. In 2022, he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned as the 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment's Executive Officer in the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, HANG.

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### Paying It Forward



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### Musings – What is My Soul's Role? – Victoria Morse

What is my soul's role?  
To release control.  
To surrender—  
and learn to become more tender.  
To remember my splendor,  
this fire within, an eternal ember.

I desire to inspire,  
and daily aspire  
to ignite this divine love channel from above.

I walk this path, choosing to laugh,  
to dance with the sacred romance of chance.  
The inner fire creates a burning desire  
to be free—with glee.

Letting Spirit guide, eyes open wide,  
cleansed by the tears that washed my fears  
and taught me to trust the unknown—  
oh, how my soul has grown.



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### At the Podium - KAILUA KONA VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Eric von Platen Luder, President of the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce and owner of Huggo's Restaurant, will speak about a "Village Improvement District" as a way to revitalize Kailua Village.

Village Improvement Districts, such as the one in Waikiki are non-profit, quasi-governmental entities funded by special tax assessments within the entity, to maintain and improve the district. The goal for Kailua Kona would be to establish a revitalized downtown that is safe, clean, attractive and a "showplace destination" for locals and visitors alike.

### Profiles - ANN GOODY



Writing about yourself is a bit awkward; kind of like trying to pet a zebra. It should be easy, but when you get right down to it, there is something tricky about where to get started. There are also some areas you just should stay away from!

I was raised in Southern California by two loving parents who still cannot quite figure out where I came from. While my older brother was stunning the teachers with his GPA and prowess on the track team and my younger sister was the beauty queen, I was off disguising myself as a boy so I could ride a Brahma bull in a rodeo. I did manage to hang on to the whistle, but my dismount was onto a fence rail. While the clown ran the bull back into the pen, the cowboys came to see if I was OK. When my hat was pulled off, "It's a girl!" was about the only thing anyone could say. My Dad just laughed as he drove me to the local ER-

where I was already known by my first name.

For many years, I only wanted to become a veterinarian. Animals were the creatures I spent most of my time caring for and learning about. I worked every spare minute for a local vet, cleaning cages and caring for wildlife. While most teenage girls spent time in malls, I was working or studying animals. How this vet had the patience for me and why he spent the time I never knew, but I do know that he was a Rotarian. He had many Rotary awards on his walls. He must have known that for me he was my lifeline. Thank you Dr Schramm.

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Soon after becoming a nurse, my first husband and I moved to the ski resort community of Big Bear Lake, CA. Living where you could work during the night, ski a few hours, sleep for six, then get up and ride your horse, shower and start over was a great way to spend time. Big Bear was very much like Kona. A good community of caring people with strong local ties. The snow was a bit much and after 13 years and a divorce, it was time to try something different. I had entered an essay contest on a form I picked up at my son's birthday party, "Why you deserve a break today". You guessed it, from Mc Donald's. I won the trip to Hawaii so off we went. I decided that Kona was just the place to start over.

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## At the Club – Polio Plus Kennel Club – World Polio Day

Aloha Club!

I just signed one (of the 4) dogs up for the Polio Plus Kennel Klub! Commit to \$10/month or \$100 per year to sign up your pet! Lets see how many RCOK pets we can get signed up before World Polio Day on Oct 24! Sign up, get a bandana, take a pic and we will put them all in the Coffee Blossom! If you just cant decide which cat or dog or rabbit gets to join, you can give as many commitments as pets you want to join!

Its easy to sign up! Go to the following  
link for instructions!

<https://www.rotaryppskennelklub.org/join>

Thanks! Jenaya



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75-5770 Ali'i Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Kona Mauka:

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

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Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kamuela, HI 96743

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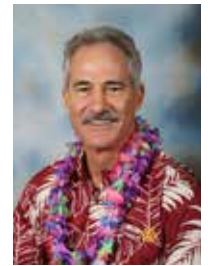
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**Edward Jones**

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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Program:

**Brett Carey**  
Financial Advisor with  
Edward Jones

### Greeter:

**Mahlon Whittle**

Just Last Week – Maj. Keoki A. K. Leong – HI National Guard



Jeff Jones, General Manager of Kona Honu Divers is a Dive Professional, Group Travel Leader, Scuba Instructor, and Ocean Advocate with 20 years of dive center management experience.



Jeff has Scuba Diving/ Group Travel Experience in Mexico, Honduras, Belize, Okinawa, French Polynesia, Turks and Caicos, Bonaire, Curacao, Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Borneo, Indonesia, Bahamas, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Galapagos Islands, Fiji, Cayman Islands, and the Philippines. He has additional travel experience in South America, Australia, SE Asia, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Europe, and

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## Coming Up

### Programs:

Halloween Party	10/30
Daniel Colimon's House	
Dark	11/06
Speaker TBD	11/13
Kona Salt Farm	

## Just Visiting



**Mike Gleason**  
Volcano, HI



**Zenon Issel**  
Holualoa, HI



**Frank Meyer**  
Kailua Kona, HI



**George Hlavenka**  
Kailua Kona, HI

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## President's Position

### Francesco Arezzo

#### Rotary International



**September 2025**  
When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world

can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

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## At the Club – Spooky Halloween Dinner Coven

### Jennifer & Daniel Colimon's Spooky Halloween Dinner Coven An Evening of Chills and Delicious Treats

You and yours are invited to a hauntingly fun evening gathering of Rotary Friends  
Come dressed in your creepiest costume, if you dare.  
Sharpen your blade and flash your skills – Bring a carved pumpkin that's sure to Thrill.

#### Event Details

Date: October 30, 2025, Time: 5:30PM – 7:30 PM

#### Location:

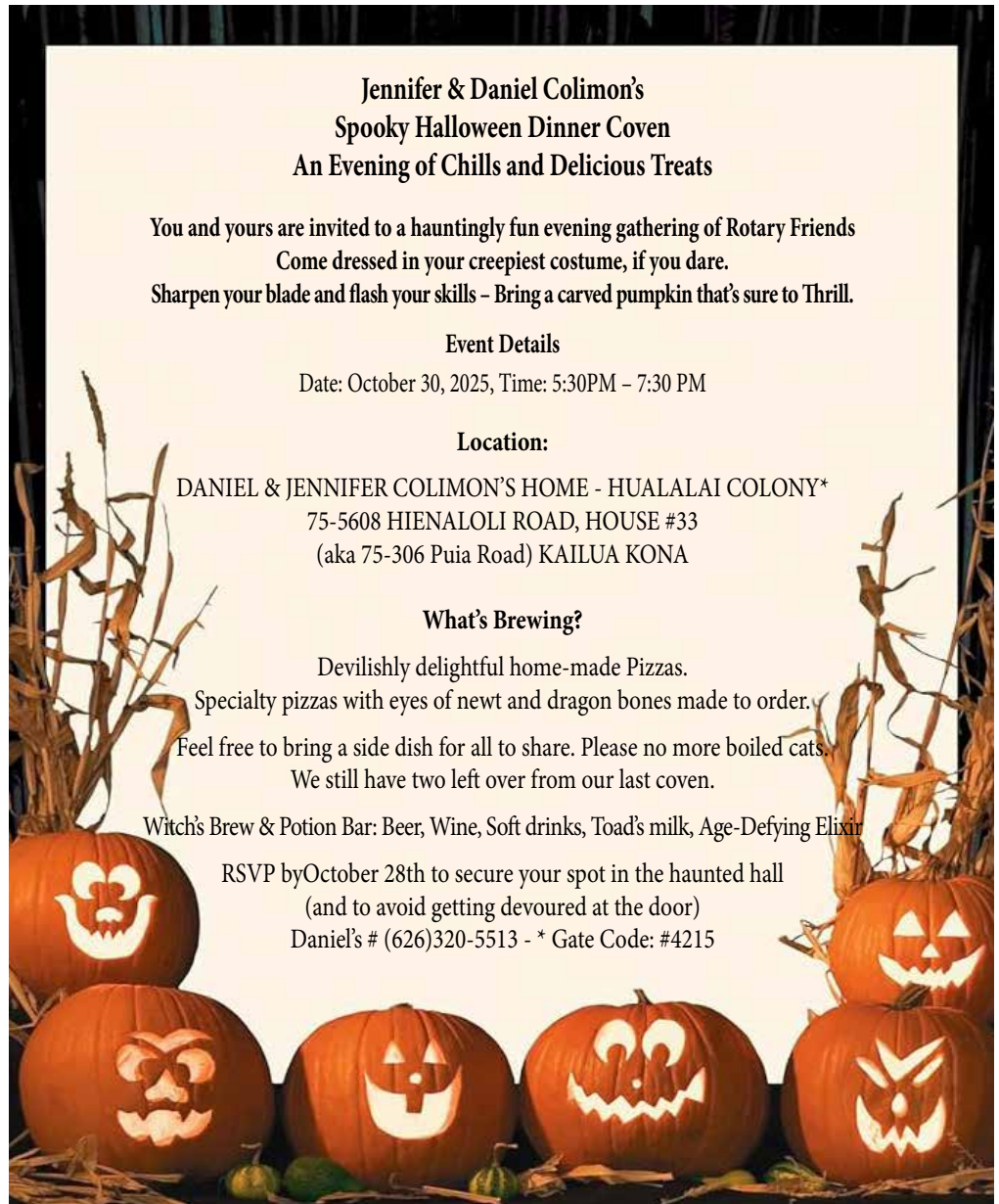
DANIEL & JENNIFER COLIMON'S HOME - HUALALAI COLONY\*  
75-5608 HIENALOLI ROAD, HOUSE #33  
(aka 75-306 Puia Road) KAILUA KONA

#### What's Brewing?

Devilishly delightful home-made Pizzas.  
Specialty pizzas with eyes of newt and dragon bones made to order.  
Feel free to bring a side dish for all to share. Please no more boiled cats.  
We still have two left over from our last coven.

Witch's Brew & Potion Bar: Beer, Wine, Soft drinks, Toad's milk, Age-Defying Elixir

RSVP by October 28th to secure your spot in the haunted hall  
(and to avoid getting devoured at the door)  
Daniel's # (626)320-5513 - \* Gate Code: #4215



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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

**At the Podium** – PLANNED MEDICAL COMMUNITY 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY (PMC 21) – PLANNING COMMITTEE



This weeks speaker is Ira (Lynn) Walton. Lynn is CEO of Kona Community Hospital and the Chairman of the Planning Committee for PMC21. Lynn is replacing Dr Trauth, who was going to speak on Women's Cancer Month. Unfortunately, she had to cancel at the last minute. A summary of PMC21 follows:

**PURPOSE:** The objective of the planning committee is to provide an efficient plan to provide tertiary medical service for West Hawaii.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Bill Mielcke (HHSC Board Vice Chair), Dr Deen Wong, Dr. Daryl Kurozawa, Stan Berry (CEO NHCH), Sally Kimura (NHCH Board), Jim Higgins & Phil Reilly, (Kona Hospital Foundation Board), Dr. Frank Sayre, DDS (MAC Member), Tyler Smith (local businessman), Dr. Sam Gingrich (NHCH) and Lynn Walton (CEO Kona Community Hospital and Chair).

**BASIC ASSUMPTIONS:** North Hawaii Community Hospital (HCH) will remain a full service community hospital for the population in North and South Kohala. Kona Community Hospital (KCH) will evolve into a LTC/SKN and Psychiatric facility providing urgent care and diagnostic services to the population of South Kona located within 20 minutes travel time of KCH. Sufficient clinical staff will be obtained to provided medical center level services. The facility will operate without any construction debt load.

The planning committee commissioned an economic analysis on the concept of creating a Medical Center in West HI with a target opening date of 2010 based on these assumptions.

**STUDY CONCLUSION:** The West HI community will support a medical center in five year increments of 2008-113 beds, 2013-128 beds and 2018-142 beds. The recommendation is that we target construction between 2008 and 2013 at the 2018 capacity level of 142 beds.

The forecasted financial data has 85% level of confidence for the period between 2008-2013. The target date for opening is 2010 was validated.

The estimated cost of the proposed 225,000 sq. foot facility and 33,000 sq. foot energy plant, including equipment and furnishings, is \$156 million. Within 3 years of opening the medical center will generate a profit if the proposed clinical services are available and the facility is not responsible for the building debt.

The planning committee is in pursuit of a site located between Palani Street and the airport. When a site is obtained a Certificate of Need will be sought and the planning phases for completion of the project will be finalized.

**PMC 21 FOUNDATION:** The Foundation's mission is to fund the planning effort and it has received a \$75k donation from the West Hawaii Healthcare Council. The officers of the 8 member 501c3 foundation are Chairman Bill Mielcke, Vice Chairman Joe Spencer, Treasurer Pat Ryan and Lynn Walton is the Secretary.



Service Above Self

**This Week**  
Oct 30, 2003

Royal Kona Resort

Program: PMC21  
Ira (Lynn) Walton, CEO  
Kona Community Hospital  
Greeter: Rick Asbach  
Door Prize: Bill Rogers

### Coming Up

Greeters:  
Steve Barnes 11/06  
Donald Bebee 11/13

Door Prize:  
David Rees-Thomas 11/06  
Alan Pratt 11/13

Birthdays:  
Thomas Daniel 10/24

Anniversaries:  
Michael Moore (Rhonda) 10/16  
Jerry Coiner (Eloise) 11/04

Programs:  
R FOUNDATION  
Curt Nakayama  
TONGAN COMMUNITY  
Speaker TBA 11/06

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES  
IN SOCIAL WORK  
Debra Barra, Chief of  
Social Work Services 11/13

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## In the Community – Pickleball for Peace Tournament

**Pickleball for Peace Tournament-Nov. 1, 2025-Presented by West Hawai'i Mediation Center**

**Subject: Join Us for Pickleball for Peace + Get \$10 Off!**

Aloha Pickleball Friends! We're proud to share this opportunity for the upcoming Pickleball for Peace Tournament at Holua Racquet and Paddle. This event is supporting West Hawai'i Mediation Center and their mission to build peaceful communities across Hawai'i Island by helping people resolve conflict.

As a thank-you for being part of our ohana, WHMC is offering Rotary members \$10 off your player ticket! Register Here: <https://whmediation.org/events/> Use code: PickPeace at checkout.

This year's event features great play, good food, and some incredible prizes for first-place winners, including:

- Two General Tickets to Christmas with the Chefs (Dec. 13, 2025) - Valued at \$300
- Two General Passes to the Big Island Chocolate Festival (4/25/26) - Valued at \$225
- Two Massages from MyroPro Institute - Massage Academy, Valued at \$100

Come play, cheer, or simply enjoy the day, all while supporting peaceful resolutions and local families. We can't wait to see you there!

With Aloha, Yours In Rotary, Janice Gustin

## 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 19, 1 P to 6 P  
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE  
STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA  
DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

October 25, 9 A to 1 P  
PLANT PEOPLE ROAD SHOW-  
Makao Pavilion, Old Airport

October 31, 4 P to 7 P  
HALOWEEN TRICK OR  
TREAT- Queen's Marketplace,  
Waikoloa Beach Resort

## Member Birthdays

Brett Carey  
October 10  
Thomas Daniel  
October 24  
Marcia Masters  
October 10  
Floyd Nordstrom  
October 11  
Rod Quartararo  
October 18  
Katherine Rauch  
October 25  
John Spicer  
October 08  
Scott Unger  
October 27  
Sherri Watts  
October 26  
Ray Wofford  
October 27  
Chrystal Yamasaki  
October 23

## Wedding Annivers

Amy & Richard Decker  
October 20, 1991 - 5 Yrs  
Maverick & Karen Malech  
October 15, 2008 - 17 Yrs  
Peter Schonberg & Becca Hamar  
October 08, 1993 - 32 Yrs

## Joined Anniversary

Maverick Malech  
October 15, 2015 - 10 Yrs  
Allen Sullivan  
October 18, 2018 - 7 Yrs

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November 13, 2025



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Hawaiian culture and caring for the ocean and our island resources. Visitors are invited to experience tours, tastings, cold deep ocean water foot soaks and oceanfront gatherings that celebrate Kona's deep connection to the sea.



Jennifer Hughes is the Venue Director and Group Sales Manager at Kona Salt Farm. Born and raised in Hawai'i, she is passionate about fostering community connections that celebrate the islands' natural and cultural heritage.

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Marine Debris Project  
Dark 11/27  
Speaker TBD 12/04  
Kona Immigration Update

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### Francesco Arezzo

#### Rotary International



November 2025

This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics — it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

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**At the Podium** – DEBRA A. BARRA, MSW, Director of Social Services, Kona Community Hospital

Debra has been with Kona Community Hospital for the past three years. She holds a Master's Degree from New York University where she received her degree in Psychiatric Social Work. Debra brings to the hospital and community over 20 years of experience in the mental health and social service field. Debra has worked extensively in the field of treating childhood mental disorders and has a great deal of experience in the field of crisis management and assessment. Currently, Debra provides clinical services to the Emergency Department and the Behavioral Health Unit. She also supervises social service staff on the other units of the hospital and is responsible for policies and procedures of the department hospital wide.

Debra comes to us today to discuss the importance of Advance Directives and the benefits a properly executed document can bring not only to the patient, but to the family of the patient, as well. Debra will share her most current work on the topic and present examples of drafts from the most simplistic to the most elaborate. Join us is learning how you can take control of your medical preferences for the future and rest assured that your wishes will be honored.

**At the Club** – FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As editor of your newsletter for a few months now, I am finding the job taxing but rewarding. It is certainly a challenge to gather and compile each weeks information and I certainly make my share of mistakes. Hopefully my latest member list is accurate and I won't schedule any more non-members as greeters or door prize providers.

My job would be much easier if contributors to the newsletter would be sure and get me material no later than Tuesday of the week the material is to run. Also remember to provide material in digital format as I am a poor and very slow typist. From now on I will acknowledge all emails with a confirmation reply that it was received. If you don't get a confirmation, assume I didn't get your email.

Mahalo for all your help and the many compliments I have received on my efforts so far. I am looking forward to several more months of timely and interesting bulletins and am glad to be able to do my part for this great Rotary club.



**Let's Interact** - RELAY FOR LIFE A HUGE SUCCESS

Last weekend's Relay for Life raised almost \$22,000 for the Cancer Society. This amount was more than twice the \$10,000 goal set by the Rotary Club of Kona Interactors, who organized and ran the very successful event. Laura Ward of the Cancer Society announced at a local Kona Executives Association meeting that this was the first time an event of this magnitude was organized by teens and they were very pleased and impressed with the outcome.

Mahalo to the Rotarians who showed up before during and after the event to help out. The Rotary Club of Kona can be very proud of their Kealahou Interact Club.

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Service Above Self

*This Week*

Nov 13, 2003

Royal Kona Resort

Program: ADVANCED  
DIRECTIVES IN  
SOCIAL WORK

Debra Barra, Chief of  
Social Work Services

Greeter: Donald Beebe

Door Prize: Alan Pratt

*Coming Up*

Greeters:  
Barry Berning 11/20  
Pat Berry 11/27

Door Prize:  
Larry Peckham 11/20  
Greg Ogil 11/27

Birthdays:  
Barbara Kossow 11/08  
Steve Barnes 11/16

Anniversaries:  
Jerry Colner (Eloise) 11/04

Programs:  
TBA 11/20  
DARK (Thanksgiving) 11/27  
STATE LEGISLATOR  
Cindy Evans 12/04

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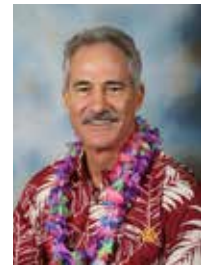
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## Just Last Week – Jennifer Hughes – Kona Salt Farm

Located on beautiful Keahole Point, the Kona Salt Farm hand-harvests pure Hawaiian sea salt and deep ocean minerals from water drawn 2,200 feet below the surface, where the ocean is cold, clean, and rich in trace minerals. Through solar evaporation, the farm creates salts, magnesium and electrolyte products while honoring Hawaiian culture and caring for the ocean and our island resources.



Visitors are invited to experience tours, tastings, cold deep ocean water foot soaks and oceanfront gatherings that celebrate Kona's deep connection to the sea.

Jennifer Hughes is the Venue Director and Group Sales Manager at Kona Salt Farm. Born and raised in Hawai'i, she is passionate about fostering community connections that celebrate the islands' natural and cultural heritage.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 103025.mp4

## Just Visiting



Chay Johnson  
Las Vegas, NV



Brian Riley  
Las Vegas, NV

November 20, 2025

## This Week

12 Noon - Lava Java,  
75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1A,  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

### Program:

Jennifer Hughes  
Kona Salt Farm

### Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Coming Up

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Marine Debris Project  
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#### Rotary International



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This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics — it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

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### In the Community – Ocean Defenders Alliance

Club Co-President, Gonzo Garcia, and Club Director of Programs, Mark England, present Kurt Leiber, Alliance President, with a check for \$5,000 to help support Alliance initiatives.



### Around the World – Water Well in Uganda

(GG2457983) the Rwenshande Water and Sanitation, Uganda. Local club RC Kampala Munyonyo. International sponsor was a Switzerland Club.

Essentially, they drilled and built a water well. Installed a water system delivering to a village below that housed a hospital and school. Total cost was ~\$90,000. Our Club contributed \$6,000.

The project was incredibly organized and the project finished on budget and on time. Huge success



Video:

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In the Community – Thrift Fashion Show – December 5, 2025

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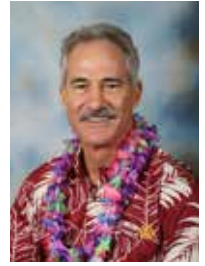
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December 4, 2025



Deirdre Roney is an attorney activist. She volunteers with and financially supports many organizations throughout the USA. To name just a few that are pertinent to this week's presentation on immigration issues on the Big Island and throughout Hawaii: the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles; Humane Borders Tucson; Voter Access for All Coalition Detroit; National Lawyers Guild; ALOHA Latinos HI; and HULI PAC HI.

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& James Moruka  
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Immigration

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Aquatic Resources	
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though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences — some numbering in the thousands — in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past RI President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"

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### Rotary Club of Kona



## At the Club – Welcome George Hlavenka

Maverick Malech, standing in for Stephen Hicks, and President Jenaya Rockman welcome the Club's newest member, George Hlavenka. Welcome to the club George!



## Paying It Forward

**GRANT: \$4300 to Adult & Teen Challenge PacWest**

<https://atcpacwest.com/big-island-womens-campus/>

Adult & Teen Challenge PacWest is a faith-based non-profit that exists to bring life-saving addiction recovery services to individuals who are struggling with addiction and other life-controlling issues through long-term residential programs and services. They provide a comprehensive approach to recovery which includes residential services, vocational training, community outreach, and clinical behavioral health services at no required cost to the individual or their family. The Big Island Women's Campus serves women above the age of 18 who are struggling with addiction to drugs and alcohol. Rotary Club of Kona has awarded them a grant for \$4300 to complete their campus improvement project that has been ongoing for the past year. They will purchase a new washer and dryer, a dining room table and chairs, food pantry, updated sofa, and a futon.

**GRANT: \$5000 to Food Basket**

## Paying It Forward

**Aloha fellow Rotarians and friends,**

On behalf of the Salvation Army in Kona, I would like to ask each of you to consider helping the Salvation Army this season. There are two ways that you can help - one is easy, and the other is even easier:

- 1) log on to the virtual campaign here and your donation will be doubled! (super easy)
- 2) sign up to ring the bell at various locations throughout Kona. Shifts are two hours only - why not get some friends together and make it a party! Or better yet make it a competition - see who in your company or organization can raise the most money! Register at <https://www.regis-tertoring.com/> (easy)

Please read the note from Captain Shawn Keoho: "Aloha friends, thank you all so much for your support of The Salvation Army and the work we do for our community in Kona."

This year I have 2 sources that will match my online campaign <https://fundraise.salvationarmy-hawaii.org/campaign/kona-corps-virtual-red-kettle-2025/c724220>

Please consider if you have 4 friends that donate \$25.00 – that becomes \$100.00 with a double match that becomes \$300.00. Please share this with friends, family, and business associates. I really need your help. I appreciate all your support and willingness to bell ring and for those of you who have dropped off food and bags, thank you so much. The money I raise during Christmas is to support all the work for the coming year. We are running out of food each week and unfortunately 40-45 people are being sent home with nothing. Please help me help others. With the current situation with food benefits, too many of our local families are going hungry. I have made my donation of \$50.00 and I challenge each of you to match or beat that amount.

**With much Aloha, Bev Fraser - Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise "Peace Through Service"**

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In the Community – Thrift Fashion Show – December 5, 2025

THE  
NA'ALEHU HUB  
*Soup Kitchen*  
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FRIDAY **5** DECEMBER  
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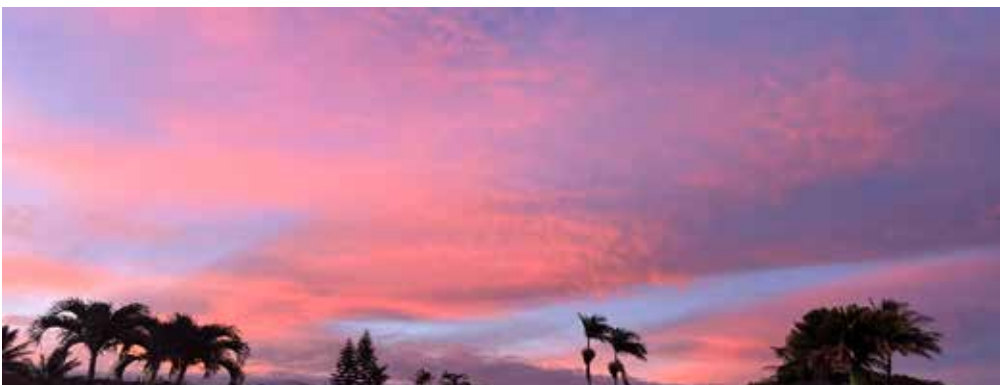
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**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
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Lucky We Live Hawaii – Good Morning!



## 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 . 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

December 7, 1 P to 6 P  
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE  
STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA  
DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

December 7, 2025  
KAILUA KALIKIMAKA HOLI-  
DAY CONCERT - Kailua-Kona  
Emma's Square, across from the  
Kailua Bay seawall.

December 7, 2025, 6P  
LIGHTED BOAT PARADE - Kai-  
lua-Kona, Kailua Bay

December 13, 2025  
KAILUA-KONA CHRIST-  
MAS PARADE, [ParadesInKo-  
na.com](https://www.paradesinkona.com)

## Member Birthdays

Rebekah Hill  
December 13  
Jeremy Mich  
December 15  
Kai Steuer  
December 23  
Larry Web  
December 01

## Wedding Anniversary

Tom & Alice (Deceased) Daniel  
December 31, 1979 - 46 Yrs  
Richard & Nancy Farnham  
December 31, 1992 - 33 Yrs  
Kai & Kristina Steuer  
December 21, 2016 - 9 Yrs

## Joined Anniversary

David Huitt  
December 19, 2002 - 23 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

## Submissions

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

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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## At the Helm



Paul Harris  
Rotary Founder



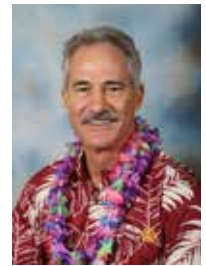
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