

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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THIS WEEK - RI Convention in Singapore

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Our program this week will be a review of the recently held Rotary International Convention in Singapore, which was attended by 3 of our club members; Vernon Lowrey, Nancy Lowrey, and Nestorio Domingo (and his wife Elva).

Join us this week to hear about their experiences from the convention.

You can book now for the next RI Convention in Calgary, AB Canada (hometown of member Bev Fraser)!

Juneteenth

Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

[Wikipedia](#)



The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am
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ICYMI

Last week, we had a very informative and interesting presentation by Wally Lau, who spoke about the Hawai'i Island Fentanyl Task Force.

In addition to sharing the purpose of the task force, along with some staggering statistics, he also spoke about other drug issues in the community. Wally also talked about his personal experience of using Narcan to help a senior citizen who was in distress at a local grocery store.

Each person in attendance received a box containing two doses of Narcan.



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Getting Creative with Fundraising Ideas

From the Rotary Voices Blog
By Kadam Bhambari

As the spouse of the president of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, I'm neck-deep in fundraising season. While I love supporting Rotary's incredible mission, I have to admit that the usual bake sales and car washes can get a bit tiring. That's why I recently went on a quest to find some fresh fundraising ideas to truly engage our community and make a splash.

Let me tell you, the Rotary world did not disappoint! Here are some innovative fundraising ideas I discovered:

- **Skill share extravaganza:** This is a win-win! Tap into your club members' unique talents. Whether it's baking, photography, coding, or even salsa dancing, offer mini workshops where members share their expertise for a small fee. It's a fun way for the community to learn a new skill while supporting your cause.
- **Themed community challenges with zing!** Leverage the power of social media to create some fun and engaging events. Try a virtual talent show with a wacky theme like "pets in pajamas."
- **Taking auctions up a notch:** Let's ditch the silent auction snoozefest! How about a "Mystery Box" auction? People pay a set price for a beautifully wrapped box, not knowing what's inside. It could be anything from concert tickets to a gourmet basket! This element of surprise encourages participation and adds a touch of excitement.
- **Gamifying good deeds:** We all love a good game, right? Here's an idea: a "Rotary Quest!" Participants follow clues around town, completing tasks and donating to local charities at designated pit stops along the way. This is a fantastic way to promote local businesses, explore the city, and raise awareness for Rotary all at once.

- **Powerful Partnerships:** Team up with local businesses for mutually beneficial events. Imagine a "dine-and-donate" night at a restaurant, where a portion of the proceeds go to a Rotary project. Or collaborate with a brewery for a "Trivia Night with a Twist" focused on Rotary's international service initiatives.

Remember, while raising funds is crucial, it's not the only goal. These innovative events are fantastic opportunities to connect with the community, build relationships with potential members, and showcase the incredible work Rotary does.

I have a success story to share. Last year, we partnered with the Sparsh Theater Group, a local organization passionate about using their platform for social good. They volunteered to stage a powerful play addressing intolerance, abuse of power, and injustice. The play was incredibly impactful, sparking important conversations and raising awareness. And the best part? They did it all for free! The ticket sales, combined with the buzz and engagement generated, significantly boosted our fundraising efforts.

So, my fellow Rotarians, what are your creative fundraising ideas? Share your experiences and tips in the comments below! Let's get inspired together and turn fundraising into a fun and impactful part of our Rotary journey.



Club Members - do any of the above ideas resonate with you? Do you have another innovative idea for a fundraiser that our club could do?

All ideas are welcome! Please share your thoughts with President Vernon. Our budget is dependent of doing at least one fundraising event this year, so please make some suggestions.



WEST HAWAII
ROTARY

INDUCTION DINNER

A TIME FOR FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP AND KICKING
OFF THE 2024-2025 WEST
HAWAII ROTARY YEAR

SPECIAL GUEST
DISTRICT GOVERNOR TED FAIGLE

SATURDAY | 4-6 PM
JUNE 22 | 6 PM ON AFTERPARTY

RSVP TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT

\$30 PER PERSON


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June 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4 Meet N Eat Kealakehe 4:30	5 	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Regular Meeting Papa Kona <i>Wally Lau</i> Fentanyl Task Force	13	14 Happy Anniversary Dennis/Sue Derrick/Ki-Eun Ann/Norm	15
16	17	18 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 5:00 pm	19 Regular Meeting Papa Kona	20 Happy Anniversary Michele/Dale Ku	21	22 Installation Party for 2024 - 2025 Board
23	24	25	26 Year End Meeting Papa Kona	27	28	29

30	<p>START OF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR! LET'S MAKE IT AN EXCEPTIONAL ONE!!</p> 					
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If you haven't already done so, please let Vernon know if you are planning to attend the joint installation party/celebration this Saturday. The Board of Directors for next year will be installed, and there will be other presentations as well.



Rotarians in need of our thoughts and prayers: Dennis Rast (health) and his wife Sue (caregiver); Chuck Rhoads (health); Shawn Keoho (travelling); Cheryl Borsh (travelling).



Our club is going to have a float in the July 4th Parade! If you can help with decorations, please come down to the staging area at the old airport. Thanks to President Vernon for the use of his truck.



Don't forget to take advantage of the Matching Funds offer when you pay your dues for next year. The Club will match up to \$50 when you make a donation to the Rotary Foundation - however it must be done by the end of July! This is a great opportunity to help keep our club as an EREY club - Every Rotarian Every Year. The club Foundation Chair for 2024 - 2025 is Nestorio Domingo.



NATIONAL GARFIELD THE CAT DAY

Did you know that June 19th is also known as National Garfield the Cat Day?

The day is to honor the fictional cartoon character Garfield. Jim Davis created the comic strip Garfield and the title's protagonist, a tabby cat by the same name. The observance celebrates Garfield and the entertainment he brings us.

#GarfieldTheCatDay

Garfield launched on June 19, 1978. The strip chronicled the life of the lead character, the cat Garfield (named after Jim Davis's grandfather). It also introduced Garfield's owner, Jon Arbuckle and Jon's dog, Odie. The publication became syndicated in 2013 in roughly 2,580 newspapers and journals and holds the Guinness World Record for being the world's most widely syndicated comic strip.

