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Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

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This week: THE FOOD BASKET

Our guest speaker this week is En Young, Executive Director of The Food Basket.

MISSION

The mission of The Food Basket, Inc. is to feed the hungry in Hawaii County while attending to the root causes of this critical social problem. The Food Basket will accomplish its mission by:

- Preventing the waste of all edible food in Hawaii County;
- Feeding the hungry with this food;
- Educating the community about local hunger and what can be done to solve this social problem; and
- Collaborating with organizations of partnering missions to eradicate the root of hunger and other social ills: poverty.

OBJECTIVES

The Food Basket's goals include:

- Eradicating hunger on the Big Island

through redistribution of food that would otherwise be wasted;

Providing a connection between Big Island agriculture and its most vulnerable populations;

Serving our supporters and clients in the spirit of Aloha, with respect and kindness;

Removing the stigma that has been unfairly attached to those needing assistance;

Helping our partners provide healthy, nutritious food to all of the Big Island's needy, and;

Providing an example of trust, transparency, and responsible stewardship for non-profits and the public island-wide.



En Young, The Food Basket

Welcome En!

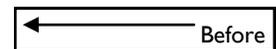
The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets every Wednesday at 6:45 am at Humpy's Restaurant (upstairs above the ABC Store), 75-5815 Alii Drive, Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Club President Mike Fraser at 989-0360.

Got Mug?

Have you purchased your mug yet?

For a mere \$20.00 you can purchase the unique mug that changes colors when filled with a hot beverage - blossoming into a lava fountain with the Light Up Rotary logo. And the best part is that \$10.00 of the cost goes towards the End Polio Now campaign.

Get yours today - before they disappear!



Not exactly as pictured...but close!

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ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians;
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.

Club News

BY LAWS AMENDMENTS

All Club Members should have received an email notification from Club Secretary Mike May with information on some proposed changes to the Club By-Laws. A vote on the amendments will take place next meeting, September 24th. If you have any questions, please see Mike May.



Don't forget that this Saturday, September 20th is the collection day at

Walmart for the Domestic Abuse Shelter. If you have not signed up yet for a shift, please see Ann Goody. Of course you can always just bring any donations directly to our meeting.



Have you signed up for the PRLS (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar) training? It is scheduled to take place Saturday October 25th at the West Hawai'i Civic Center. To register, either see President Mike or register online at www.rotaryd5000.org

District News

Aloha District 5000 Rotarians,

7pm Gala Dinner.

The District Conference will be held at the beautiful Hilton Waikoloa Resort on the Kona Coast of Hawaii Island on May 22 to 24, 2015.

Conference tentative schedule follows:

Friday:

Noon Registration opens
6:30pm Welcome Reception

Saturday:

7am Registration open
12:30-1:30pm ice cream bar
1:30-4:30pm Plenary Session
6-7pm Reception

Sunday:

7am Registration open
7-8am Breakfast
8-11:30am Plenary
11:30-12:30 lunch
12:30-3:30pm Plenary
3:30-4:30pm Meeting.

Click here to go to the Registration page -[District Conference 2015](#).

Register for the hotel separately. \$159/night for Partial Ocean view, \$139/night Resort View.

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- Rotary Club of Kona**, Every Thursday at noon, King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel
- Rotary Club of Kona Mauka**, Every Tuesday at noon, Teshima's Restaurant, Honalo
- Rotary Club of North Hawaii**, Every Wednesday at noon, Anna's Ranch, Waimea
- Rotary Club of Hilo**, Every Friday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- Rotary Club of Hilo Bay**, Every Wednesday at 6:45 am, Hilo Yacht Club
- Rotary Club of South Hilo**. Every Tuesday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- Rotary Club of Volcano**, Every Saturday 8:00 am, Volcano House, Volcano National Park
- Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset**, Every Tuesday at 5:30, Luquin's Restaurant

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Rate good May 19-27, 2015 for special group rate. Register at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/K/KOAHWHH-RIC-20150521/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Conference Chairs: Jim and Beth Hoban

Registration and Meal Package prices are as follows:

	Until 12/31/14	1/1/15 to 4/30/15	5/1/15 to 5/19/15
Registration	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Fri/Sat/Sun- Reg & meals	\$225.00	\$240.00	\$290.00
Sat - Dinner	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Sun - Breakfast & lunch	\$135.00	\$185.00	\$235.00

GIVING VOICE TO CHILDREN WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE LIVE IN A SILENT WORLD

Misheelt Batjargal and her fellow club members are giving a voice to infants and toddlers in Mongolia who would otherwise live in a silent world.

As part of a large-scale community project, the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Mongolia, is equipping hospitals with screening devices to test newborns' hearing. Batjargal, an ear, nose, and throat physician, says screening to detect hearing loss is not routine nationwide in Mongolia. She estimates that more than 200 hundred children in the country lose their hearing each year.

But Batjargal believes this is preventable. Early screenings are crucial for infants because, left undiagnosed, hearing impairment can impede children's development in speech, language, and cognition.

"If we can detect hearing loss before babies turn six months old, we can fit them with hearing aids or cochlear implants and give them good early intervention programs that will allow them to communicate normally at school and with friends," says Batjargal, who noted that only one hospital in Mongolia conducted screenings before club members launched the project in 2013. "Our club is helping prevent hearing-impaired babies from growing up in a world of isolation."

The club has held two fundraisers since January, including a performance of the ballet "Swan Lake." They raised more than \$10,000 -- enough to outfit two hospitals with screening devices. The Ministry

of Health worked with the club on both events, which indicates the issue's importance for Mongolia, says Enkhtur Sodnomtseren, chair of the club's service committee.

"Hearing disability has been largely ignored by the government, as it is seen as low-priority in the overall list of pressing health issues," says Sodnomtseren. "It's also been under the radar of most charity and grant organizations. We as a club want to fill this gap. We can see that with a little extra effort and time, we can dramatically improve the quality of life, for not only the affected babies, but their families as well."

Sodnomtseren says that the club, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Health, can expand the project. It hopes to raise enough funds to supply every maternity ward with screening devices and training over the next few years. More than 78,000 infants will be tested each year, he estimates.

Batjargal, who plans to train other medical practitioners in how to use the screening devices, says this project exemplifies the positive change Rotary can make.

"Instead of waiting for the government to address this problem, our Rotary club has decided to solve it," says Batjargal. "We're making a major contribution to society. This is simply what we do."

By Ryan Hyland
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Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary



Gary Huang
RI President
2014 - 2015



Laura Steelquist
District 5000
Governor



Donna Hiranaka
West Hawai'i
Assistant Governor



Mike Fraser
Club President
2014 - 2015

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Rotary Means Business 5 - 7 Humpy's	19	20 Collection Day for Shelter at Walmart
21	22	23  Ben and Sona	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 DAS Project	4 DAS Project
5	6  Sylvia	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Rotary Means Business Humpy's 5 - 7  Sylvia & Chuck	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 PRLS Training
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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