

# The Coffee Blossom

Rotary  
Club of Kona



## At the Podium – Alex Farnham – Making a Movie in HI

June 27, 2024



Alexander Dane Farnham was born in Burlington, Vermont on October 16, 1987. He moved to Kailua Kona, Hawaii at age five and attended public school until enrolling in Hualalai Academy, a private school strong in the performing arts. After graduating from the Academy he attended L.A. Film School where he completed a 12 month immersion course in filmmaking, with concentrations in acting, directing and editing.

Alex started making videos when he was 12 years old and completed his first commercial film when he was 14. After graduating from film school, he started making videos for distribution on YouTube. His primary channel, MockStars, has garnered over 60 million YouTube views and has over 250 thousand subscribers. His videos are predominately comical and cover a variety of timely subjects, especially in the world of entertainment.

Now into filmmaking, he has completed one feature film, *One Million Dolla*, now in marketing, and two more in post production, *Terrestrial* and *Entity*. His latest, *Entity*, was filmed at the Aloha Theatre in Kainaliu, using several local actors and personalities. His talk is about the making of this film.

## Just Last Week – Tammy Passmore – K9 Association



Tammy Passmore has been a resident of the Big Island for the last 19 years. Tammy's passion for serving communities for the last 33 years of her working career in Government, State and non-profits, now includes providing and caring for working canines. Due to budget restraints, these beloved animals, with their love for service, dedication, and loyalty, are underutilized. They are an integral part of the protection, safety, and loyalty of our community. For these reasons

Tammy founded and established the Hawaii Island K9 Association. Tammy has dedicated herself for the last 5 years not only to seek the funds to implement and enhance the underfunded utilization of working canines throughout the island, but has taken on the personal task of training and certifying her own canine as an emotional support therapy K9 for the Pet Partners organization, where Jax (her canine) will be of service at the Queens North Hawaii Community Hospital.

Talk story Session:

- What led to the Hawaii Island K9 Association being founded.
- Our mission statement.
- The recent addition to the mission statement.
- Projects that have been completed and projects currently in process.
- Upcoming programs.
- How we raise funds and local community grants.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations/> Click on 061324.mp4

## Rotary Prayer

Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary, keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean, our spirits humble and our thinking straight. Amen.

## This Week

12 Noon - Lava Java,  
75-5719 Ali'i Dr, #1A,  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Program:

Alex Farnham  
Making a Movie in Hawaii

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Coming Up

Programs:

Dark	07/04
Jenaya Rockman	07/11
Presidential Address	
Mahlon Whittle	07/18
Polio Plus/world Peace	
Tom Daniels	07/25
NELHA	

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# President's Position

## R. Gordon R. McNally

### Rotary International

June 2024



It's customary for a Rotary president in the final month in office to recap the past year on

this page, and I am proud of all we have achieved together. But I want to focus on our future, and that begins with polio.

We have reached an astonishing 3 billion children with the polio vaccine, and we have averted an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis. But it's not enough. We must continue supporting the End Polio Now campaign to reach zero cases and keep our promise to the world's children.

Polio is not our only global commitment. In fact, Rotary has been working toward global peace even longer. Spreading Positive Peace through service projects and Rotary Peace Centers around the world is more important than ever.

We must also continue to build peace from within, and that begins with supporting mental health and wellness among our fellow Rotary members and the communities we serve. Rotary has an opportunity to help build a global mental health system that currently does not exist, and I urge all members to consider joining the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives to keep up the momentum we began this year.

It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your president. You have given Heather and me memories we will cherish forever. I look forward to our continued friendship and our collective commitment to Create Hope in the World.

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## Just Visiting



Thelma Bacxa  
Kailua Kona, HI



Yurick Griggs  
Waikoloa, HI

## At the Club - New Rotarian Kaimalu Cope



## At the Club - Rotarian of the Year - James Gustin

Breaking with tradition, outgoing president, Brian Asbjornson, named James Gustin Rotarian of the Year for the Rotary year 2023/2024.



Jim passed away on December 22, 2023, but all in attendance agreed that the honor was still appropriate and very much deserved.

The Rotarian of the Year plaque, made by fellow Rotarian, Richard Farnham, was presented to Jim's wife, Janice. She was touched by the honoring of her lifetime soulmate.

**James Gustin** - - Joined Rotary: 03/01/2018  
11/1/1945 - 12/22/2023

[surfhawaii.net/Rotary/JimAlbum/JimAlbum.pdf](http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/JimAlbum/JimAlbum.pdf)

## In the Community - RCOK Culinary Program Grant

Here are some pictures from our community grant for a culinary program in Ocean View, this is the summer program for 6-12th grade. YIR - Rebecca Hamar



## On the Planet - Rotarian, Peter Schonberg in Alaska

This is Mt Shishaldin. I just took this picture. A couple of years ago the top blew off. You can see the hole at the top.

YIR - Peter Schonberg



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From the Archives – June 27, 2002

Royal Kona Resort

June 27, 2002



ROTARY CLUB OF KONA

# Kona Coffee Blossom

## Club Assembly President Tom Daniel

Our Meeting this week will be a wrap-up for the Rotary year and a launch platform for next year's programs. We'll have brief reports summarizing the status of club activities in each avenue of service. It's really quite impressive how much we've accomplished this year!

One accomplishment has been inducting enough new members to meet our goal of a net gain of 12 in the face of a loss of 12 existing members! At this wrap-up club Assembly, some of our new members will tell us a bit more about themselves, their interests and their work.

The majority of the meeting will be taken up with discussion of the opportunities for service in the coming year led by the incoming officers. Following the presentations we will all have the opportunity (obligation!) to complete the survey questionnaire that was distributed with last week's Coffee Blossom. Please look through this questionnaire and think about your responses before the meeting so that we'll be able to get them all filled out in a reasonable time.

## Installation / Step-Down Dinner

King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, Luau Grounds, Friday July 5,

The Installation/Step-Down Dinner will be at the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel Luau grounds from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5th. Cocktails will be from 6:00 pm and dinner will begin at 7:00 pm.

There will be live music provided by The Joe Mackey Band (jazz type of music). There will be great food, great music and good fellowship. Spouses and guests are invited.

Please be sure to RSVP on the sign-up sheet that will be circulated at this week's meeting. We need a head-count for the hotel.

## D5000 Wins Global Quest Award Rotary District 5000 Website



[The following is a letter from RI President Rick King to District Governor Hal Darcey]  
Dear Hal:

The 2001-02 Rotary's Global Quest recognizes fifty districts as worldwide winners. It is with great pleasure that I am contacting you to inform you that your district is one of the fifty winning districts. Congratulations! Your district has worked hard.

Your district is the winning district in Zone 24 with the highest percentage net membership gain. As one of the fifty winning districts you will be receiving, in recognition of this outstanding achievement, the Global Quest Award, a beautiful globe of the world made of semiprecious stones.

Again, let me congratulate you and thank you for your outstanding service to Rotary International during 2001-02. Not only is your district a winner of the Global Quest under your fine leadership, but you have also contributed to the continuing strength of our association by guiding your district in its membership efforts. Your hard work will be felt for many years to come.

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**PRAYER**

Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary, keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean, our spirits humble and our thinking straight. Amen

*Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948*

## In Memoriam – Dennis Rast – Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise



“It is with a heavy heart that I pass on the news that our fellow Rotarian and friend Dennis Rast passed away June 19, 2024. Please keep Sue and the family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come. Dennis was the “Super Rotarian”! I will pass on any information about arrangements as it comes in.

**Rest in Peace Dennis.**  
Vernon Lowrey - President, Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

## Rotary Calendar

Meet N' Eat (Grab N' Go) is held Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Kealakehe Intermediate Parking Lot. Call: Larry Web at 808-989-6336 if you would like to help out.

## Community Calendar

Every First Friday, 5:30 P to 8:30 P  
**BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa Village**

June 9, 1 P to 6 P  
**KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL - Alii Drive**

June 1  
**IRONMAN 70.3 HAWAII EVENT - [winona@bikework-shawaii.com](mailto:winona@bikework-shawaii.com)**

June 8,  
**KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY CELEBRATION PARADE - Kailua Kona - [KonaParade.org](http://KonaParade.org)**

## Member Birthdays

Richard Farnham  
June 16  
Peter Schonberg  
June 27  
Gretchen Watson-Kabei  
June 25

## Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Stacey Bierlein  
June 1, 2013 - 11 Yrs  
Stephen & Pamela Hicks  
June 18, 1994 - 30 Yrs  
Jenny & Jade Rasmussen  
June 12, 2010 - 14 Yrs  
Gretchen & Dale Watson-Kabei  
June 28, 1997 - 27 Yrs

## Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Bierlein  
June 1, 1989 - 35 Yrs  
Prestin Crowl  
June 30, 1997 - 27 Yrs  
Stephen Hicks  
June 12, 2014 - 10 Yrs  
Victoria Morse  
June 17, 2022 - 2 Yrs  
Ben Noyes  
June 18, 2014 - 10 Yrs  
Chrystal Yamasaki  
June 30, 1998 - 26 Yrs

# Island Clubs

**Kona Sunrise:**  
Wednesday, 7:00AM  
PaPa Kona Restaurant  
75-5770 Ali'i Drive  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

**Kona Mauka:**  
Tuesday, 12 Noon  
Teshima's Restaurant  
Honalo, HI 96740

**North Hawaii:**  
Wednesday, 12 Noon  
Red Water Cafe  
Highway 19  
Kamuela, HI 96743

**Volcano:**  
Tuesday, 7:30AM  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Hawaii Volcanoes Natl Park  
Highway 11  
Volcano, HI 96740

**Hilo:**  
Friday, 12 Noon  
Moku'ola Room  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

**South Hilo:**  
Tuesday, 11:45AM  
Queen Court Restaurant  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel  
71 Banyan Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

**Hilo Bay:**  
Wednesday, 6:45AM  
Hilo Yacht Club  
77 Laehala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

## Submissions

Submit articles, meeting notices, pictures, suggestions and other information to Richard Farnham by Monday, 12:00 Noon.

All material must be in digital format, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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<http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/CoffeeBlossom>

## Four-Way Test

Of The Things We Think, Say, Or Do:

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?