

The Coffee Blossom

Rotary
Club of Kona



At the Podium – Rebecca Villegas – County Council Member – District 7

August 22, 2024



Born and raised on the Big Island, Rebecca Shute Villegas is a graduate of Konawaena High School. She holds a Bachelors in Business Management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a certificate of completion from Ulumau, A Hawaii Island Leadership Series, and a certificate of completion from UC Berkely's Extension Course on Circular Economy.

Ms. Villegas has a long history of working for and with Hawaii's non-profit and for profit organizations. During her 14 years with the Kona Brewing Company she championed their Hawaii Brand Marketing Strategies, Sustainability Initiatives, Event Sponsorships and Community Partnership Programs. As President of the Kohanaiki Ohana, she worked with a team of community advocates, government agencies, and the developer, to create Kohanaiki Beach Park and perpetuate the Keiki Surf for the Earth & Beach Clean Up held annually for 25 years.

With a lifelong passion for the environment, she helped found and Chaired the County's first Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Management Committee. She successfully passed legislation which prohibits the use of herbicides that contain glyphosate in our County Parks and Recreation Facilities. Her most recent legislative accomplishment, cosponsored with Council Member Holeka Inaba from District 8, prohibits the sale of non-mineral sunscreens in the County of Hawaii.

Ms. Villegas will continue listening, learning and supporting District 7 and her island home as we navigate the path to a new normal.

Just Last Week – Kehau Keanaaina – Daughters of Hawaii – Hulihe'e Palace



The Daughters of Hawai'i was founded in 1903 by seven progressive women ahead of their time. Born in Hawai'i, they were citizens of the Hawaiian Kingdom before annexation and foresaw the inevitable loss of much of the Hawaiian culture. They founded the society "to perpetuate the memory and spirit of old Hawai'i and of historic facts, and to preserve the nomenclature and correct pronunciation of the Hawaiian language." Since the early 1900s it has been distinguished for preserving Hānaiakamalama in Nu'uānu,

commonly known as the Queen Emma Summer Palace, and Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-Kona, restoring them with original royal furnishings and regalia. The Daughters continue to preserve and maintain two of Hawai'i's three royal palaces, as well as the birth site of King Kamehameha III at Keauhou Bay in Kailua-Kona.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations/> Click on 081524.mp4

This Week

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

Program:

Rebecca Villegas
City Council Member

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Wally Lau	08/29
Fentanyl Awareness	
Bonnie Kinzie	09/05
Air Flight Medical	
Rayna Rasmus	09/12
Keauhou Farmers Market	

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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 Stephanie Urchick Rotary International



July 2024

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.

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Coming Up – Meeting with District Governor, Ted Faigel



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.

So NOT ANSWERING is the only choice. Of course, it won't change anything. You will still, most likely, not go out, not be spoken to, and not sleep in your own bed.

So basically, if you hear the question, "Do these jeans make me look fat?" DO NOT ANSWER!

Just look confused, then concerned, and say, "I think I forgot to take out the trash. I'll do that right now."

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From the Archives – August 22, 2002

Royal Kona Resort

August 22, 2002



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

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Jay Antonio Returns from Brazil

August 22, 2002

Jay Antonio, last year's out-bound exchange student to Brazil, will join us for lunch and tell us about her adventures in South America.

She'll describe the challenges of learning to speak Portuguese, living in a new

culture, and being so far from Hawaii. We know of some of her adventures from her email reports. Now we will have to opportunity to hear about the adventures of this brave young lady in person.

Highway Cleanup with Interact Club

Saturday, September 24, 2002



The Highway Clean-up is set for Saturday, August 24th at Kealakehe Parkway from Queen Kaahumanu Highway up to Kealakehe High School.

We will meet at the Kealakehe High School Administration Office at

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

We will start at 8:00 AM and should be finished at around 10:00 AM. Refreshments will follow. Please sign up at the next Rotary luncheon meeting.

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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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

Lucky We Live Hawaii



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 Village

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

August 2 - 4
47th ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK FESTIVAL PRESENTATION - Honoka'a

August 17 & 18
ANNUAL HAWAIIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL Pu'ukohola Heiau 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
Rebecca Hamar
August 21, 2014 - 10 Yrs
Linda Jane Kelley
August 02, 2012 - 12 Yrs
Jeremy Mich
August 18, 2022 - 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

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



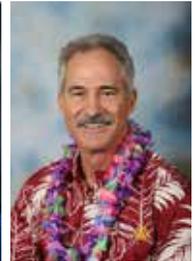
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<http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/CoffeeBlossom>

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?