

# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise



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## This Week: DONKEY MILL ART CENTER

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Joining us this week is Barbara Pfaffenberger from the Donkey Mill Art Center.

From the website: [www.donkeymillartcenter.org](http://www.donkeymillartcenter.org)

### Our Vision:

We are a gathering place where people develop as creative, conscious, and healthy human beings through art education and experience.

### Our Mission:

The Donkey Mill Art Center provides art education and experiences to people of all ages and abilities at our facility in Holualoa. This includes hands-on classes, exhibitions, and events of contemporary visual arts, crafts and culture.

### Our Values:

**Creativity:** passionate, inspired self-expression

**Community:** engagement through connection and collaboration

**Diversity:** inclusive of all ages, abilities and

cultures

Process: continuous growth with focus on the journey

Welcome Barbara!



Art is life. Life is art.



**GREETER:** Carol

**DOOR PRIZE:** Marcia

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets every Wednesday at 7:00 am at Humpy's Restaurant (upstairs above the ABC Store), 75-5815 Alii Drive, Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Club President Bev Fraser at 936-9965

# Two events - one big, one small...



## Join in the fun, food & laughs

Saturday, September 5

5:45 pm @ Annie's Island Fresh Burgers

7:30 pm @ the Aloha Theatre for:

## Incognito



All seats \$20 for "Incognito" are reserved so please RSVP Dani who is handling the club ticketing. ([Dani.knapp808@gmail.com](mailto:Dani.knapp808@gmail.com) or 443-3456). Let her know ASAP so we can all sit together. We have 6 signed up so far. Bring family and friends and let us share some laughs at this fun club social!

"Laughing brings good fortune" a Korean saying goes. So get ready to strike it rich!

"Incognito" is a certifiably zany, bumpier than burlesque, brand new ALL - Variety show featuring the best of Kona's hidden talent.

Join us for an exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime event!

"Incognito" — you'll never know who's in the show.

The purpose of this correspondence is to announce an upcoming trip to **Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa** in **November 2015** to participate in a **polio immunization exercise**, attend the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual West Africa Project Fair**, and engage in a **hands-on work project**. Attached is detailed trip information. Please feel free to share this information with the Rotarians in your club *as soon as possible* as we have a limited amount of space and expect this trip to be filled in the next week or two.

Trip Dates: November 10 – 19, 2015  
Travel to: Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa  
Per Person Price: \$1,779, double occupancy

Program includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization exercise, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc.

In November 2015, North American Rotarians will travel to **Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire**, for a life changing experience. Have you ever heard a Rotarian speak about their personal experience participating in a polio eradication exercise, a cleft lip/cleft palate mission, or work on a humanitarian grant? These trips have a profound effect upon the individual. For those of you who have gone on one of these trips you know, and for those of you who have yet to enjoy this experience, you should.

The experiences you have stay with you forever. You get up early in the morning, travel with local Rotarians to a village, health clinic or impoverished neighborhood, and for the next few hours, you change. Small children come up to you to say thank you. Mothers and fathers smile at you knowing that you are giving their child a chance for a better life. You meet with the leaders in the village to learn of their needs and their hopes. It is hot; it is dusty; it makes you uncomfortable; it is exquisite.

The West Africa Project Fair is endorsed by Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Committee (ROTA), who is trying to generate greater connectivity between the African and North American Rotarians to generate greater support of the projects of Africa. Your involvement, or your club's involvement, in this

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# RI President's Monthly Message

## SEPTEMBER 2015

There was once a strong young man who was offered a job as a woodcutter. He set about his task with energy: The first week, he turned 18 trees into firewood. The second week, he worked just as hard, but was surprised to find he had chopped only 11 trees. The third week, despite working nonstop from morning till night, the number was six, and he went despairingly to the foreman to offer his resignation. "I am losing my strength. I can no longer cut as many trees as I once could."

The foreman looked at the young man, who seemed to him in fine health. "Have you thought of sharpening your ax?" he asked.

"Sharpen my ax? Who has time to sharpen an ax?" the young man asked indignantly. "I have been too busy chopping wood!" When we aren't making the kind of progress we feel we should be making, the natural response is to redouble our efforts. Sometimes, though, the better response is not to work harder, but to work smarter. Look at your tools. Analyze your processes. Are you directing your resources in the most effective ways? Or are you pouring all your strength into chopping wood with a dull ax?

For the last 20 years, we have relentlessly beaten the drum of membership in Rotary. We set goals and launch campaigns, all focused on bringing in more and more members. And yet, our overall numbers remain the same.

It is time to sharpen our tools. Instead of focusing on the question, "How can we bring more members into Rotary?" we should be asking ourselves, "How can we add more value to

Rotary membership, so that more will join and fewer will leave?"

One way we are doing that is with the new Rotary Global Rewards program, which launched in July. This innovative program allows Rotarians to connect with, and receive discounts and concessions from, businesses and service providers around the world. Individual Rotarians may submit their own business to be included alongside those with which Rotary has already negotiated relationships; the most appropriate offers will be added to the listings. We have also created the option of allowing businesses to return a percentage of their profit on each transaction to our Rotary Foundation, and several companies have already been locked into this part of the scheme. Each month we will update the list with additional offers that we may receive. I urge all of you to try it out by signing up on My Rotary at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) now. The more Rotarians participate, the stronger, and more beneficial, the program will be.

Much more than another loyalty program, Rotary Global Rewards is a new way to benefit from being a Rotarian, and being part of the Rotary network. It is another way to combine business and service. And it is yet another way to add value to Rotary membership. We cannot forget that our potential members will be asking themselves, "What's in it for me?" We need to demonstrate the value of Rotary by showing that becoming a Rotarian will enrich their lives, as it has ours.

K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN  
PRESIDENT 2015-16

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Fair would not only provide an opportunity for project support, it would also help your members to grow and to understand the benefits of being a Rotarian. Involvement in Rotary gives the ordinary Rotarian extraordinary opportunities to do things that they could never do anywhere else. This trip is just such an experience.

Even if you are unable to join us this year, please feel free to **announce this program in your club over the next month**, get it on websites, and get it in newsletters. Encourage your members to participate – help them to Be a Gift to the World.

Let us know if you have any questions. We hope to hear from you soon.

Brad

Bradford R. Howard  
Rotary International Director,  
Zones 25-26, 2015-2017

**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

## September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rotary Means Business Humpy's	18	19 District Seminar
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Paul Harris  
Founder of Rotary



KR "Ravi" Ravindran  
RI President  
2014 - 2015



Del Green  
District Governor  
2015 - 2015



Donna Hiranaka  
West Hawai'i  
Assistant Governor



Bev Fraser  
Club President  
2015 - 2016