



# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

*"Peace Through Service"*

## The Coffee Press

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### This week: Getting to know you

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Our guest speaker this week is new member Cheryl Borsh, who is going to share with us her story, in the continuing series of "Getting to Know You".



Did you know that Cheryl found out about Rotary and our club online? In the process of moving to West Hawai'i from East Hawai'i she was looking for ways to assimilate into the community, and she chose Rotary to do so!

Join us to hear more about Cheryl's journey.

### ICYMI

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am  
 Papa Kona Restaurant  
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For those who weren't able to attend last week's meeting - you likely missed one of the best presentations we have had recently.

Jennifer McCullum, representing Kona Moms for Autism, began her presentation talking about her upbringing in the Foster Care system in Hawai'i and some of the challenges she faced. She continued her life story with the birth of her first child and the struggles she faced as a new mom, and in particular the obstacles she incurred

in getting the correct diagnosis for her daughter who is autistic. After several ups and downs, and realizing that there was no support for autistic children and their families, she took it upon herself to form a group for that purpose. What started out with 30 families has now turned into over 300 families who participate in a variety of programs offered through Kona Moms for Autism.

What a great success story! Thank you Jennifer for sharing your passion with us!



**TODAY IS  
 NATIONAL  
 TEQUILA  
 DAY!**



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## July 2024

**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



Paul Harris  
Founder of  
Rotary



Stephanie  
Urchick  
Rotary  
International  
President  
2024 - 2025



Ted Faigle  
District 5000  
Governor  
2024 - 2025



Scott Unger  
West Hawai'i  
Assistant  
Governor  
2024 - 2025



Vernon  
Lowrey  
Rotary Club  
of Kona  
Sunrise  
President  
2023 - 2025

WE HAVE A PRESIDENT - ELECT for next year!  
The Board of Directors approved the nomination of **Nancy Lowrey** to be President of the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise in 2025 - 2026. Congratulations Nancy!!



Have you paid your dues yet? If not, please take care of your responsibility as a club member and do so as soon as possible.

So where does the money from your dues go? All club must submit dues for each member to Rotary International in the amount of \$102.77 annually for 2024-25 : this is made up of \$78.50 Dues + \$1.00 Council on Legislation, \$5.27 Insurance and \$18 for the Rotary magazine. There are also dues that must be paid to District 5000 in the amount of \$65.00 per member for a total of \$167.77 . The balance of \$132.23 is used to cover club expenses for the year. If you are a club member and would like to see a copy of the budget, please send an email to the club gmail and a copy will be sent to you.



Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers: Chuck Rhoads (health); Marcia Rogers (health); Laura Kniffin (health); and Sue Rast (traveling to see family).



For our newer members - if you want to learn more about Rotary, sign up for the District Training Session on August 3rd. "Welcome to Rotary" The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/94810456899>. The session is from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

There are also other training resources available on the District website [www.rotaryd5000.org](http://www.rotaryd5000.org).



If you are interested in being on the committee for the Peace Garden Dedication, please let President Vernon know. The first scheduled meeting is Thursday July 25th at 4:00 via Zoom.



Almost 1/3 of our members have taken the opportunity to increase their donation to the Rotary Foundation by using the "match" program offered by the club. Any member who makes a donation to TRF before July 31, 2024 will have that donation matched by the club (up to \$50 per member).

Donations to the Annual Fund will come back to the club in three years to fund some of the local projects that our club will undertake.

The Rotary Foundation should be one of your charities of choice each year!



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