

# Rotary

## Club of Kona Sunrise



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**This Week: WORLD TRAVELER RAY WOODS - CUBA**

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We are truly blessed to have Ray Woods, a fellow Rotarian from Independence Kansas, be our guest speaker this week. Ray is well known to most Rotarians in West Hawai'i as "the guy who travels A LOT" - and this week he is going to share with us his experiences while traveling to Cuba.



According to [MostTraveledPeople.com](http://MostTraveledPeople.com) Ray has visited 558 of their 875 locations, and has visited 192 United Nations Countries. His first big trip was in 1963 to Southeast Asia, and he has been traveling ever since. In 2008 Ray completed the 319 countries/destinations of the Traveler's Century Club, with Scotland being the final country.

His favorite places are Hawaii where he had Peace Corps training. Belize, Ecuador, Tanzania, Thailand, Philippines, Antarctica, Branson (Missouri) and

hometown Independence, Kansas (not Missouri).

Welcome Ray!!

**GREETER:** David  
**DOOR PRIZE:** Sylvia

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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

# Club & Community News

In just over FIVE WEEKS, the club will be having our fall Fundraising event "Under a Harvest Moon". The date is set for **Saturday, October 17th** at the Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club at Honokohau Harbor. Tickets will be available soon for members to sell. Also, Mike May, chair of the event, will be contacting each of you to see how you can help with the event.

One thing that members can start working on immediately is the collection of items for the silent auction. Please see Bev for more information.

Funds raised at this event are used for our scholarships to local students, as well as the "Kona Sunrise Educational Support Grant" for a student attending Fundinjobo High School in South Africa.



In order for the club to qualify to participate in the Global Grants Program, we must have **AT LEAST TWO** Rotarians attend the District Seminar set for Saturday September 19th at the West Hawai'i Civic Center. The session takes place in the morning from 8:30 - 12:00 - please let President Bev know if you are able to attend.



This year, our club is responsible for the RYLA camp, which takes place at the end of February. At least two, preferably four, of our club members will attend the camp which is held in Volcano at the Military Camp.

President Bev will be asking one of our members to be the chair of the event, as Ann Goody will not be available.



The Kona Crime Prevention Committee's **Officer of the Year luncheon** will be held at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 9 at King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel.

The Kona Crime Prevention Committee honors a Hawaii Police Department officer every month for their outstanding performance in the line of duty. They are Carrie Akina, Dustin Chaves, Coley Rowe, Ellsworth Fontes, Justin Gasper, Marlin Hopson, Bradden Kimura, Chandler Nacino, Wyattlane Nahale, Joseph Picadura, and Reuben Pukahi. Each of these Officers of the Month is eligible to participate in the Officer of the Year selection and will be introduced at the luncheon.

The keynote speaker will be Third Circuit's Administrative Chief Judge Ronald Ibarra who will focus his talk on his experiences as a judge.

Members of the community have donated gifts or sponsorship for these officers every month and for this event. Donations are welcomed.

The Officer of the Year Luncheon is \$35 and reservations must be made with Liz Holey [lholey@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lholey@hawaii.rr.com) or phone 443-7708 by Monday.



## Just for fun...

An old geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr.Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr.Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr.Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me ???"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back.That will be \$500."

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# U.S.-Cuba Rapprochement

The following article is from the Council on Foreign Relations <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations>

On December 17, 2014, Barack Obama and Raul Castro announced that the United States and Cuba would restore full diplomatic ties for the first time in more than fifty years. The announcement followed a prisoner swap: The three still-jailed members of the Cuban Five (one had been released in 2011 and another earlier in 2014) were released in exchange for a U.S. intelligence asset, [Rolando Sarraff Trujillo](#), who had been imprisoned in Havana for nearly twenty years. Gross was also released that morning on humanitarian grounds. The agreement came after eighteen months of secret talks between U.S. and Cuban officials that were encouraged and brokered by Pope Francis.

In addition to the prisoner releases, the United States agreed to further ease restrictions on remittances, travel, and banking; and Cuba agreed to release fifty-three prisoners the United States had classified as political dissidents. U.S. officials confirmed in January 2015 that [all fifty-three](#) were released. The United States and Cuba reopened their embassies in each other's capitals on July 20, 2015, effectively restoring full diplomatic ties. As of August 2015, the White House had not yet named an ambassador to Cuba.

In January, new travel and trade regulations were enacted that enable U.S. travelers to visit Cuba without first obtaining a government license. Airlines will be permitted to provide service to the country and travelers will be

allowed to spend money there. The [new rules](#) also chipped away at economic sanctions by allowing, among other things:

- Travelers to use U.S. credit and debit cards;
- U.S. insurance companies to cover health, life, and travel insurance for individuals living in or visiting Cuba;
- Banks to facilitate authorized transactions;
- U.S. companies to invest in some small businesses; and
- Shipment of building materials to private Cuban companies.

Yet Congress maintains control over U.S. economic sanctions, and experts say the repeal of Helms-Burton is [unlikely to happen anytime soon](#). Several members of Congress from both parties, including Cuban-American Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ), denounced the détente, arguing it would do little to [improve human rights](#) on the island.



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**Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.**

**Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."**

**Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."**

**Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!" Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back!" That will be \$500."**

**Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.**

**Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything !!!!"**

**Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, " Here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill).**

**Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"**

**Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! " That will be \$500!"**

**Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer"**

**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 CUBA - Ray Woods	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Hawaii Meth Project	17 Rotary Means Business Humpy's	18	19 District Seminar
20	21	22	23 HIV/AIDS (Tentative)	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative			



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2015 - 2015



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