

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

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This week: Autism Moms of Kona

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Autism is a developmental disorder which varies in severity and is characterized by difficulty in social interaction, communication, and learning.

In the past 3 years the **Autism Moms of Kona** have grown from 30 members to 390 members, with 80 of those families active in our private programs. Our motto is WE are Special Needs, and we strive to support the whole family as such through additional therapies, respite, and support groups.

In addition, we look to create awareness and acceptance for Autism in our

community so that families can understand better their child's disability prior to or upon diagnosis.

From the website <https://autismmomsokona.com/>



Please join us to welcome Jessica McCullum from Autism Moms of Kona.

Club's First International Peace Pole dedicated

Illuminating Paths to Peace: The Rotary Club of Creative City Baguio and Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise USA Peace Pole Project at Wright Park, Baguio City.

In a harmonious fusion of international cooperation and commitment to conflict resolution, the Rotary Club of Creative City Baguio District 3790, represented by President Olay, and the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise USA, represented by Hawaii USA District 5000 Past Assistant Governor Nestor Domingo,

joined forces to bring the vision of peace to fruition through the Peace Pole project at Wright Park in Baguio City. This monumental endeavor not only symbolizes unity across continents but also underscores the shared dedication of Rotary clubs worldwide to fostering harmony and understanding.

The Peace Pole, a towering testament to peace adorned with the timeless message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages, stands as a

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beacon of hope and solidarity in the heart of Baguio City. It serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility we all bear in promoting peace and reconciliation, transcending barriers of language, culture, and geography.

The collaboration between the Rotary Club of Creative City Baguio and the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise USA exemplifies the core values of Rotary International, uniting individuals from diverse backgrounds in a common pursuit of peace. Together, these two clubs worked tirelessly to plan, fund, and erect the Peace Pole, embodying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" in their dedication to creating a more peaceful world. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Peace Pole project is scheduled to take place on July 09, 2022, a momentous occasion that will coincide with the launching of the "Light Up Wright Park" initiative. This transformative event will see the installation of high-end solar street lights, illuminating the park's pathways and enhancing its beauty and safety for residents and visitors alike.

Furthermore, the ceremony will also mark the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), solidifying the partnership between Rotary clubs and local authorities in their shared commitment to environmental stewardship and community development.

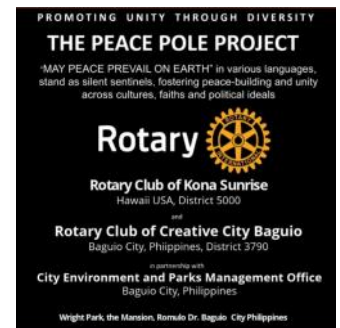
The history of the Peace Pole dates back to the aftermath of World War II when Japanese peace activist Masahisa Goi envisioned a world united in peace and harmony. Inspired by his vision, the Peace Pole Project was launched, with the first Peace Pole erected in Japan in 1955. Since then, Peace Poles have become symbols of peace and unity, with thousands installed around the world as reminders of our shared humanity and interconnectedness.

The Peace Pole at Wright Park is not just a symbol; it is a call to action for individuals and communities to work together in resolving conflicts, promoting understanding, and building a more peaceful world. Aligned with Rotary International's commitment to Conflict Resolution, one of the seven areas of focus that guide Rotary's humanitarian efforts, the Peace Pole project exemplifies the power of grassroots initiatives in addressing the root causes of conflict and fostering lasting peace.

As the Peace Pole stands tall at Wright Park, radiating a message of peace and unity to all who behold it, let us be inspired to follow its example and strive for a world where differences are celebrated, conflicts are resolved through dialogue and understanding, and peace prevails on Earth. The collaboration between the Rotary Club of Creative City Baguio and the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise USA serves as a shining example of what can be achieved when individuals come together in the spirit of peace and cooperation.

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The Rotary Club of Creative City Baguio is our Sister Club.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	3  July 4th Parade	4  Derek & Al	5  Cheryl	6
7	8	9	10 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am	11	12	13
14	15	16 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 5:00 pm	17 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  Chuck C.			

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Club News



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Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming our first Corporate Member! Pictured above is President Vernon presenting a membership certificate to **Kauai Sakai**, General Manager of Papa Kona.



There are still 10 members who have not yet paid for their new badge. If you aren't sure if you have paid for yours, please check with Treasurer Bev.



Thanks to those members who had paid their dues for this year, as well as make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, which the club matches up to \$50.00. The matching opportunity only goes until the end of July, so

please take advantage of it and make your donation today! As of July 14, six of our members have contributed to TRF for the program.



WE NEED A PRESIDENT ELECT! It is always a challenge in a small club to find a member who is willing to take on the position of President, HOWEVER - it is a very crucial role that needs to be filled. Many of our members have already been President (some more than once) and it's time another member stepped up and took on the responsibility. Please let Vernon know if you are interested, or if you'd like to recommend a club member for the role.



September is just around the corner, and there are two Peace Events that are taking place. Mark your calendars for Saturday September 21 for the dedication of the Peace Garden at the Makae'o Walking Jogging Path; and September 26th for the annual Sunrise to Sunset Peace Pole Dedications.



Rotarians to keep in your thoughts and prayers - Sue Rast; Trudy Bateman; Chuck Rhoads (health); Laura Kniffin (health); and Marcia Rogers (health).



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