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Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

This week: Wally Lau, County of Hawai'i

This week we will hear from Wally Lau, Managing Director with the County of Hawai'i.



Wally will give us an update on some of the current issues at the County.

Welcome Wally!

Greeter:

Michele

Door Prize:

Enock

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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.

Board approves scholarship for Fundinjobo

At the request of Youth Services Chair Ann Goody, the Board of Directors has approved a new scholarship to be presented to an Interact student from the Fundinjobo Interact Club in South Africa.

Several of the Interact students will be encouraged to apply for the scholarship. The process of selection will be very similar to what the club

uses for our other scholarships, with the help of the Interact Advisor Judy Pott and the White River Rotary Club.

The scholarship amount will be at least \$1,000. The current exchange rate is \$1.00 US will buy 11.65 South African Rand, so this is a significant scholarship for the chosen student.

More details to follow!

Mayor's Luncheon

Please join us for our 2015 Focus Luncheon with Mayor Kenoi February 24, 11:30 - 1:30 pm; Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay.

Mayor Billy Kenoi and select cabinet members discuss opportunities and challenges for West Hawaii's economy at the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce 2015 Focus Luncheon.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union, the annual luncheon offers a unique opportunity

for the local community to meet with county department representatives in a casual setting.

Attendees have the chance to have lunch with members of a specific department as well as pose questions to the mayor and cabinet heads. Issues discussed may include update of the Keauhou Aquifer; the county's solid waste management plan; and the quest to reopen the Kona International Airport international arrivals facility.

Luncheon will be a buffet setting -

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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.

ROTARY MEMBER TAKES FUNDRAISING TO NEW HEIGHTS -- THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT EVEREST

Despite his longstanding interest in polio eradication, polio was not on Joe Pratt's mind as he prepared for a mid-April 2012 climb of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth. But that changed in late 2011, when the resident of Nottingham, New Hampshire, USA, participated in a polio immunization project in Pakistan with fellow Rotary member Steve Puderbaugh.

Moved by the efforts of the Pakistanis to battle the crippling disease, and by the vulnerability of the young victims, Pratt reset the focus of his climbing adventure. Pakistan is one of three countries where polio has never been stopped (the others are Afghanistan and Nigeria).

Pratt considered wearing a polio patch on his climbing outfit, as a tribute to those who had had polio. But Puderbaugh had other ideas.

"My point was, 'Who's going to see that patch?'" recalls Puderbaugh.

Instead, he suggested that Pratt dedicate the climb to raising funds for polio eradication. Pratt, a tall, lean 59-year-old

Delta Airlines pilot who has been a member of the Rotary Club of Raymond Area for 28 years, says he "recognized it as a great idea" right away, and mentioned it to their Pakistani hosts at dinner.

"It was immediately embraced by the Pakistanis," says Pratt, who had also climbed Mount McKinley and Mount Kilimanjaro among others.

At first, the planners set a fundraising goal of \$10,000, but later increased it to \$29,030 -- a dollar for each foot of Mount Everest's height. And since Pratt's successful climb, his efforts have raised more than \$40,000, not including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

His ascent, accomplished as part of a team of 23 Russians and one American, took five weeks. The climbers braved high winds and subzero temperatures, and occasionally passed the bodies of climbers who'd perished weeks or months earlier -- grim reminders of the perils of the adventure. In the end, only 12 members of

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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

Mount Everest - continued

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the expedition reached the summit, the others having turned back.

Pratt says he had a lot of motivation to keep going.

"One of the many images in my mind was that of the little Pakistani kids -- kids who were healthy and hopefully will stay healthy," he says. "I would think, I want to quit, but these kids are depending on me."

It took a little over a year to reach the \$29,030 goal, with contributions picking up significantly last fall, after Pratt spoke to Rotarians from six

Montana clubs. For them, Pratt's story had special meaning.

"He's a mountain climber and we're in the mountains of northwest Montana," says Michael Hayes, a businessman and 19-year member of the Rotary Club of Daybreak Kalispell. "Several people are into mountaineering here."

Hayes was also impressed with Pratt's selflessness, noting that he'd borne the entire \$50,000 cost of his Mount Everest climb, never seeking any funding help.

"We were also impressed that Joe Pratt, on his own time and his own dime, came out to speak to us,"

Hayes adds. "His trip didn't cost our club anything."

Pratt gave two talks during his mid-October visit to Montana, attracting about \$11,000 in donations from club members and area residents and \$23,000 in matching funds from the Gates Foundation.

"It was very heartening," says Pratt, a former naval aviator, husband of 34 years, and father of two. "I have given talks in libraries and other places. In one worst-case scenario, only one person showed up."

Mayor's Luncheon - continued

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Mixed green salad with assorted dressing, potato macaroni salad, Chinese chicken salad; steamed white rice, chow mein noodles and vegetables. Seasonal vegetables. Beef teriyaki with sesame seeds and green onions.

Seasonal fresh fish with mango butter sauce. Chef's selection of desserts and iced tea.

Cost for the luncheon is \$46 for Chamber and Rotary members, \$56 for non-members.

No walk-ins allowed. Pre-

payment is required. Registration deadline is **Thursday, February 19**. No refunds or transfers thereafter.

For more information and/or to register, please [click here](#) or call the Chamber office at 808-329-1758.

NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY

National Drink Wine Day is celebrated annually on February 18 across the United States.

The purpose of [National Drink Wine Day](#) is to spread the love and health benefits of wine. Wine has played an important role in history, religion and relationships. We embrace the positive benefits of wine such as new friends, reduced risk of heart disease and the enhancement of food and life.



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 RYLA →	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
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