



The Coffee Press

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise Weekly Newsletter

March 26, 2014



The timing for our guest speaker this week could not be better, as it was recently announced that the District 5000 Conference for Rotary year 2014-2015 is going to be held at the Hilton in Waikoloa on the May long weekend.

Leanne Pletcher, Director of Public Relations for the Waikoloa Hilton will give us a Summer/Spring Activity Update .

Welcome Leanne!



MEET N' EAT WEDNESDAY

Please join us at Kealakehe Intermediate School Cafeteria at 5:45 Wednesday as we join the Interact Club to serve a meal to those in our community who may otherwise go hungry.

Macaroni and Cheese anyone??

GREETER: Glennon Gingo

DOOR PRIZE: Jodi Harai

Meetings every Wednesday, 6:45 am
at Hale Halawai, 75-5760 Alii Drive,
Kailua Kona, HI

District Assembly

On Saturday, several of our club members attended the annual District Assembly held at the West Hawai'i Civic Center.

Topics included Rotary 101, Rotary Foundation Basics, Training for Secretaries and Treasurers, Leadership Training, Media and Public Relations, Youth Services and one of "How to make your meeting fun". From the comments made by those in attendance, all the sessions were informative and interesting.

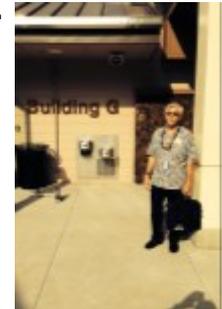
Thank you to all the instructors and facilitators that travelled from Oahu and Maui to share their knowledge of Rotary.

At the end of the session, those who completed an evaluation were given a ticket for a chance to win a \$25 Starbucks card. Of the four prizes, **THREE OF THEM WENT TO KONA SUNRISE MEMBERS!!** Must have been

the leftover good luck from the St. Patrick's Day Bash...Congrats to Mike May, Vicki Kalman and Sylvia Owens. The other winner was Tom Daniel from the Rotary Club of Kona.

Next years assembly will be held on Saturday March 28th - you might want to pencil that in your calendar now while it is fresh on your mind.

Clap once; pause; clap twice; pause; clap four times; pause; clap twice; then yell "LIGHT UP ROTARY". Thus ended the day.



Club and Community News

If you have not already done so, please mark your calendars for **Saturday April 12th.**

That evening we will be celebrating our clubs fifth anniversary, and will be joined by a delegation from our new sister club, Nagoya South. The event is going to be catered, and plans have been made for some great entertainment.



Please keep member Derek Chignell in your thoughts as he travels to various places, including Kosovo where he will be meeting with local Rotarians regarding the proposed water project.



The club has a very busy calendar for the next few months. On April 26th we will be welcoming the Australian Friendship Team and there will be some activities planned for

them. April 26th is also Rotarians at Work Day, and although our project is not scheduled until May 10, it is possible we may do another project that day.



May 10 is the work project at the Domestic Abuse Shelter. All members are encouraged to participate in some way - unless of course you are participating in the Visitor Industry Charity Walk that same day...



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. There are several activities that are taking place in the community during the month - if you happen to see Club Secretary Bev standing on the street waving a sign promoting the prevention of child abuse - please honk (just don't run her over...)

Embracing the true potential of Rotary

Posted on **March 19, 2014**

By Mara B. Huber, PhD, past president of the Rotary Club of Buffalo-Sunrise, New York, USA

I am not a joiner. On the contrary, I have gone to great lengths to avoid all groups with official names and rules. I have zero interest in badges or titles or joining committees. And the words “fellowship” and “oath” evoke a reflexive need to escape and hide.

And yet I am a Rotarian, and amazingly, a very enthusiastic and proud one. What draws me to Rotary?

It’s not the club meetings, the programs, or projects. It’s not even the amazing contributions that Rotarians make to communities around the world.

For me, it’s the system — a system that is remarkably robust and nimble, organized entirely around the notion of service above self, a mission that is both powerful and unifying.

All layers of the Rotary system — from clubs, to districts and zones, to Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation — are designed to amplify and leverage the contributions of individual Rotary members toward the greatest impact.

To be clear, Rotary is not a panacea, nor is it perfect in its current manifestations. A tour of Rotary clubs will reveal surprising variability, with some clinging to tradition at the cost of relevance, and diversity uneven at best (and often much worse). And you will quickly learn that women have only been officially accepted since 1987, with no woman serving as president of Rotary International to date.



A well donated by the Rotary Club of Buffalo Sunrise and partnering clubs to benefit Kitenga in Tanzania.

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Embracing the true potential of Rotary - cont'd

Clearly, Rotary has yet to reach its full potential. But as a model for community and world development it is like none other that I have found.

From an infrastructure standpoint it is both lean and transparent. Leaders serve one-year terms with no financial or political benefits. Unlike our educational system, Rotary truly is a pipeline with programs focused on youth, young professionals, and adults who can contribute well into their senior years.

The system is built around individual clubs, with districts offering support and resources to ensure health and sustainability, even in the face of continually changing membership, leadership, and community context.

This is perhaps my favorite aspect of the Rotary system. Despite its size, complexity, and dynamic nature it is inherently elegant and nimble enough to flex and pivot with the changing needs of the

world. And like any robust system, it must also continue to attract members who seek the experiences it affords.

While historically, Rotary has sustained itself largely on those who enjoy the benefits of fellowship, networking, and the status that is often associated with membership, the inner and outer workings of the system have gone largely unseen.

But today our communities are experiencing deeper and more systemic challenges than ever before. And at the same time, people of all ages are yearning for a more meaningful connection with the world.

Fortunately, Rotary is poised to deliver on both ends. And as a model it is scalable, sustainable, and highly accessible to all who are ready to engage.

It is time we embrace Rotary for all that it has to offer.

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Bash
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 District Assembly 8:15 - 2:30
23	24	25	26 Meet n Eat at Kealakehe	27	28	29
30	31					

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Mike & Bev / Enock & Ingrid	3	4  Barbara & Glen	5
6	7	8	9	10  KC	11	12 5th Anniversary Celebration
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20  Cliff	21	22	23  Ann 	24  Vicki & Ray	25 Welcome Australian Friendship Exchange Group!	26
27	28	29	30			



Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary



Ron Burton
RI President
2013-2014



Phil Sammer
District 5000
Governor



John Roth
Assistant Governor
- WH



Vicki Kalman
Club President
2013-2014

BIG ISLAND ROTARY CLUBS

Rotary Club of Kona, Thursday at noon, King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka, Tuesday at noon, Teshima's Restaurant, Honalo

Rotary Club of North Hawaii, Wednesday at noon, Anna's Ranch

Rotary Club of Hilo, Friday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, Wednesday at 6:45 am, Hilo Yacht Club

Rotary Club of South Hilo, Tuesday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotary Club of Volcano, Saturday, 8:00 am, Volcano House

Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset, Tuesday at 6:30 pm, Akebone Theater

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