



# THE COFFEE PRESS

Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

## This week: JROTC

Greeter:

Barbara

Door Prize:

Ann

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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.

This week, our guest speaker is retired Lieutenant Colonel Dan Malakie, who will be presenting information on the JROTC program.

From the Kealakehe High School web site [khsweaveriders.org](http://khsweaveriders.org)

Kealakehe US Army JROTC was started in September 1997 as a cross enrollment of the Konawaena JROTC Battalion. Charlie Company, Kealakehe JROTC started with 40 cadets. A color guard, rifle team and adventure team were established that year. Initial plans were to hire an additional instructor and move the Battalion to Kealakehe High School and keep one instructor at Konawaena as a cross enrolled school. Numerous joint activities such as field training exercises, parades, military ball and spring camp were conducted by the cadets from the two schools.

The Fall semester of 1999 was a difficult period for Kealakehe JROTC, because of a new regulation; cross enrollment was no longer allowed and Konawaena pulled support for Kealakehe JROTC. The program was very popular at Kealakehe and thru perseverance by cadets, substitute teachers and administration, the program survived. Community and Department of Education leaders strongly sought a JROTC program at Kealakehe High School. Kealakehe JROTC became an official US Army JROTC Battalion on 1 July 2000. Enrollment continued to grow and the unit has won numerous awards, has an excellent reputation throughout the community and is an Honor Unit.

Welcome Dan!

## District Conference

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET??

IF NOT, What are you waiting for??

For the first time in many years, the Annual District Conference is being held IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!



If you have never had the opportunity to participate in a District Conference - this is the one you will want to attend. Plans are coming together for a wonderful fun filled and entertaining conference, and it's our opportunity to show the rest of the District that an extremely successful event CAN be held outside of Oahu! To register go to [rotaryd5000.org](http://rotaryd5000.org) and click on the District Conference link.

# 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.

## District Governor's February Message

How are you as a Rotarian helping to promote world understanding?

These next three months we have Rotarians from District 5000 going on National Immunization Days to India, participating in Friendship Exchanges in Taiwan and Japan, supporting projects in Cambodia, Thailand, and Romania, attending District Conferences in Japan, attending and leading a peace symposium – and inviting many, many sister clubs to visit Hawaii. Do these activities promote world understanding? Of course they do!

How are you helping to promote world understanding? Let us know what your club is doing. Let us know what you as Rotarians are doing. We'd like to have a record of all the current sister club relationships – when you went there last and when they're coming here. We'd like to know how many of your club members are visiting international projects. Let us know how many short-term exchanges are going on with sister clubs. Tell your story so we can share it with the world. We need to let people see what Rotary is doing to promote world understanding and peace.

Another story I might not have already shared with you: John and I were participating in our first National Immunization Day in Mumbai, India – I think it was 2003 – with a group of Rotarians from District 5000. I remember

I was thrilled that the President of the Rotary Club of Mumbai that year was a woman – a woman highly respected by her club members and community. We were in a small fishing village section of Mumbai – a floating small city surrounded by the teeming masses of people that make up Mumbai. We administered the drops – and yes, you do really feel like you've done something very, very special. But the highlight of that trip which has stayed with me to this day is that the group from Hawaii wasn't the only team working with the Indian Rotarians and public health workers that day. When we had a chance to pause and meet the other group we were astonished to discover that they were from Pakistan – at that time India and Pakistan were engaged in open hostilities. Two countries at war, but Rotarians from each working side by side to save the children of Mumbai, India. At that moment I suddenly realized as never before that there is hope for peace and understanding in the world – through Rotary.

So – it's FEBRUARY! February 23rd is the 110th anniversary of Rotary International. Find a way to promote world understanding – or community understanding – or family understanding - and share that story with friends and potential Rotarians. We have Five more months this Rotary year to make a difference in someone's life! Five more months to change your own life! Five more months to LIGHT UP ROTARY!

## Where Big Island Clubs Meet

- 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 6:30, Luquin's Restaurant

## Club and Community News

Great to see Sylvia Owens back at our meetings! Best wishes to Chuck as he recovers from his surgery.



**Saturday February 14th** is the Annual Valentines Wine Tasting Celebration presented by the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka. For more information contact Sandee Crisp at [sandee-crisp@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:sandee-crisp@hawaii.rr.com)



**Sunday February 22** is Project Compassion, benefitting The Pregnancy Center, at Denny's Restaurant in Kona. 20% of the revenue for the evening, along with 100% of all tips will go

towards the Center. There will be a silent auction and entertainment as well.



West Hawaii Explorations Academy is holding a Community Fair on **Saturday February 28th** from 11 - 3 at their new campus at NELHA. This is a great opportunity to see what WHEA is all about - for more information call 327-4751



Are you on Facebook? If so, please make sure you like our club page at [Facebook.com/konasunriserotary](https://www.facebook.com/konasunriserotary). You might also want to join the Fundinjo

Interact Club Group as well, to keep up with what the club is doing.



Mark your calendar now for the club's Spring Fundraiser to be held on **April 18th** (we are not doing a St. Patrick's Day Bash this year). More information to follow.



Safe travels to Ann and Norm Goody on their upcoming trip to New Zealand. Wonder what animal they will be bringing back this time...

## Message from President Mike

As you may have noticed February is World Understanding Month. So please share your Rotary stories - I know a couple of you have been on world trips and may have visited other clubs; participated in a Polio Immunization Day; or been on a Rotaplast mission. All this helps to promote Rotary.

I have visited clubs in Thailand and they are there for the same reason we are. We have a sister club in Japan who have visited us and I would love to visit theirs. We are now sponsoring an Interact sister club in Africa - what an opportunity for world understanding for these young adults. I firmly believe that opportunity would not have come about without our club. We have

world wide and district partner clubs in our global grant funding for Kosovo. Kudos to Vicki, Derek and Cliff (among others) for all their hard work. Three hundred mugs were sold to help eradicate Polio in other areas of the world. I can personally attest that no other club has beaten that number in District 5000. Each and everyone of you in this club made that happen. The four club District grant that raised so much money and food for the Menhune Food Drive, along with funding from others and participation from the community, was a great project led by Cliff Kopp.

Just think what a difference it would make if we shared these

stories with others and they decided to take on a similar project in another part of the world.

A big Mahalo from the bottom of my heart to all of you. What a great way to celebrate 110 years of Rotary coming up this month. We have had a great year so far all because of you! There are only 5 MONTHS to go this year, and I know that we are going to continue with making a difference in our community - and in the world - because we are "The Little Club That Can".

Yours in Rotary

*Richard K. Franson*

## February 2015 - World Understanding Month



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Ann Goody Fundinjobo Interact Club	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 JROTC Dan Malakie	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18 County of Hawai'i - Wally Lau	19 Rotary Means Business	20  Jamie	21
22 Project Compassion - The Pregnancy Center	23	24	25 Palamanui Development - Greg Chun	26	27 <b>RYLA</b> →	28

## March 2015 - Literacy Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Mike May	3	4 Richard Taaffe, West Hawaii Community Health Center	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Tracey Fosso, West Hawai'i Today	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rotary Means Business	20	21
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