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July 10, 2025



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Hopefully, we will also hear a bit about our new president Gonzo.

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75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1A,
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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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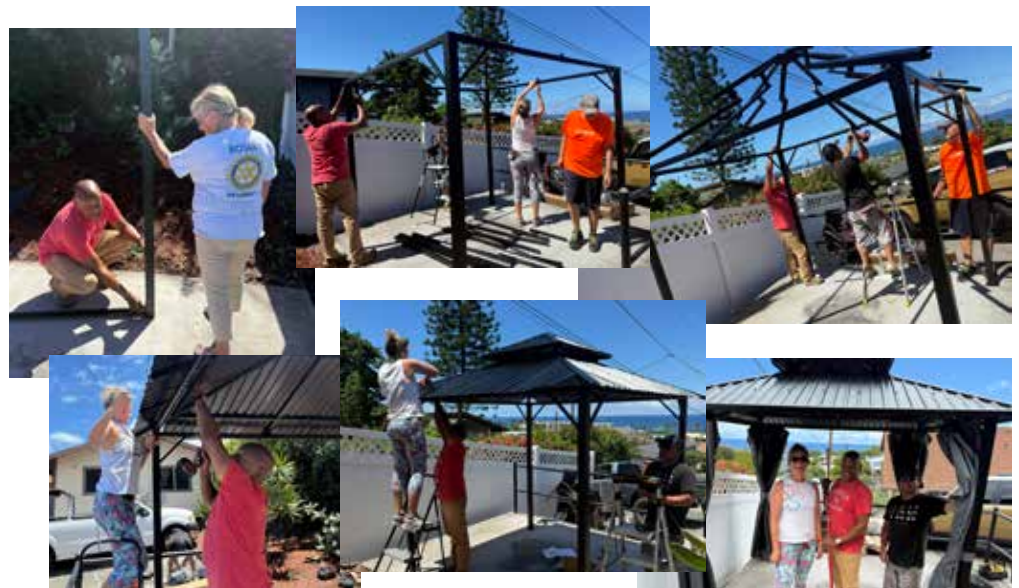
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Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all there! - West and North Hawaii Presidents

Jenaya Rockman, Kona Club, 808-937-2541 - Vernon Lowrey, Sunrise Club, 573-465-2874

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

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

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 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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Kona Mauka:

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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
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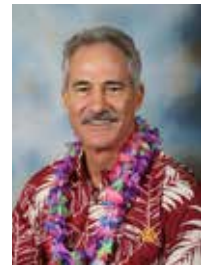
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Rotary Works – Volunteers Needed for Ironman

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.

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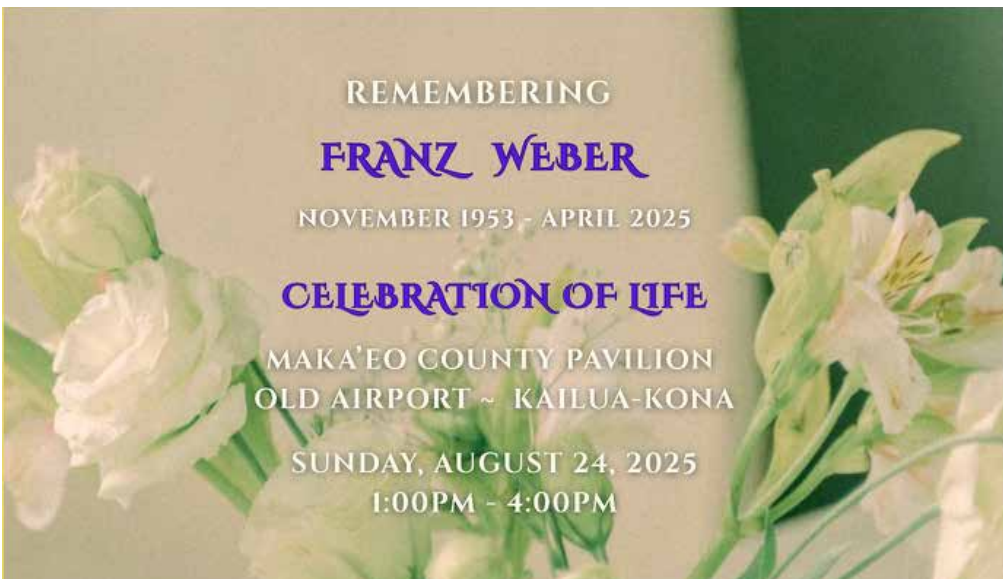




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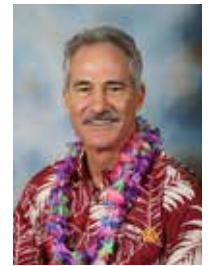
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On April 27, the Rotary Club of Kona installed 3 new Rotarians, who are the first members of the Kau Satellite Club. Marcia Masters and Craig and Sheri Watts joined our club with the purpose of building a Rotary Club of Kau. Becca Hamar, inspiration for the new Club, Maverick Malech, Membership Chair, and President, Jenaya Rockman, were on hand to welcome the new Club's very first members.

One of the projects the club is pursuing is getting the kitchen at "The Hub" certified. Marcia coordinates "The Hub" which runs out of the Hong Wan Gi in Naalehu. They serve 150 hot meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There is also a thrift store that helps support "The Hub" efforts.



Since our Satellite club is new, we are actively seeking community members willing to serve in the greater Ka'u area. Currently, we have 4 members. Thanks to Becca Hamar's guidance our intent is to develop an awareness of Rotary which can attract new members with energy and motivation to improve our Ka'u community. We have several ideas to encourage others to join us.

I have lived in Naalehu most of my life and have watched, as a once vibrant plantation town, struggles to employ, educate, and provide recreational opportunities for our residents. My hope is that with a Rotary Club we can find ways to improve our beautiful country community.

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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.

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A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

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

What: The West and North Hawaii Rotary Club Joint Officer Induction for 2025-2026.

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 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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Please let me know if you are able to come so I can be sure we have enough people. Thanks! Jenaya

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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.

Member Birthdays

Becca Hamar
July 2
Ben Noyes
July 28
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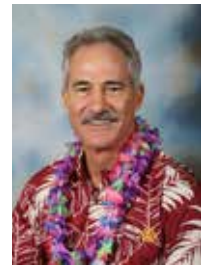
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New Members
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Just Last 3 Week – Marcia Masters – Kau Satellite Club



On April 27, the Rotary Club of Kona installed 3 new Rotarians, who are the first members of the Kau Satellite Club. Marcia Masters and Craig and Sheri Watts joined our club with the purpose of building a Rotary Club of Kau. Becca Hamar, inspiration for the new Club, Maverick Malech, Membership Chair, and President, Jenaya Rockman, were on hand to welcome the new Club's very first members.

One of the projects the club is pursuing is getting the kitchen at "The Hub" certified. Marcia coordinates "The Hub" which runs out of the Hong Wan Gi in Naalehu. They serve 150 hot meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There is also a thrift

store that helps support "The Hub" efforts.

Since our Satellite club is new, we are actively seeking community members willing to serve in the greater Ka'u area. Currently, we have 4 members. Thanks to Becca Hamar's guidance our intent is to develop an awareness of Rotary which can attract new members with energy and motivation to improve our Ka'u community. We have several ideas to encourage others to join us.

I have lived in Naalehu most of my life and have watched, as a once vibrant plantation town, struggles to employ, educate, and provide recreational opportunities for our residents. My hope is that with a Rotary Club we can find ways to improve our beautiful country community.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 072425.mp4

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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



August 2025
August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

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www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise.

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Joined Annivers

Kimber DeVerse
August 29, 2013 - 12 Yrs
Alysia Dinneen
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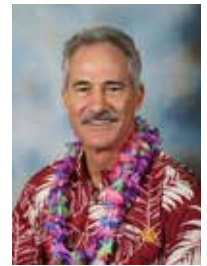
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Our objective is to carefully and sustainably grow our project breadth and conservation impact, with education and protection initiatives operating synergistically with targeted research activities.

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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 committment 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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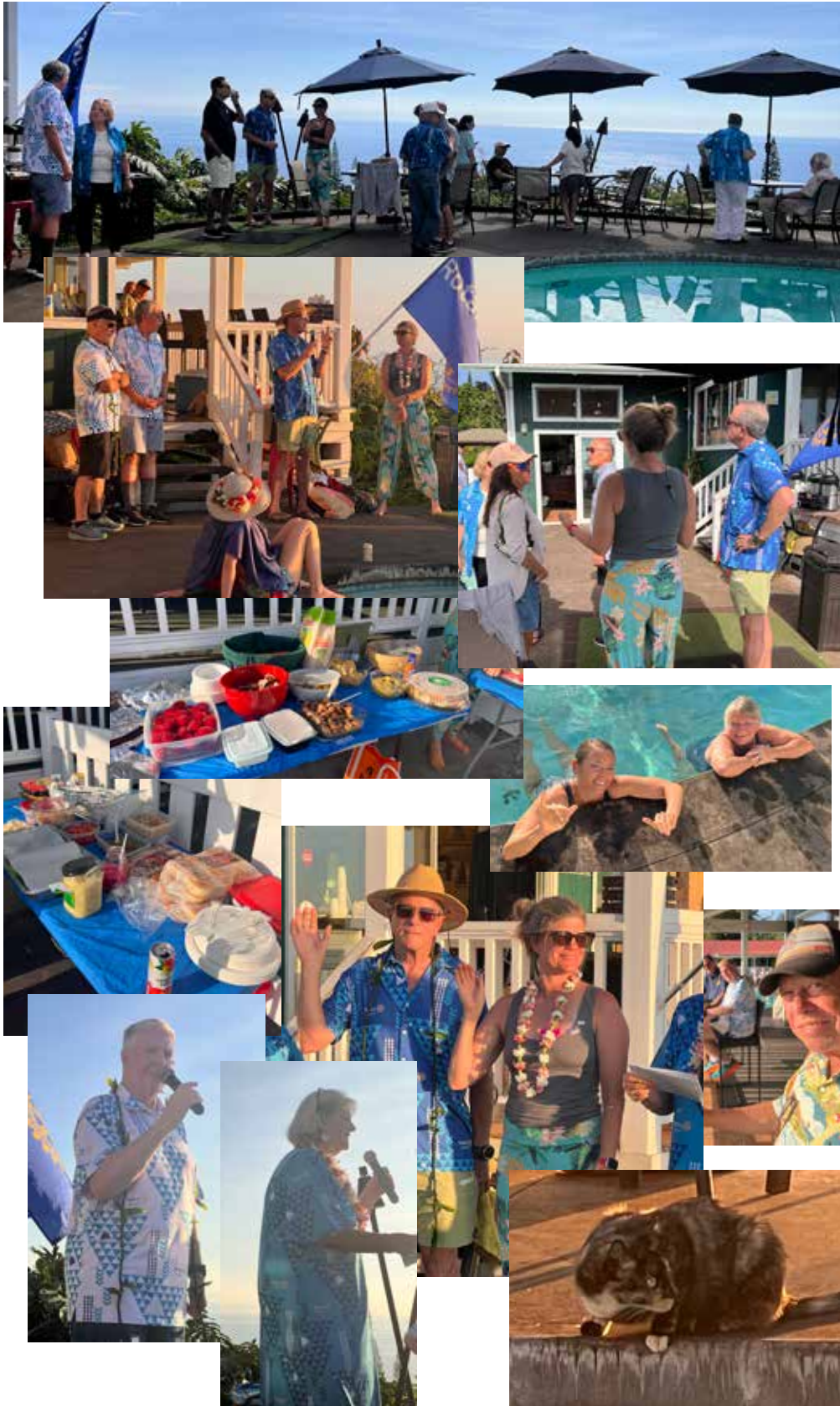


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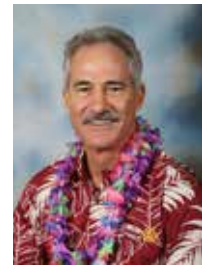
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Just Last Week – Mark Hackney – Marine Megafauna Foundation



Mark is a seasoned executive and organizational leader of energy projects in locations around the world. Since retiring in 2020, Mark has volunteered his time with the Marine Megafauna Foundation and is currently serving as Chairman of the Board. Mark has a long history of diving in Kona and after decades of visiting the area, he and his wife Caroline have called Kona "home" for over 5 years.

The Marine Megafauna Foundation was founded in 2009 by renowned marine scientists Dr. Andrea Marshall and Dr. Simon Pierce. Our mission is to enable and inspire protection of threatened marine megafauna through pioneering research that supports community education and sustainable conservation solutions.

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At the Club – Looking to the Future – Gonzo Garcia

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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
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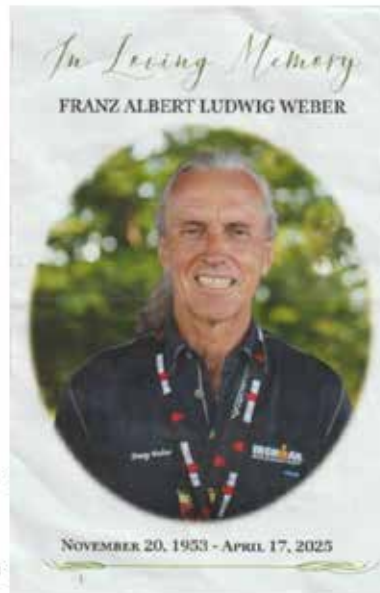
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MEMORIES of ALOHA

Link to a short video below about Franz' skydiving experience for his birthday in 2023.
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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.

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

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Thanks! Jenaya



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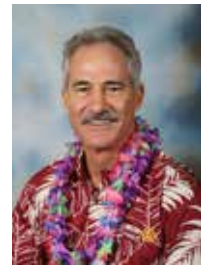
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If you are a night owl and want to come for clean up I know they would appreciate that. Tina, the Interact sponsor, will have been there from 9 am to midnight so lets get out and show her our support!

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While Peace Day is more critical every year, this is a creative way for people to personally connect from around the world to promote peace has lifted our spirits and brings a little bit of sunshine in our lives for a memorable occasion. In the past, participants included women from Ukraine sharing their story, Lahaina Jodo Mission sharing the moments of the 2023 Maui Wildfire, guest speaker Ramona Okumura, humanitarian working in Gaza with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund to help fitting prosthetics for young people. She safely escaped to Egypt and is safely back home in Washington.

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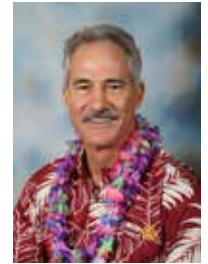
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Click on the link below to sign up on the google spreadsheet. They most need help with setup from about 9:30 to 11:30 am. Its a lot of just making sure the kids are getting the stuff set up, you dont need to be able to provide man-power, just bossing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

Thanks, Jenaya

Lucky We Live Hawaii – An Early Morning Walk





In the Community – Peace Week – September 16 – 23



Peace Week
SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2025

**Aloha! Mark your calendar to join in
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.

May Peace Be in our Hearts ~ May Peace be in our Community ~ May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Kona events are: Tuesday, Sept 23: Peace Pole Dedication Kona VFW - 3:30p

"RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY IS COMING SOON! TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO SIGN UP AND JOIN THE PEACE DAY EVENT!"

The public is invited to join the virtual "6th Annual Ring Your Bell for Peace Day" which is an interfaith, multi-cultural, and international gathering of individuals and organizations who are enjoying a program with esteemed speakers, entertainers, and participants to share the common interest of promoting peace, mutual respect, and unity. Hosted by Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii.

Everyone logs on September 22nd, 8:15 AM, and the program goes live on Zoom and Facebook Live at 8:30 AM with messages and music of peace, at 9:00 AM a minute of silence to pay tribute to all who sacrificed for peace, and at 9:01, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Mission will ask everyone to ring their bells for 5 minutes. All participants' screens will be spotlighted and you will see children in their classes ringing bells, temple bells being rung by ministers and friends, senior centers, families in their living rooms, Ringing their Bells for Peace! What a great feeling!

All participants receive a recorded version with a link as a souvenir of the program. Past participants have registered from Canada, the Continental United States and Hawaii, Germany, and Japan totaling almost 1800. This is the 6th year for this worldwide event where more viewers can enjoy the program live on Facebook, too.

DATE: Monday, Sept. 22, 2025

TIME: 8:15 -9:30 AM

PLACE: Zoom link will be sent to all who register by Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025

REGISTER: bit.ly/PeaceDay2025 or send email request to renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

While Peace Day is more critical every year, this is a creative way for people to personally connect from around the world to promote peace has lifted our spirits and brings a little bit of sunshine in our lives for a memorable occasion. In the past, participants included women from Ukraine sharing their story, Lahaina Jodo Mission sharing the moments of the 2023 Maui Wildfire, guest speaker Ramona Okumura, humanitarian working in Gaza with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund to help fitting prosthetics for young people. She safely escaped to Egypt and is safely back home in Washington.

Sharing Hawaii's peace message, culture, and music is Hawaii's Ambassador for Peace and Ukulele Virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro who always makes this an event to remember! He always reminds our youth to work hard to do what your passion is in school, your job, your friends and families. He says to just try your best and you can do anything if you put your mind to it, and to just say NO TO DRUGS!

Please contact Rene Mansho for any questions: 808-291-6151, renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

Mahalo and May Your Day Be Filled With Aloha, Rene

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Outrigger Kona Resort in
Keauhou,

September 27, 2025
KONA ORCHID SOCIETY'S
FALL SHOW & SALE - Makao
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
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Highway 19
Kamuela, HI 96743

Volcano:

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Kilauea Military Camp
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Highway 11
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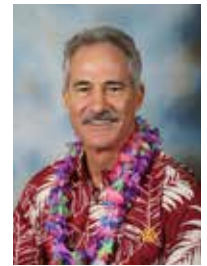
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Just Last 3 Week – Greg Asner – 'Āko'āko'a Reef Restoration



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.

In 2018, he co-founded the Hawai'i Marine Education and Research Center, a non-profit convening center for communities and government agencies on Hawai'i Island. In 2019, Arizona State University hired Asner in Hawai'i, naming him professor and director to advance solutions-oriented research and education in coastal and marine conservation. In 2023, he founded the 'Āko'āko'a Reef Restoration Program in collaboration with the Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources and communities on

Just Visiting



Laura Kass
Tucson, AZ

George Havenka
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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 – Volunteering at the Ironman Parade



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



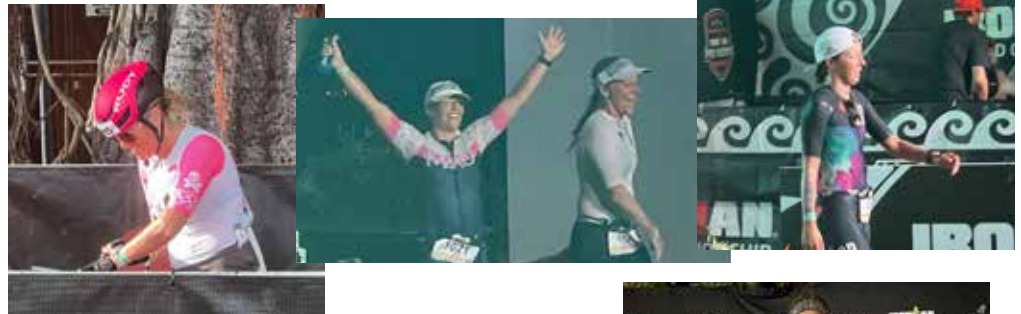
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Stephen Johnson



Rotary Works – Volunteering at the Finish Line



Rotary Works – Hosting Athletes

Gonzo Garcia hosted this amazing athlete from Ecuador, Nicol Ruperti. She, her husband, and their daughter stayed with him for a week.



Rotary Works – Volunteering at the Blood Drive



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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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 Mokuiaikaua 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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Service Above Self

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Oct 16, 2003

Rotary Kona Resort

Program: The Mexican
Community in Kona
Sotero Agoot, Cesar
Gonzales

Greeter: Cathie Amelotte

Door Prize: David Schaeffer

Coming Up

Greeters:
Jerry Anderson 10/23
Rick Asbach 10/30

Door Prize:
Norman Sakata 10/23
Bill Rogers 10/30

Birthdays:
Crystal Yamasaki 10/23
Barbara Bush 10/23
Thomas Daniel 10/24

Anniversaries:
Michael Moore (Rhonda) 10/16

Programs:
Kailua Kona Improvement Plan
Eric Von Platen Luder 10/23

Womens' Cancer Month
Dr Trauth 10/30

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HALLOWEEN 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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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

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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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Daniel Colimon's House	
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Kona Salt Farm	

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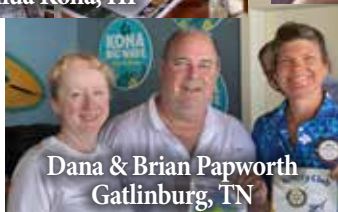
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Alameda, CA



Lyla Bashaw
Captian Cook, HI



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Paying It Forward



RCOK Club President, Jenaya Rockman, presents a check for \$1,800.00 to Julia Riley, Friends of the Libraries, Kona. The money will help support the *Books for Babies* program, a part of the ongoing efforts of the Library to support our keiki in Kona and on the Big Island.



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.



Rotary Works – Hosting Athletes

Scott Unger and Gonzo Garcia hosted this amazing athlete from Ecuador, Nicol Ruperti. She, her husband, and their daughter stayed with them for over a week.

Short Video: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on: IronmanEcuador.mp4



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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.

I finished High School a few years early and was taking several prerequisite classes while waiting to start at UC Davis. A friend was in a nursing program where someone dropped out, creating an opening. I took an aptitude test and started the next week. Before I was 18, I was a nurse. I loved it. Taking care of people and seeing what could be done when my hands went to work in the ER was wonderful. I turned down the UC Davis program and continued my schooling, bit by bit, while working as an ER nurse over the next 20 years. (Although, I hope my son doesn't take 20 years to complete his education!) Today, I have a PhD in Healthcare Administration, but the best time working I ever had was as an ER nurse.

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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Katherine Augustine 11/06

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David Rees-Thomas 11/06

Birthdays:
Crystal Yamasaki 10/23
Barbara Bush 10/23
Thomas Daniel 10/24

Anniversaries:
Michael Moore (Rhonda) 10/16

Programs:
Womens' Cancer Month
Dr Trauth 10/30

Rotary International Foundation
Curt Nakayama, plus
The Tongan Community in Kona
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John Spicer
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Scott Unger
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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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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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Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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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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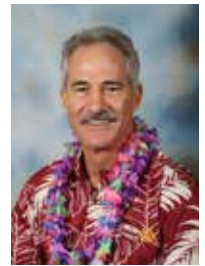
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Four-Way Test

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?

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At the Podium – Brett Carey – Financial Advisor



Dr. Brett Carey is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Dr. Carey's favorite aspects of being a Financial Advisor focus on helping clients to choose socially responsible investments and connecting clients with charitable causes. Today's talk will be an overview of advanced giving strategies. The talk will cover what types of assets can be given, the various types of charitable trusts and how to make qualified charitable donations from retirement accounts.

Edward Jones

October 30, 2025

This Week

12 Noon - Lava Java,
75-5719 Ali'i Dr., #1A,
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

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 102325.mp4

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



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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.

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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:

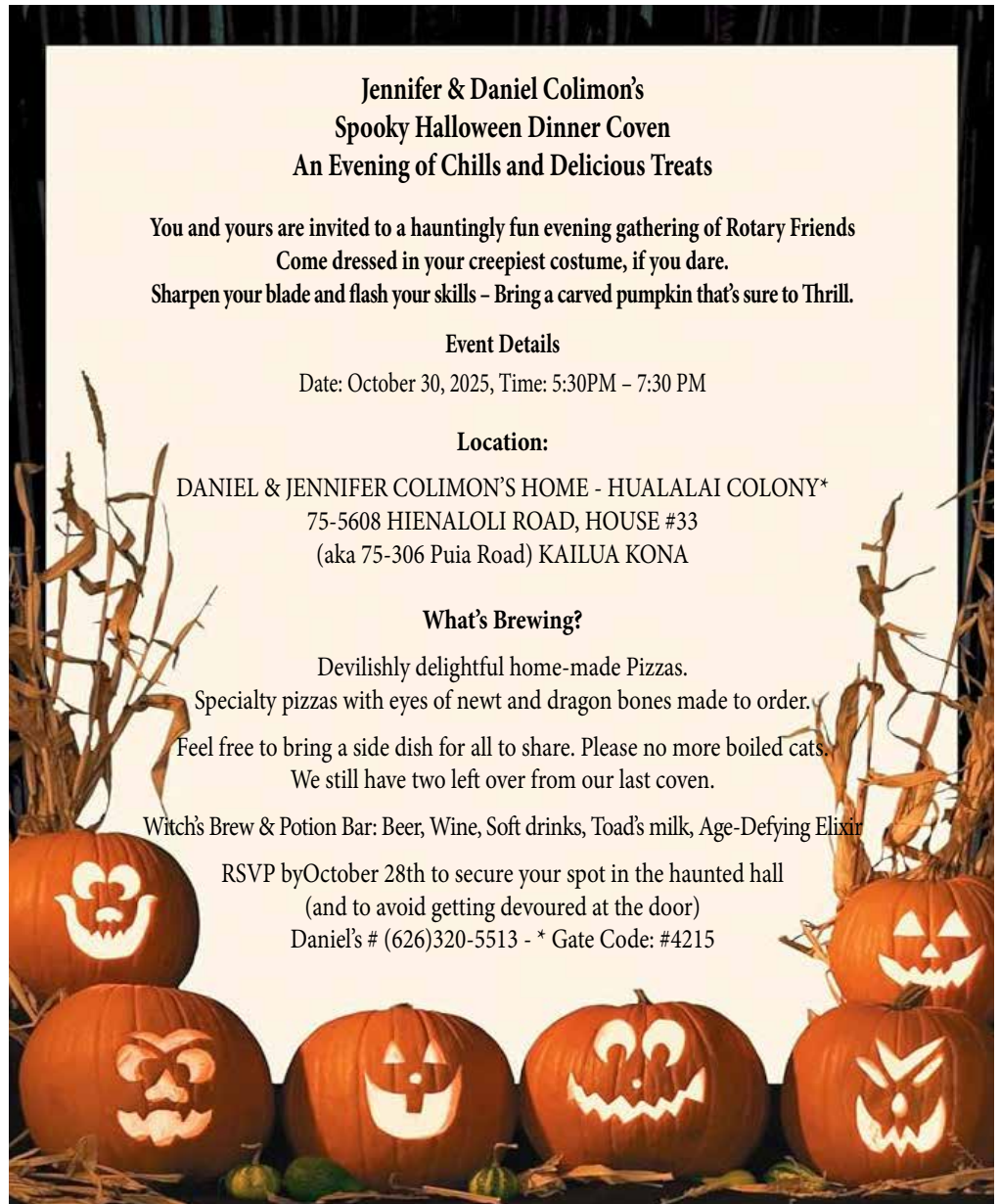
DANIEL & JENNIFER COLIMON'S HOME - HUALALAI COLONY*
75-5608 HIENALOLI ROAD, HOUSE #33
(aka 75-306 Puia Road) KAILUA KONA

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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At the Podium – PLANNED MEDICAL COMMUNITY 21ST 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.



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Royal Kona Resort

Program: PMC21

Ira (Lynn) Walton, CEO
Kona Community Hospital

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Debra Barra, Chief of
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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

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With Aloha, Yours In Rotary, Janice Gustin

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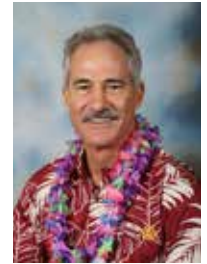
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make qualified charitable donations from retirement accounts.

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Volcano, HI



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At the Club - Spooky Halloween Dinner Coven



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From the Archives – November 13, 2003

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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

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

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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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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

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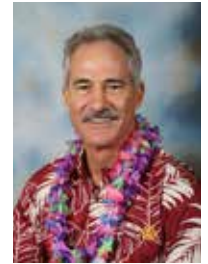
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In the Community – Ocean Defenders Alliance

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

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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



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

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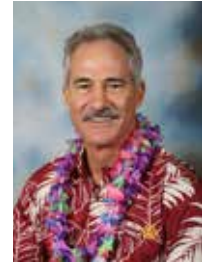
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December 4, 2025



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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.

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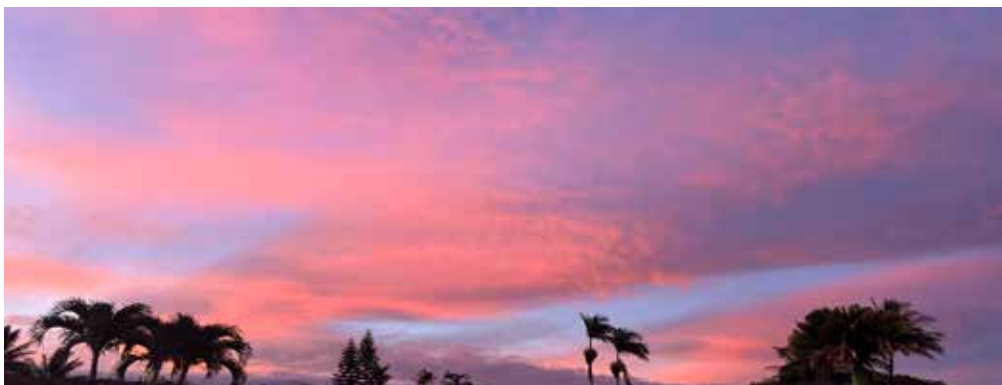
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Highway 19
Kamuela, HI 96743

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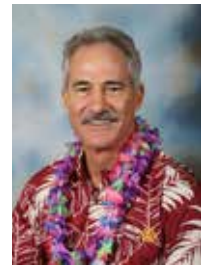
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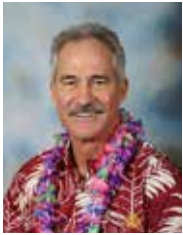
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At the Podium – Scott Unger & Gonzo Garcia –Updates

December 11, 2025



Scott Unger and Gonzo Garcia, two special people, will give us presentations on The Rotary Foundation and on the Kona Brewers Festival.

Scott will show us a PowerPoint presentation that outlines what the Foundation does and how it does it. Local, national, and international projects will be featured, and members will get the opportunity to talk story and ask questions.



Gonzo will bring us up to date on the newly acquired Kona Brewers Festival, annual fundraiser for several local charities. Gonzo is the new Executive Director and several other Club members are joining in to help with this annual event. This will be a chance for more members to get on board to help with this great local charity event which has been going on since 1996.

This Week

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

Program:

Scott Unger & Gonzo Garcia
Club Updates

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Just Last Week – Deirdre Roney – Immigration



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.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 120425.mp4

Coming Up

Programs:

Speaker TBD	12/18
Aquatic Resources	
Dark (Christmas)	12/25
Dark (New Years)	01/01

At the Club

Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, Mahlon Whittle, presents Paul Harris recognition pins to two long time members of RCOK. Maverick Malech receives a pin with five gemstones, signifying \$6000 in donations, and Janice Gustine receives a pin with two gemstones, signifying \$3000 in donations. Much mahalo.



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In the Rotary Community – Remembering Mike Fraser

Michael Kim Fraser, of Kailua- Kona, HI, passed away quietly in his sleep on July 21, 2025, at the age of 75 years. Mike was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, on January 23, 1950, the first child of Samuel and Shirley Fraser. When he was a teenager, he moved to Windsor Ontario before moving to the west coast of Canada where he began a long career in the lumber industry. In the early 1980's he met his wife Beverly, and they were married in 1983. Their only daughter Kimberly Margaret Fraser was born in 1984, and as a family they lived in Invermere, BC until moving to Hawai'i in 1997.

During his life in Hawai'i, Mike was involved with several community non-profit agencies such as the Kona Crime Prevention Committee, Friends for Fitness, and the ARC of Kona where he was the current Board Chair. In 2009 he joined the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise as a charter Member, and Rotary soon became his passion in life. He went on a Rotary trip with fellow Hawai'i Rotarians to Myanmar and Taiwan in 2017, to distribute books and provide educational services. Mike served as President of the club twice and was on the board as Community Service Chair at the time of his passing. Mike was a very generous and caring individual and was constantly helping the community and its residents in any way he could. He truly believed in the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". His love for Kona, and its residents, will be difficult to replace, and he will be remembered always.

Mike's family and friends are invited to celebrate his life through shared stories, fellowship and Aloha.



Mike Fraser
1950 - 2025
Saturday January 24 2026
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
VFW Post 74-5543 Kaiwi Street #185A
Kailua Kona, HI

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Rotary Club of Kona Newsletter

At the Podium - CLUB ASSEMBLY, President Bev Fraser

This week's meeting will be the second Club Assembly of the year. As in previous assembly's, each of the Avenue of Service Chairs will report on their progress to date on the projects they are working on. Of particular note will be the Centennial Project, which is the focus of our club this year. As we work towards our goals for the year, there are a few issues that need to be discussed with the club. The first is the financial commitment to the Rotary Foundation of \$150.00 per member. We are way behind in the collection of the money needed to meet our goal. The second is the Centennial Project and the need for more involvement from the club in many areas. Also for discussion is the Mastercard Tournament of Champions and the need for volunteers to make the incredible job that Ron and Kathy Hawkes do much easier for them. All members should plan on attending this week's assembly to become aware of all it is that we are doing this year.

Profiles - TINA CLOTHIER



I appreciate the opportunity to acquaint and reacquaint myself with the Kona club members new and old. Perhaps this will explain a little bit about that crazy lady that insists on singing "Happy Birthday" at each meeting.

My father was in the US Air Force, met and married my British mother while he was stationed at Burtonwood AFB outside of Warrington, England. I came along about 11 months later as my father was being shipped back to the east coast from Korea. My mother and I traveled by ship to New York when I was 6 weeks old and I've been a traveler ever since.

My parents, being good Catholics, had four more children over the next 10 years and moved the family often. We've lived together abroad, on the East Coast and in Las Vegas. Most of my sibs and their families still live within 5 minutes of my parents on Oahu.

I met my first husband, Jack Clothier, when I enrolled in his scuba diving class in 1971. We traveled to the Big Island in 1972 for diving and I immediately felt that I was "home". I knew that someday we would live in Kona. Seven years later in 1979, we moved to Kona so that Jack could begin his recovery from a skydiving accident. We opened Jack's Diving Locker in August of '81 and in March of '82, Jack died of a gastric hemorrhage. I was widowed at age 29, 8 months after started the business. While flying by the seat of my pants with no business training (but with lots of community support) I was able to build the dive shop into a successful enterprise, with a substantial clientele base. This was no small accomplishment in a male dominated industry! I sold the business to Jeff and Terri Leicher in 1989.

In 1990, I met my second, and last, husband Terry Cisco and his 7-year-old son Carlos. This was also the year that I was invited to join Rotary. Please note that the Rotary Clubs in the United States had just begun to allow women members the year before. My sponsor, Bev Marrick, and I were two of four women in the club that year. At that time I was under contract with a non-profit, Recycle Hawaii and wasn't sure that my work made me the right candidate for membership. I was also very intimidated by being in the same company as the "grown up" business people of the community. However, it didn't take me long to realize that the members of the club were some of the most friendly, warm & kind hearted people that I had ever met (and most of them weren't as "grown up" as I thought). I count many of the Kona club members among my most cherished friends.

I have held various positions over my 13 Rotary years, including Community Service Chair & Kid's Voting chair, and during the 50th year since the establishment of the Rotary Club of Kona, I was privileged to serve as Club President. This was also the year that we reintroduced singing to the club meetings (much to everyone's chagrin). That still remains my most memorable year and I am grateful to have been trusted with the position. I hope to be a Rotarian until I die. Rotary is a wonderful organization, made up of wonderful people. Thank you all for everything that you bring to our club and for joining in when we sing the birthday song!

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Door Prize: Curt Nakayama

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Roger Brasel 01/08

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Sandy Morton 12/18
Reg Morimoto 01/08

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Mike Zola 12/15

Anniversaries:
Carla Thompson (Rick) 12/30
Thom Daniel (Alice) 12/31
Richard Farnham (Nancy) 12/31

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XMAS CELEBRATION 12/18
Dark 12/25
Dark 01/01
RON LAUB
Keck Observatory 01/08

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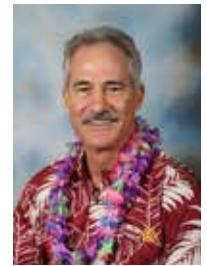
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Just Last Week – Scott Unger & Gonzo Garcia – Updates



Scott Unger and Gonzo Garcia, two special people, gave us presentations on The Rotary Foundation and on the Kona Brewers Festival.

Scott tried to show us a PowerPoint presentation that outlines what the Foundation does and how it does it. Local, national, and international projects will be featured, and members will get the opportunity to talk story and ask questions.



Gonzo brought us up to date on the newly acquired Kona Brewers Festival, annual fundraiser for several local charities. Gonzo is the new Executive Director and several other Club members are joining in to help with this annual event. This will be a chance for more members to get on board to help with this great local charity event which has been going on since 1996.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 121125.mp4

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Brian Riley
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Mikala
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December 18, 2025

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December 2025

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling,

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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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.registertoring.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>

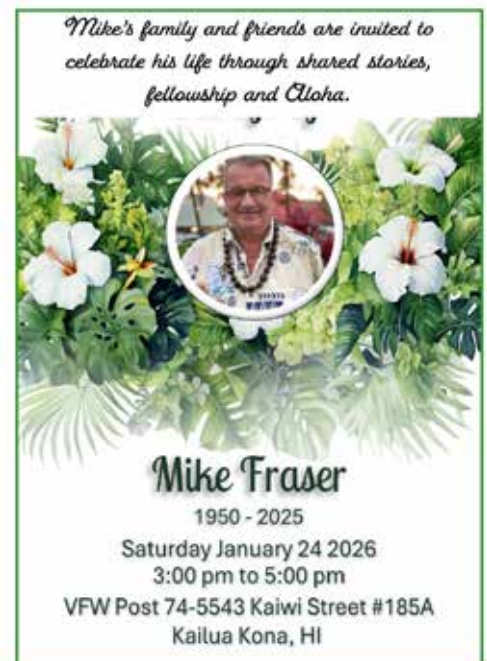
Please consider if you have 4 friends that donate \$25.00 – that becomes \$100.00 with a double match that becomes \$300.00. Please share this with friends, family, and business associates. I really need your help. I appreciate all your support and willingness to bell ring and for those of you who have 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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At the Club – Christmas Party at Becca & Peter's



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, 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



Lucky We Live Hawaii

2025-12-18

In the Community – Christmas Parade 2025

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Honalo, HI 96740

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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
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Queen Court Restaurant
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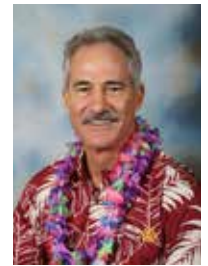
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January 8, 2026

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Bo Pardau

Second Wave Ocean Images

Greeter:

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In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill

— they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

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Clifford Ahrens
Kealakekua, HI



Archie & McKayla
Kailua Kona, HI



Ed Rappaport
Newbury Park, CA

Welcome – Zenon Issel – RCOK's Newest Member



Jenaya Rockman, President, and Maverick Malech, Membership Chair, welcome Zenon Issel as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Kona.

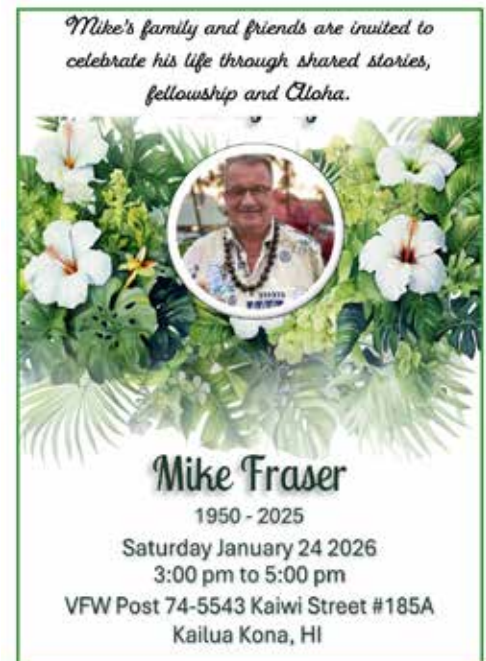
Members should take time to meet and welcome Zenon to the Club. We hope to see Zenon participating in many Club activities and projects in the coming months.

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At the Podium – Jonathan Wilt – Hawaii Forest & Trail



Hawaii Forest & Trail tour company was founded in 1993 and is committed to keeping its tour groups small, fully outfitted, and comfortable for an enjoyable day of exploration. Since its early years, the company has expanded its eco-adventure offerings to exploring hidden craters, volcanoes, waterfalls, Mauna Kea, Hawaii's diverse wildlife and more.

One integral idea that the founders instituted was to establish partnerships with private land-owners that would grant access to places with remote, pristine ecosystems that had previously been inaccessible. Hawaii Forest & Trail is one of the few tour companies allowed access to private lands and controlled access to wildlife refuges.

What sets them apart is the practice of having knowledgeable and passionate guides. They have built a team of expert guides with strong academic backgrounds and a real passion for Hawaii's natural world and enthusiasm for sharing it. They blend exploration with fascinating insights into Hawaii's biology, geology, history and Native Hawaiian culture, providing an unforgettable and educational experience.

Jonathan Wilt is the Director of Sales & Marketing with Hawaii Forest & Trail and has been with the company for about ten years.

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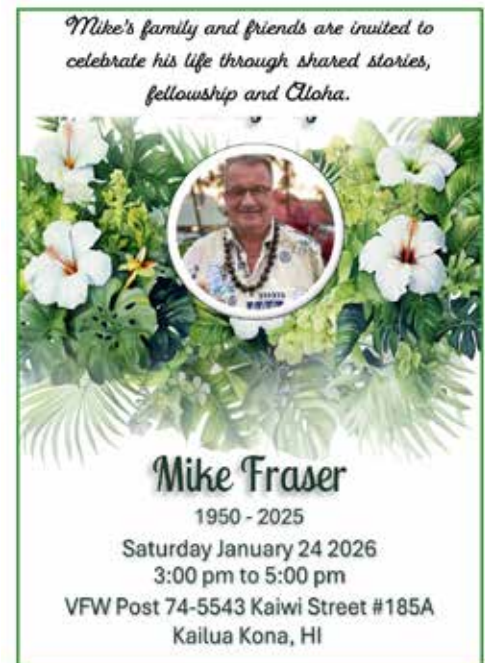


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In the Rotary Community – Remembering Mike Fraser

Michael Kim Fraser, of Kailua- Kona, HI, passed away quietly in his sleep on July 21, 2025, at the age of 75 years. Mike was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, on January 23, 1950, the first child of Samuel and Shirley Fraser. When he was a teenager, he moved to Windsor Ontario before moving to the west coast of Canada where he began a long career in the lumber industry. In the early 1980's he met his wife Beverly, and they were married in 1983. Their only daughter Kimberly Margaret Fraser was born in 1984, and as a family they lived in Invermere, BC until moving to Hawai'i in 1997.

During his life in Hawai'i, Mike was involved with several community non-profit agencies such as the Kona Crime Prevention Committee, Friends for Fitness, and the ARC of Kona where he was the current Board Chair. In 2009 he joined the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise as a charter Member, and Rotary soon became his passion in life. He went on a Rotary trip with fellow Hawai'i Rotarians to Myanmar and Taiwan in 2017, to distribute books and provide educational services. Mike served as President of the club twice and was on the board as Community Service Chair at the time of his passing. Mike was a very generous and caring individual and was constantly helping the community and its residents in any way he could. He truly believed in the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". His love for Kona, and its residents, will be difficult to replace, and he will be remembered always.



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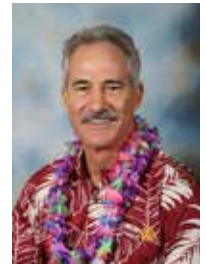
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Jonathan Wilt is the Director of Sales & Marketing with Hawaii Forest & Trail and has been with the company for about ten years.

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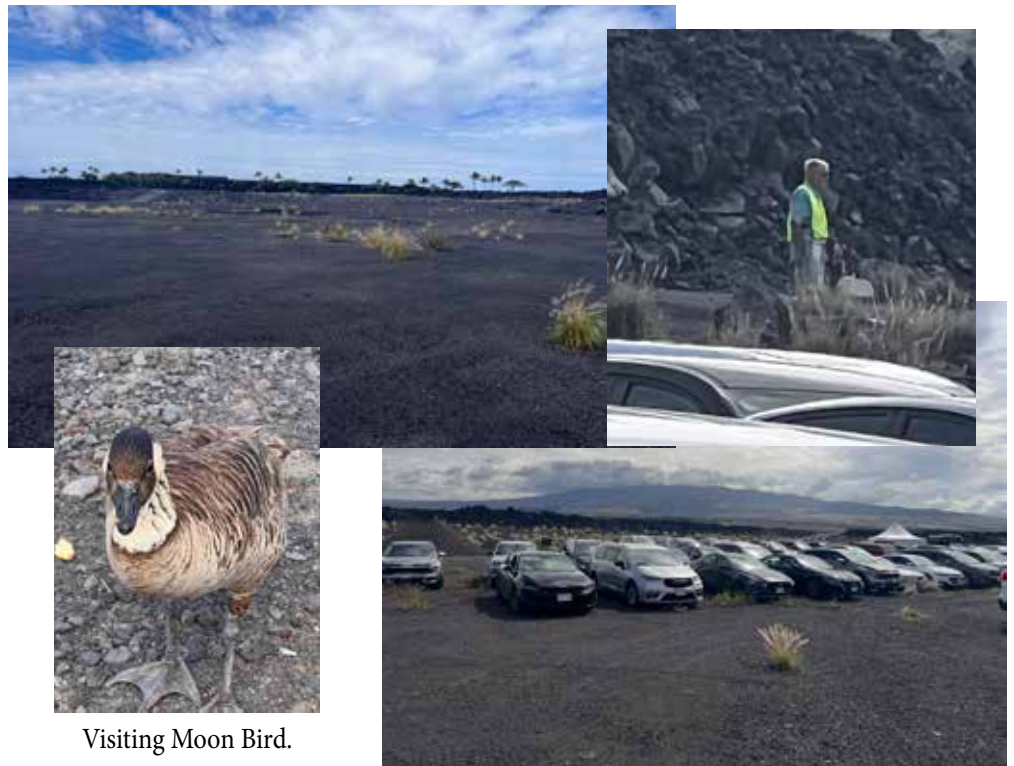


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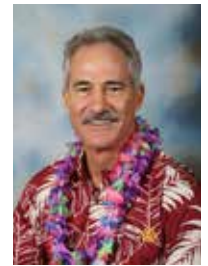
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At the Podium – Lara Karakasevici – Living Food

February 12, 2026



Founded in 2019, The Living Food Mission provides culinary wellness classes and retreats designed to learn & experience the healing power of food + botanicals. Founder Lara Karakasevici is a regenerative cleanse specialist, board-certified holistic health coach and living food chef from Northern CA (Napa Valley). Her 'keep it simple' approach is loved for its emphasis on a compassionate, logical understanding of human health. And she might just be bringing dessert to our Rotary meeting!

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out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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Around the World – RCOK Uganda Water Project



The successful completion of the Rwenshande Water Supply and Sanitation Project marks an important milestone in improving access to clean and reliable water for the people of Rwenshande Village, Bubale Trading Centre, nearby schools, and Rwenshande Health Centre III. All planned works including drilling a production borehole, constructing a pump house, installing a solar pumping system, building a tank base, installing four 10,000L storage tanks, laying both transmission and distribution pipelines, constructing public stand posts, installing yard taps, and installing a water filtration unit at the Health Centre were completed according to the agreed contract specifications.

Overall, the project has met its objectives of improving water access, reducing the burden of water collection, and promoting better sanitation and health outcomes in Rwenshande. The system is expected to serve the community effectively for many years with proper maintenance.

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Kampala Munyonyo President and Board of Directors RY2025/26, and on my own behalf as the Primary Host Contact for the Rwenshande Water Supply and Sanitation Project, I wish to express our deepest thanks to you all for your support towards the Rwenshande WASH project.

Your financial and technical support was invaluable during the grant application process, the implementation, up to the commissioning of the project. Had it not been for your immeasurable support, I am sure we would still be mobilizing funds for the Rwenshande project.

It gives us profound joy when we receive positive reports from Rwenshande community members about how the availability of clean drinking water has already changed their lives. This gift is more than water. It is health, dignity, and hope. You have given our community a chance for a better future, and your names as individuals and RC Kona as a club, will never be forgotten in Rwenshande community in Uganda, with whose lives you have changed for the better.

The successful completion of the Rwenshande Water Supply and Sanitation Project marks an important milestone in improving access to clean and reliable water for the people of Rwenshande Village, Bubale Trading Centre, nearby schools, and Rwenshande Health Centre III. All planned works including drilling a production borehole, constructing a pump house, installing a solar pumping system, building a tank base, installing four 10,000L storage tanks, laying both transmission and distribution pipelines, constructing public stand posts, installing yard taps, and installing a water filtration unit at the Health Centre were completed according to the agreed contract specifications.

Overall, the project has met its objectives of improving water access, reducing the burden of water collection, and promoting better sanitation and health outcomes in Rwenshande. The system is expected to serve the community effectively for many years with proper maintenance.

Kind regards, Robbinah.

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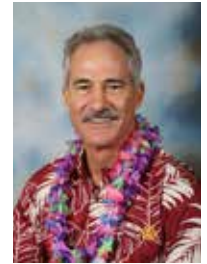
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Jenaya Rockman, President, and Mahlon Whittle, Paul Harris Foundation Chair, congratulate Maverick Malech for over \$7,000 in donations to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Members should take time to congratulate Maverick personally for his outstanding contributions to the Foundation and to RCOK in general, over his 11 years as a Rotary member.

In the Community – Scholarship Winner – Azalea Thorp



Congratulations to Azalea Thorp of Kealahou High School for being chosen to receive the \$5000 HRYF scholarship from the Rotary Club of Kona. Azalea will also now go on to interview for the HRYF state scholarship of \$10000. Azalea plans to major in Biomedical Engineering and we wish her much success!

Lucky We Live Hawaii – Historic Fish Ponds, Mauna Lani



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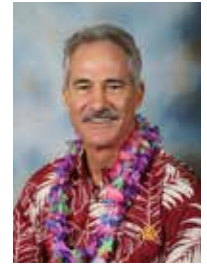
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Mahlon Whittle proudly presents Paul Harris pins to Steven Johnson, \$1000 in giving, and Jenaya Rockman, President, \$3000 in giving.



Members should take time to congratulate Steven and Jenaya personally for their outstanding contributions to the Foundation and to RCOK in general. Stephen has been a member for over 2 years, and President Jenaya has been a member for almost 10 years.



In the Community – Ardie serves 350,000th Meal Courtesy – Jeremy Mich, Island Wide Media



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Plan to come early and help set up and/or stay late and help take down. Don't miss this very important meeting and chance to learn more about your Centennial Project.

At the Club - RYLA OUTING REPORT FROM ANN GOODY

Our 4 great RYLA kids from Kealahou High School made it to the KMC camp at Volcanoes thanks to two amazing Rotarians who stepped forward to take them! From the 5:30 am pick up on Saturday in the Wal Mart parking lot to the return late Sunday, Jerry Colner with wife Aloise and Dick Denison were Rylarians for this wonderful weekend event.

The word back from the kids is that they all had a terrific time and their arms are sore from all the team building activities. Something we'll get to hear more about when they come and tell us what the weekend was about.

At the Club - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY COMING UP IN MARCH

Just a reminder that the District Assembly is coming up in March. The Assembly will be held in Waimea on Saturday, March 27, at the Waimea Elementary/Intermediate School, from 8:30AM to about 2:30 PM.

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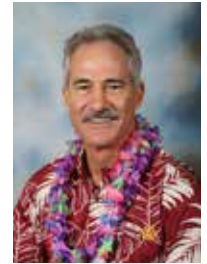
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continues her lifelong commitment to global service, echoing Rotary's mission to foster goodwill, community resilience, and sustainable impact worldwide.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 022626.mp4

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Congratulations – George Hlavenka – Name Badge



President Jenaya Rockman presents new member, George Hlavenka, with his permanent name badge. George officially joined the Rotary Club of Kona in November of last year.

Hopefully members are taking the time to get to know George, and help him fully participate in Club projects and activities.

In the Community – Ardie serves 350,000th Meal Courtesy – Jeremy Mich, Island Wide Media



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In the Community – Interact



On Tuesday, Jenaya, Trisha and Becca attended the Interact club meeting at Kealahou High School. The students were busy making birthday card. They make them each quarter for the teachers and staff. Those were for the staff with birthdays in January/February/March. They attach them to a small goodie bag and usually hand them out at a faculty meeting.

The Rotary club of Kona is planning a clean up day with the Interact club as a community service project on April 19, Sunday from 9-12. After we are planning a barbecue with games and prizes. These young people have loads of energy and I certain they will be able to get much accomplished.

From the Archives – March 4, 2003

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At the Podium – RYLA STUDENTS UPDATE, Intro by Dr. Erin Goody
VISIT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL, Sandra Taosaka

Our program this week will have two topics.

The first presentation will be about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness program, with an introduction by Dr. Erin Goody.

Four students participated in the recent weekend long program along with Jerry Coiner and Dick Dennison. The students will share with us briefly their experiences. Jerry and Dick will also share their experiences and feelings about the weekend.

Sandra Taosaka, a School Renewal Specialist from the Department of Education, whose current assignment is to the Kona Waena Complex, will speak briefly about the invitation to the Rotary Club of Kona Rotarians to visit the local schools.

She will be providing information about the process of visiting the local schools and the proper format for signing up to visit the school, etc. There will be a handout provided.

Standards in Action Schools.....

As you have read in the local West Hawaii's newspapers, the issue of school performance, informed parents, and an informed community are all issues of importance in the support of public education in West Hawaii and in this state.

Current requirements imposed by No Child Left Behind, the resulting test scores in the preliminary work done under this requirement, and data collected by the Price Waterhouse survey all combine to make it even more important that an informed and supportive public understand the needs of local schools, teachers, and students.

As Alvin Rho, our local DOE Complex Area Superintendent has shared with us, it is very important to have community members visit and observe the classrooms and schools and also have a chance to personally meet our local teachers and students and hear from them about the changes taking place in our schools.

We're invited to participate and visit our local schools during the month of March.

At the Club – CLUB ASSEMBLY HELD AT MAKAEAO
WALKING/JOGGING PATH

Last weeks meeting was at the Makaeo Walking/Jogging Path at the Old Airport. As we all know, work on the path is our Club's Centennial Project. Several members showed up to enjoy a delicious mix-plate lunch, up-date in several avenues of service and a lively discussion about feral cats at the path. Tom Daniel shared the message of a bumper sticker he spotted recently in town, "So many cats, so few recipes."

Members also learned about the exciting new sport for seniors known as "Gate Ball." The game is similar to croquet but with more rules and much more skill required. The club is putting together a team for an upcoming event here in Kona. Contact Dick Herschberger if you are interested in being on the team.



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Mar 04, 2004

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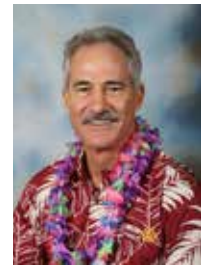
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Bruce Haselrig's career began with the West Chester Ohio Fire Department, where he proudly served as a professional firefighter for 15 years. After sustaining a career-ending injury in the line of duty, Bruce relocated to Hawai'i to care for family members — and in doing so, rediscovered his greatest passion: teaching. Today, Bruce channels decades of frontline emergency experience into his role as an EMS Instructor, training the next generation of first responders and healthcare providers. His areas of instruction include:

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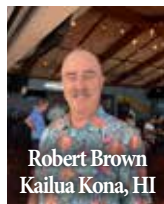
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In the Community – RCOK Helps Out Ocean Defenders



The Rotary Club of Kona recently made a generous donation to the Ocean Defenders Alliance, which made it possible for them to purchase a new boat to use in their ongoing efforts to protect and restore oceans flora, fauna, and coral reefs.

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Mahlon Whittle represented the Rotary Club of Kona at Hawaii K9 Association dedication of the expanded and fenced K9 yard at the Kona Police facility. The Rotary Club of Kona donated \$5000 to help with the expansion and fencing of the yard.

Musings – Morning Walk – Richard Farnham

Early morning with my puppies, walking.
Not yet light, the sun still sleeping.

The moon is full and brightly shining.
A million stars, less bold, just peeking.

Moonlight bright enough for shadow casting,
Leading me now, but later, following.

Eerie quiet, no sound ringing,
Except for Coquis, hopefully calling.

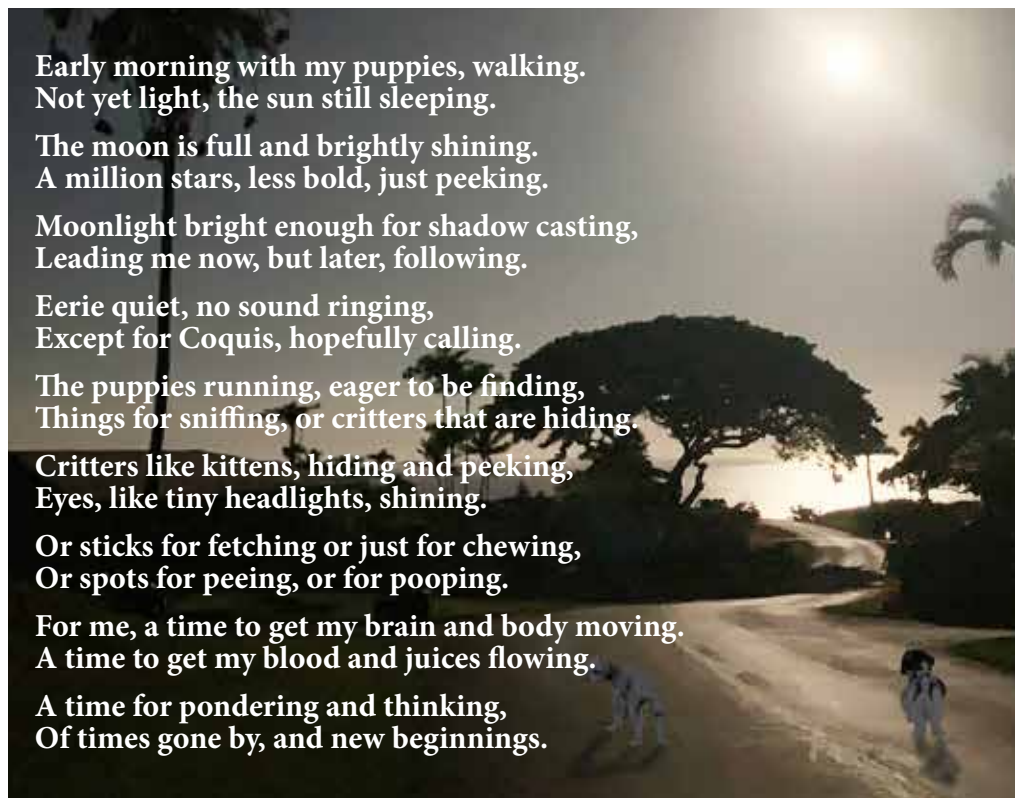
The puppies running, eager to be finding,
Things for sniffing, or critters that are hiding.

Critters like kittens, hiding and peeking,
Eyes, like tiny headlights, shining.

Or sticks for fetching or just for chewing,
Or spots for peeing, or for pooping.

For me, a time to get my brain and body moving.
A time to get my blood and juices flowing.

A time for pondering and thinking,
Of times gone by, and new beginnings.



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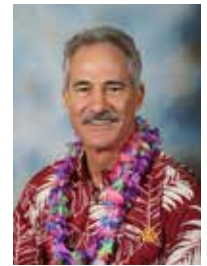
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Just Last Week – Bruce Haselrig– Island CPR



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Bruce Haselrig's career began with the West Chester Ohio Fire Department, where he proudly served as a professional firefighter for 15 years. After sustaining a career-ending injury in the line of duty, Bruce relocated to Hawai'i to care for family members — and in doing so, rediscovered his greatest passion: teaching. Today, Bruce channels decades of frontline emergency experience into his role as an EMS Instructor, training the next generation of first responders and healthcare providers. His areas of instruction include:

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) • Basic Life Support (BLS) • Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) • First Aid and CPR • Additional Medical Education Programs

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Nancy Lowrey
Kailua Kona, HI



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March 26, 2026

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March 2026

Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighborhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain human-

ity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panamá's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks.

To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialized water organization, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and each waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility. You can learn more and get involved at communityactionforfreshwater.org.

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This Week
Mar 25, 2004
Royal Kona Resort

Program: JEFF SMITH
Director of NELHA
Greeter: Kathy Damon
Door Prize: Francis Kuallani

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At the Podium - WHAT'S NEW AT NELHA, Jeff Smith, Executive Director

Jeff Smith has been the Executive Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii, Authority since December 2000.

Jeff Smith retired from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1991 after 23 years of service. Since military retirement in Hawaii he has worked in the tourist industry and subsequently the service industry. In 1994 Jeff went to work for Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) as the Hawaii Island Facility Manager and in 1996 purchased the Company from BFI and renamed the company "Pacific Waste". Mr. Smith served as President of Pacific Waste for two years before leaving the company. During a brief departure from Hawaii, Mr. Smith worked as the Facility Manager for a medical waste destruction company, Stericycle, Inc., in Salt Lake City, Utah until returning to Hawaii and accepting the job of Executive Director of NELHA.

At the Club - NEW GENERATIONS UPDATE

Here is a quick bit of current news ON New Generations activities:

The Interact Conference is on again and set for April 17 & 18 in Oahu. The Kona officers (7), Yanna Lewis and our exchange student Emille, are all set to attend. Our budget was only for 5 kids plus one advisor so the kids are working on fundraising and pitching in to help make up some of the difference.

Yanna felt that with this years exceptional group of officers it was too difficult to select the ones to go and the ones to leave behind. Better that they all go and they help pay for the extra cost. When the kids heard this proposal they all agreed and are actively working on making it a reality. The extra cost for the 3 students comes to about \$750. The kids themselves are going to each pay \$50 (all 8 of them) and then do some type of fundraising for the rest rather than leave some officers behind.

The conference is a major expense for our club and a very big part of the New Generations annual budget. With airfare (if I can get the best rates for interisland fares) the clubs costs will be as follows:

Roundtrip airfare for 5 students and one adult @ \$59 each plus taxes	\$750
Conference fees for students x 5	\$625
Conference fee for Yanna	\$200
Total estimated cost for 2004 conference	\$1600 +/-

Regards, Ann

Rotary Calendar

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

March 16, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA
DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

April 4, 2:00P to 6:00P
31st ANNUAL KONA BREWERS
FESTIVAL, King Kamehameha
Kona Beach Hotel, Kailua Kona

Member Birthday

Brian Asbjornson
March 25
Alan Clark
March 24
Zenon Issel
March 16
Stephen Johnson
March 2
Ken Kjer
March 16
Renee Kraft
March 1
Maverick Malech
March 11

Wedding Anniversary

Kris & Jim Hazard
March 16, 1986 - 40 Yrs
Michelle & Nick Romo
March 2, 1996 - 30 Yrs

Joined Anniversary

Brian Asbjornson
March 12, 2009 - 17 Yrs
Amy Decker
March 7, 2018 - 8 Yrs
Richard Farnham
March 14, 2019 - 7 Yrs
Janice Gustin
March 1, 2018 - 8 Yrs
Kris Hazard
March 10, 2011 - 15 Yrs
Jim Kilgore
March 14, 2024 - 2 Yrs
Andrea Myslicki
March 9, 2023 - 3 Yrs
Gretchen Watson-Kabei
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Kona Sunrise:

Wednesday, 7:00AM
PaPa Kona Restaurant
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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
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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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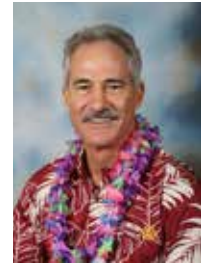
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Work Experience: AmeriCorps, National and Community Service • Catholic Charities, Home for Teenage Foster Girls • Kona Brewers Festival, Planning Team • Kona Brewing Company, HI Marketing Manager • Bamboo Shute Creations, Owner

Community Service: Surfrider Foundation, Kona Kai Ea Chapter, President • Kohanaiki 'Ohana, President • Keiki Surf for the Earth & Beach Clean Up, Managing Organizer • Maka'ainana Foundation, Board Member • Mana'o Pono Sustainability Inc, President and CEO • Daughters of Hawaii

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Kailua Kona, HI



Kristen Matthews
Kealahou, HI



John Betlach
Kailua Kona, HI

April 2, 2026

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Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we Unite for Good, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.

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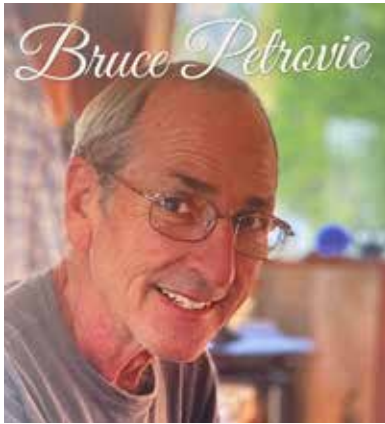
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In Rotary News – Bruce Petrovic – Past Rotary President



Bruce Douglas Petrovic, 75, of Ocean View, Hawaii, passed away on January 29, 2026, at Kona Community Hospital in Kealahou, Hawaii. Born on Mare Island, Vallejo, California, he was the General Manager for a Construction Company and the past president of the Rotary Club. A **Celebration of Life will be April 19th at 1:00 pm at Kahaluu Beach Pavilion**. He is survived by his spouse, Kym Dyal of Ocean View, HI; daughter, Angela Herr of Washington; sons, Dylon Petrovic of California and William Petrovic of Ocean View, Hawaii; brothers, Kirk Petrovic of Alexandria, VA and James Petrovic of Washington; and sister, Debra Hager of South Carolina.

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At the Podium – ANGEL FLIGHT WEST, Steve Bobko-Hillenaar



Angel Flight West provides free transportation to medical treatment for people who cannot afford public transportation, or who cannot tolerate it for health reasons. Angel Flight also flies missions in response to other compelling needs. Angel Flight West accepts requests from individuals or health care professionals such as social workers and physicians. Angel Flight combines one's love for flying with a great way to help the community.

Angel Flight West currently has about 1,300 active members. About half are pilots, and the rest participate as mission assistants, as mission coordinators, helping with outreach activities, or simply as supporters of the organization. Of the pilots, some own their own airplanes and some are renters. Most fly 4-seaters and have only their private or instrument tickets. Our members come from different walks of life, but are united by a desire to combine their interest in aviation with a unique way of helping people. Angel Flight flies more than 2,600 missions each year. They vary in distance, time of day, day of week, and so forth.

Since getting his private pilot's license in October of 2001, Steve Bobko-Hillenaar has accumulated over 850 hours and has his glider, instrument, and multi engine licenses. Steve and Joanna Bobko-Hillenaar decided to share their good fortune of being able to fly with those that can benefit from the service that Angel Flight offers. Come hear about Angel Flight West – Hawaii Wing and some of the stories that Steve and Joanna would like to share regarding their latest endeavor into aviation.

At the Club – MAKAE'O WORK DAY COMING UP



Saturday, April 10th, from 7 to 11:30 a.m. will be our next Centennial Project workday at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path. Bring your enthusiasm, gloves, and yard work tools (pruners, shovels, wheelbarrows, picks, chainsaws, weed eaters, etc...). There's lots of areas to work on so you'll be able to find a section that fits your skills! Afterward we'll have our (becoming infamous) BBQ/potluck gathering. Please, COME ONE AND COME ALL!

At the Club – JEANNETTE EVANS JOINS CLUB

Jeannette Evans, our newest Rotary Club of Kona member was born and raised in Colorado. She had a trans-American college education – attending Vassar College in New York State for two years, then transferring to UCLA to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. She attended the Colorado School of Mines where she obtained her Masters degree in Mineral Economics. Jeannette worked in the mining industry for 25 years. During economic downturns in the industry, she opened and operated a restaurant, worked as a Senior Cost Accountant in computer manufacturing, and at one time oversaw inventory in three states for the pharmaceutical industry, before returning to the mining industry. Jeannette, her husband, and three children moved to Kona last year after the sale of their family owned mining operation. Jeannette, along with her brother and fellow Rotarian, Kurt Nielson, bought a mortgage brokerage firm (Island Home Capital) here in Kona where they offer financial services to residential and commercial markets. Please, welcome Jeannette into our club!

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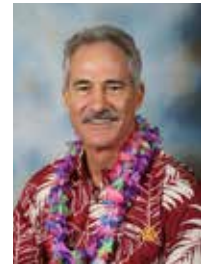
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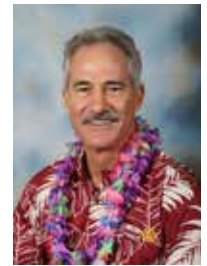
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To make their signature Hawaiian Rum Agricole, they grow and harvest kō (Hawaiian heirloom sugarcane) on their farm on the Kohala coast. At the distillery, they ferment the sugarcane juice using a special yeast and distill it into rum with their handmade, copper pot still. They take the Hawaiian Rum Agricole and age it in ex-Cognac and Bourbon barrels. Accolades for their blends include a Double Gold Medal from the New York World Spirits Competition, and the highest rating for an un-aged white rum the Beverage Tasting Institute has ever reviewed.

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Aloha Rotarians,

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Sunday, April 19 • 9A to Noon



Clean up will be followed by a BBQ and some prize giveaways!

Thanks! Jenaya

In the Community – Kealakehe Video Class – Meet 'n Eat



Students at Kealakehe Intermediate video class have been filming at Meet 'n Eat to learn video production/editing. They submitted their video to the state competition and won 1st place in the Mini Doc category. I'm attaching photos of the kids and a short write up. Video link I have is: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cCZkdqk4ktTDAnP8w1gx7KmhTxxhvej6Q/view>

Mahalo, Larry • C. Lawrence Webb • Cell: (808) 989-6336 • Email: Kona.CL.Webb@Gmail.com

Olelo TV Youth Change Statewide Competition Info

Students from Kealakehe Intermediate School entered the

Olellelo TV Youth Change statewide competition.

4 students: Miki Wakumoto, Jaren Scoggins, Kaylee Kahele, Tehya Masters

Students won 1st Place in the Mini Documentary Category

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In the Community – Run for Hops – April 11, 2026



A Pleasure to See You



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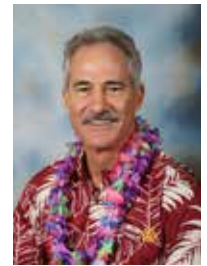
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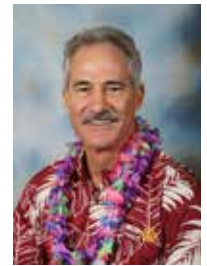
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Traci Takehara is a Donor Recruitment Account Manager with Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH). Before working for BBH, she started the first elementary school blood drive in Utah back in 2017 at Salt Lake Elementary during her previous career as a first grade teacher. Although she has only been with BBH since September 2019, her history with BBH goes back to 2001 when she made her first whole blood donation. With 96 whole blood donations and 114 platelet donations on record as a donor herself, it goes without saying that she is committed to saving the lives of those who can't fight for themselves. Traci is passionate about educating the public about the need for blood so Blood Bank of Hawaii can provide a safe and adequate blood supply to meet the needs of Hawaii's patients throughout the state of Hawaii.

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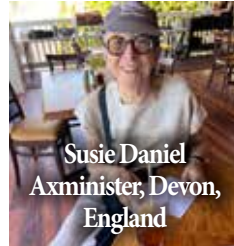
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At the Club – Annual Installation Party Coming Up

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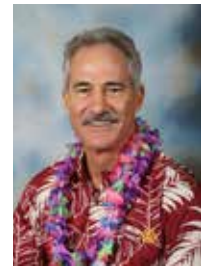
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May 7, 2026

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

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Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

At the Podium – New Member Sharing (Alternative Agenda)

In case our invited guest can't make it to the meeting, we will asking some of our newer members to share some stories and thoughts with the Club. We will also be inducting a new member, Sue OConnor, and I'm sure she will have an interesting story to tell about her life, and why she chose Rotary as a path to "Service Above Self."

We are looking forward to seeing all the regulars and, hopefully, some members who only visit occasionally, to share in the fellowship.

Just Last Week – Traci Takehara – Blood Bank of Hawaii



Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) is a non-profit organization founded in 1941. Their mission is to provide a safe and adequate supply of blood, blood products and related transfusion services to all 18 civilian hospitals throughout the state of Hawaii. Blood Bank of Hawaii is accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB), licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and a member of America's Blood Centers (ABC), the nation's largest network of community-based blood programs.

Traci Takehara is a Donor Recruitment Account Manager with Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH). Before working for BBH, she started the first elementary school blood drive in Utah back in 2017 at Salt Lake Elementary during her previous career as a first grade teacher. Although she has only been with BBH since September 2019, her history with BBH goes back to 2001 when she made her first whole blood donation. With 96 whole blood donations and 114 platelet donations on record as a donor herself, it goes without saying that she is committed to saving the lives of those who can't fight for themselves. Traci is passionate about educating the public about the need for blood so Blood Bank of Hawaii can provide a safe and adequate blood supply to meet the needs of Hawaii's patients throughout the state of Hawaii.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 043026.mp4

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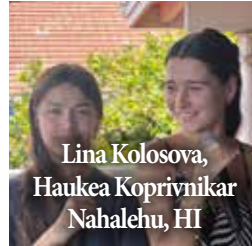
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Haukea Koprivnikar
Nahalehu, HI



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Kailua Kona, HI



Vern Lowry
Kailua Kona, HI

At the Club – Annual Installation Party Coming Up

Aloha Rotarians!

Our Rotary Clubs of West Hawaii Annual Installation party is right around the corner! This is a time to celebrate last year's achievements and honor those who have served on the board for Rotary year 2025-2026. We have a special treat this year as Chef Sahara is going to cater an Indian buffet (don't worry, she won't make it too spicy!)

So mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27 at 5 pm. Location will be Becca and Peter's house in Holualoa. More details and RSVPing to follow but for now just save the date!

Thanks - Jenaya

Around the Nation– Nicolas Coliman – Journey of Hope



Doing Good, One Mile at a Time - My Journey of Hope!

Thank you for supporting my Journey of Hope fundraising page and for believing in the mission of The Ability Experience. Your generosity directly supports programs that promote inclusion, empowerment, and opportunity for people with disabilities—and I am deeply grateful to have you alongside me in this effort.

I've always believed that the gifts we're given in life carry a responsibility to serve others. For me, philanthropy isn't about charity—it's about community. It's about using my time, energy, and abilities to stand with people and communities who are too often overlooked. The outdoors, shared challenge, and brotherhood have always been places where I've found connection, and Journey of Hope brings all of those together in service of something far greater than myself.

One of the reasons I chose to join Pi Kappa Phi was its commitment to Ability Experience and hands-on service. As the only national fraternity to establish and maintain its own nonprofit, Pi Kappa Phi sets a powerful standard for leadership rooted in action. Journey of Hope embodies that mission by turning miles into meaning and endurance into advocacy.

Growing up, many of my closest friends were neurodivergent, and I never saw them as anything other than friends. More recently, discovering my own ADHD gave me a deeper sense of empathy and perspective—an understanding that challenges often go unseen, and support can change everything. It reminded me how meaningful it is to know that someone is fighting at your back.

This summer, I ride to learn about sacrifice, integrity, and service. Every mile is a commitment to celebrating ability, breaking down barriers, and building a more inclusive world. Thank you for being part of that journey with me.

<https://support.abilityexperience.org/fundraisers/NicolasColimon/journey-of-hope>

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In the Community –RCOK Supports Kealakehe FFA



Aloha Gonzo and Scott

We have been busy using the shredder that Kona Rotary club bought for us.

Feb 25 to 28 we had our FFA State conference in Kona and 2 of our FFA students won 1st place in our State for their display board.

From Gonzo: That shredder we bought them is being put to good use!

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona and Team Kealakehe,

Mahalo nui for your support in providing a cardboard shredder for Kealakehe High School. The students are using it consistently and with purpose, turning cardboard into valuable resources for their agriculture program and community. Under the leadership of Kumu Mr. Manuel Jadulang, students are engaging beyond the classroom—sharing what they grow and create, and inspiring others through hands-on learning and sustainability practices. It has been powerful to see students step into leadership and teach others.

With this success, we would love to explore opportunities to expand the program—whether through additional equipment, supplies, or support—to reach more students and deepen community impact. We are truly grateful for your partnership and look forward to what we can continue to grow together.

Me ka mahalo nui - Kumu Pieper, Nānākuli High & Inter School - Director, Hānai Kaiāulu



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

North Hawaii:

2nd Friday if the Month
Hospice Board Room
75-5925 Walua Rd, #101
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Volcano:

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

Hilo:

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

South Hilo:

Tuesday, 11:45AM
Queen Court Restaurant
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Hilo Bay:

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

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All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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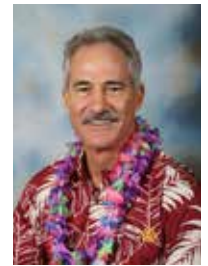
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Chelsea Ahern is the Managing Director of Aloha Theatre in Kainali'u, a role she has held since 2025, where she oversees operations and programming for one of West Hawai'i's historic community arts organizations.

Prior to joining Aloha Theatre, Chelsea served as the Regional Island Manager for Girl Scouts of Hawai'i. She also currently serves as the West Hawai'i Program Director for the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i (VASH), and she'll be speaking to RCOK about that organization in August.

Chelsea is also the District 8 representative on the Hawai'i County Transportation Commission and remains actively involved in her local community. She is deeply committed to service, community connection, and the arts in West Hawai'i.

Aloha Theatre is a community-based performing arts organization, dedicated to enriching West Hawai'i through live theatre and accessible arts. Housed in a historic theatre building constructed in 1932, the organization has operated as a nonprofit for over 40 years, producing five shows each season featuring local talent.

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Just Last Week – Members Sharing

Unfortunately our scheduled guest speaker, Iryna Verbivska, a Ukrainian photo journalist, was not able to make it to our meeting so we asked some of our long time members to tell us a bit about their history as a Rotarian. Kris Hazard spoke about her involvement with the Kai Opua Canoe Club and Larry Webb and Maverick Malech talked story about their years and experiences in Rotary.



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Axminster, Eng



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Waianae, HI



David Byrne
Waianae, HI



Wendy Clark
Kailua Kona, HI

At the Club – RCOK Supports Kai Opua & Paddling



President Jenaya presents Kris Hazard with a check for \$10,000 to support the establishment of a Paddling Course in Kailua Bay. This is the only fully permitted paddling course in the State of Hawaii and possibly in the Country.

Video of the presentation:

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In the Community – PATH 5K Fundraiser

Aloha Rotarians,

PATH is having a **5k fundraiser on May 16** from the Civic Center. It is an out and back on Ane K. Highway.

This event will be a fundraiser to continue providing free bike education classes to keiki, assist in promoting safe walking and biking on Hawaii Island and continue expansion of the HIBIKE bikeshare program.

Sign up and support this great organization!

<https://pathhawaii.org/resources/races/>

Mahalo - Jenaya

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The MAY 5k

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WHEN: Tuesday, May 19 from 8A to noon • WHERE: Ironman Warehouse 75-5599 Alapa St. If you are available to lend a hand, please let me know. Come out and support this fun community event!

Mahalo - Jenaya

In the Community – Kona Brewing Fundraiser

Aloha Rotarians,

Kona Brewing Hawaii is having a **fundraiser concert on Friday, May 15 at the King Kam**. This is to raise funds for those affected by the Kona Low storms. They are looking for folks to help with check in. I need two more people who are interested in helping. Will need to be there around 3:30 pm as doors open at 4:00 pm.

OR if you want to attend the event it looks like a really good reggae line up featuring Wavvy, Lewa and The Steppas. Kick off summer the right way at the King Kamehameha Hotel with Wavvy's Sink Or Swim Tour — an unforgettable night of live music and Liquid Aloha, presented by Kona Brewing Hawai'i. Be there as Wavvy performs their brand-new album alongside special guests The Steppas and Lewa. Come early, grab food and drinks, and cruise through a local marketplace featuring your favorite island vendors. Even better, every ticket supports a great cause, with all proceeds going toward communities recovering from the Kona Low storm. Good music, good people, and a night that gives back — this is one you don't want to miss! Doors open at 4pm. 21+ only, valid ID required for entry. Service fees included in the ticket price. All sales final.

Mahalo - Jenaya

In the Community – Hilo Brewfest

Aloha Rotarians,

As some of you may know, Rotary Club of Hilo puts on the Hilo Brewfest as their fundraiser. This year the event will be held on **Saturday, July 11**. Lets head over and support a fellow club (and scope out how another fest is run!). I know some Rotarians are already planning on going so don't worry you won't be alone! (We can also arrange carpooling closer to.)



Tickets are currently available. General admission (2 pm to 5 pm) is \$75 and VIP (1 pm to 5 pm: AC, indoor seating, access to special food and indoor bathrooms), is \$150. And if you want to make a weekend of it, the Grand Naniloa Hotel has special rates.

See the website to buy tickets and for info on booking the hotel. <https://www.hilobrewfest.com/>

Hope to see you there!

Jenaya

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Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park
Highway 11
Volcano, HI 96740

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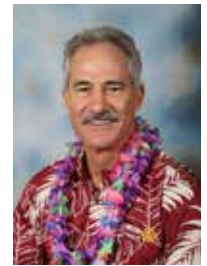
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At the Podium – Sam Guckenheimer – Kona Indivisible



The mission of the 13-chapter Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network (IHSN) is to protect Hawai'i and democracy through grassroots action to defend civil rights, diverse communities and values, most importantly, Hawai'i's Constitutionally protected spirit of Aloha. In March 2026, IHSN and its partners turned out more than 25,000 residents on all major islands, coinciding with the more than 8 million people across the USA organized by Indivisible's national organization and its partners.

In the 2026 legislative session, IHSN members were instrumental in moving 13 bills to passage across HI Good Government, Migrant Rights, Affordability for Working Families, Healthcare Access (including for LGBTQ+ patients), and Gun Safety. The most notable achievement is SB 2471, Sunshine over Dark Money, which now is the first-ever law to undo the flood of dark money enabled by Citizens United.

Sam Guckenheimer is the Lead of Kona Indivisible (KIND), one of 13 chapters of the Indivisible HI State Network and the National Indivisible network of 3000 local groups, comprising millions of members in every state.

His parents and grandparents were Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany. Sam studied in Germany and the former USSR and traveled extensively in Eastern Europe before 1989 to experience the reality of authoritarian and post-authoritarian societies firsthand.

In 2020, Sam retired from a career in software development and moved to Napo'opo'o village, South Kona District, on Hawai'i Island. He wrote three books on software engineering that were translated into seven languages. He is best known for his work at Microsoft, 2003-2020, when he led strategy for developer tools, tripling the customer base to 5 million active users and \$1.5B in revenue.

Just Last Week – Phil Walls – SBA Disaster Recovery



The mission of the Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience is to connect individuals, businesses, and private non-profits with SBA disaster assistance programs. It improves disaster recovery outcomes and economic resilience by helping communities prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against disasters of all types.

Phil Walls is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. SBA Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience. He and his team are currently working across Hawai'i to support businesses, homeowners, nonprofits and residents who have experienced loss due to the effects of the Kona Low storms. He deployed to the Big Island from his home in New Orleans to spread awareness of the resources that are available to help the community recover. Prior to his current assignment, he served communities in Missouri, California and Washington, among others. His career in service to our country began in 1999, when he signed up for the Marine Corps after a recruiter told him that one day he might get stationed in Hawai'i. He's here in 2026 for the first time.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 052126.mp4

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.

May 28, 2026

This Week

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

Program:
Sam Guckenheimer
Kona Indivisible

Greeter:
Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Dark	06/04
Strategic Planning Mtg	06/06
Speaker TBD	06/11
Heartbeat Meals	
Speaker TBD	06/18
HI Forensic Nurse Exmrs	

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President's Position Francesco Arezzo Rotary International



May 2026

Shoki Wafula did not know what to expect when he was forced to leave his birth country of Uganda for South Africa. What he found was

a Rotary community that welcomed him with warmth and friendship. That experience inspired him to help create a Rotaract e-club where young leaders from around the world could connect, develop their skills, and serve together.

Today, that community includes members across multiple continents who collaborate on leadership development, peacebuilding, and service initiatives. For Wafula, the experience reinforced the lesson that meaningful service begins with people who feel connected, valued, and empowered to lead.

His story reminds us why Youth Service Month is so important. Through Rotaract and programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, young people build leadership skills, develop global understanding, and discover the impact they can make through service.

Rotary's Action Plan calls on us to enhance participant engagement. At its heart, that goal asks a simple question: How can we ensure that participation in Rotary is meaningful and fulfilling for everyone? Youth programs and Rotaract provide a powerful answer.

When clubs mentor Rotaractors, host exchange students, or support youth leadership initiatives, they create opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family.

They also create lasting pathways into Rotary. Thousands of young people complete Rotary programs each year, and they carry those experiences with them throughout their lives. Many remain eager to stay connected.

Organizations such as Rotex International, an association of former Youth Exchange students, help Rotary program alumni continue serving as mentors, leaders, and advocates for our youth programs. As Rotex co-founder Hans Lee wrote in a recent reflection on Youth Exchange alumni, "exchange doesn't end when you return home."

When we welcome these young leaders into our clubs and activities, we strengthen the continuity of Rotary across generations.

During Youth Service Month, I hope every Rotary club reflects on how youth programs can enhance engagement for new and longtime members. Collaborate on service projects and invite youth voices into your planning and decision making.

Rotary's message to the world is that we can Unite for Good. Youth programs show us how that happens in practice — when generations come together, share ideas, and work side by side in service.

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Just Visiting



Jackie & Bryce Rockman
Gulf Shore, AL



Dan & Coleen Coons
Gilbert, AZ



Thelma Walls
Kailua Kona, HI

At the Convention – June 7 to 13 – Taipei, Taiwan

From 7 – 13 June, cyclists will be cycling 540km to create awareness and raise funds in our effort to keep the promise Rotary International made to the children of the world in 1988. The promise of eradicating the Polio virus from the world. 7 days from Taipei to Kaohsiung to Kenting to Chihpen to Chishang to Hualien to Jiaoxi and back to Taipei. What an effort. 60 cyclists including 2 from our Rotary District 5000 - Rich Courson and his wife Tina.

A 'Raise for Rotary' site: <https://raise.rotary.org/rcc/challenge560> has been created to make your giving easier. And remember, End Polio Now contributions are matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation. So, while Rich wants to raise \$10,000 - with the Gates match this will equate to \$30,000. We can do so much better than that... So if you haven't given yet – now is a great time to do so and if you have – give a little more.

If you're not going to the Convention - support Rich and Tina with your contributions and if you are going, contribute and join me at the finish line to congratulate them. What Say You???? Exciting times – can you feel it???? We are indeed approaching that 'Last Mile'... We can do this...

Checks are to be made out to 'The Rotary Foundation' (with 'Polio Plus' in the memo line) and mailed to 4348 Waialae Avenue, 921 Honolulu, Hawaii 96816.

At the Club – Kona Brewers Festival Memorabilia for Sale

Aloha Rotarians,

If you didn't get a 31st Kona Brewers Festival T-shirt we still have them available! Christmas presents? Birthday presents? A way to look back in 20 years on the first festival Rotary organized? Get your shirt while you still can!

\$25/shirt tax included. Some sizes are limited so first come, first choice: Men's size T-shirts: Gray S, M, L, XL, 2XL • Turquoise Blue S, M, L • Army Green M, L, XL Cream M, L, XL, 2XL • Women's Racerback Tank Purple: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

We also have 2 blue trucker hats with printed logo \$15, and hats (blue, black, green brim) with embroidered logo \$25.

Place your order and then we will get them to you/arrange to deliver. If you arent in Kona we can arrange to ship them!

Thanks - Jenaya





In the Community – Ironman 70.3 Honu Race

Aloha Rotarians,

I am helping to coordinate Finish line activities at the **Ironman 70.3 Honu taking place on Saturday, May 30** at the Fairmont Orchid. We are still looking for volunteers to help with finish line activities.

So go to <https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=107116> and sign up to help! Select one of the following from the volunteer list. The finish line is great fun because the athletes are super pumped to have crossed the finish line and receive their medal!

Finish Line/Post Race - Set up Sat • Finish Line / Medals • Finish Line /Timing Chip collection
Finish Line/Athlete T shirts+ Hats • Finish Line/Post Race - Clean up

Mahalo - Jenaya



In the Community – Hilo Brewfest

Aloha Rotarians,

As some of you may know, Rotary Club of Hilo puts on the Hilo Brewfest as their fundraiser. This year the event will be held on **Saturday, July 11**. Lets head over and support a fellow club (and scope out how another fest is run!). I know some Rotarians are already planning on going so don't worry you won't be alone! (We can also arrange carpooling closer to.)



Tickets are currently available. General admission (2 pm to 5 pm) is \$75 and VIP (1 pm to 5 pm: AC, indoor seating, access to special food and indoor bathrooms), is \$150. And if you want to make a weekend of it, the Grand Naniloa Hotel has special rates.

See the website to buy tickets and for info on booking the hotel. <https://www.hilobrewfest.com/>

Hope to see you there! Jenaya

At the Club – Strategic Planning Meeting

June 6, from 9A to noon? We will be meeting at the West Hawaii Civic Center, Building B, 2nd Floor, to carry on strategic planning for the coming Rotary year. We would love to see the board members in attendance and as many club members as possible.

Mahalo - Jenaya

At the Club – Annual Installation Party Coming Up

Aloha Rotarians!

Our Rotary Clubs of West Hawaii Annual Installation party is right around the corner! This is a time to celebrate last year's achievements and honor those who have served on the board for Rotary year 2025-2026. We have a special treat this year as Chef Sahara is going to cater an Indian buffet (don't worry, she won't make it too spicy!)

So mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27 at 5 pm. Location will be Becca and Peter's house in Holualoa. More details and RSVPing to follow but for now just save the date!

Thanks - Jenaya

From Last Year's Party



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 Webb 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

May 15, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL & KAMEHAMEHA DAY WEEKEND- Alii Drive

May 2, 2026, 9A to 2P
KONA ORCHID SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY SHOW & SALE
- Makao County Pavilion, Old Airport Beach <https://konoorchidsociety.squarespace.com/our-events>

May 30, 2026
IRONMAN 70.3 HONU RACE - Fairmont Orchid
To volunteer:
<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=107116>

Member Birthday

Tom Bierlein
May 4
Jim Kilgore
May 15

Wedding Anniversary

Alan & Wendy Clark
May 4, 1980 - 46 Yrs
Janice & Jim (De) Gustin
May 24, 1970 - 56 Yrs

Joined Anniversary

Bob Barker
May 23, 2024 - 2 Yrs
Anthony Bonnici
May 5, 2022 - 4 Yrs
Daniel Colimon
May 8, 2025 - 1 Yr
Rebekah Hill
May 5, 2022 - 4 Yrs
Michelle Romo
May 5, 2022 - 4 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:

2nd Friday if the Month
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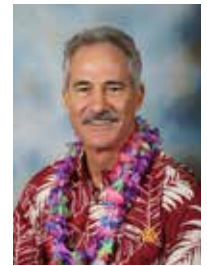
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