

The Coffee Blossom

Rotary
Club of Kona



At the Podium – Bonnie Kinzie – Hawaii Life Flight

September 5, 2024



You never know when a medical emergency will arise. When it does, time and access to world-class patient care can mean everything. That's why an AirMedCare Network membership is so important. If you or your family have a medical emergency, our alliance of affiliated air ambulance helicopters and airplanes can provide medical transport, dramatically reducing travel time to an emergency treatment facility.

Hawaii Life Flight, AMCN's Hawai'i provider, covers all of the Hawaiian Islands. We're local and we've been here for ten years, so we know the Aloha State from the Garden Isle to the Big Island. Our history and experience gives our staff a unique understanding of the challenges that patients and responders may face in a unique state like ours. Thanks to that experience, we are able to respond as quickly as possible—and getting help fast is critical to better patient outcomes.

Malama Ka Po'e O Hawai'i

Just Last Week – Mitch Tam – Fentanyl Awareness



Drug overdose deaths have become common occurrences across all Hawaii. Many drugs including methamphetamine, prescription opioids and alcohol are implicated in these overdoses, yet the rise of illicitly manufactured fentanyl - a type of opioid - has become a major driver of Hawaii's overdose epidemic. By 2020, fentanyl and related substances had become the leading cause of death nationally in the 18–45-year-old age groups. The most recently* available Hawaii DOH and Federal CDC data indicate that Hawaii Island averaged one drug overdose death every 9 days in the year ending December 31, 2023. These increases in fentanyl driven overdose deaths are also increasing faster nationally in 10–19-year-olds than other age groups.**



For every fatal overdose, there are approximately 15 non-fatal overdoses***. A non-fatal overdose increases the risk for a fatal overdose within a year. Hawaii Island EMS data indicate that Hawaii County first responders reverse at least 2 overdoses a week. An unknown number of overdoses occur without being reported. When reported officially, confirmation of any drug related death takes as long as 9 months to confirm and report. Public reporting locally and nationally is not systemized to allow timely information on the epidemic. Thus, there is a need to bring awareness and prevention to this issue on Hawaii Island.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations/> Click on 082924A.mp4

This Week

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

Program:

Bonnie Kinzie
Hawaii Life Flight
Greeter:
Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Rayna Rasmus 09/12
Keauhou Farmers Market
Marcia Masters 09/19
Zimbabwe Project Society
Kona Police Dept 09/26

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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.

President's Position

Stephanie Urchick

Rotary International



September 2024

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Voľa. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Voľa, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.

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In the Community – RCOK Donates to Kealakehe High School Model UN Club's Civic Engagement and Forum

Aloha Rotary Club of Kona,

We have the utmost appreciation for your club's generosity towards this event! We are so grateful that you are making it possible for all of these students to learn important skills regarding public policy for issues within our community as well as our entire world.

Mahalo nui loa! - Kealakehe Model UN and PAAC Club



Just Visiting



Tricia Hynes
Kailua Kona, HI



Eric Paul
Kailua Kona, HI

At the Club – Big Check for West Hawaii Mediation

President Jenaya presents Eric Paul of West Hawaii Mediation Services with a check for \$4000 to be used in their Peer Mediation Program, to teach youth how to resolve conflicts. This year the Center hopes to present programs in up to 14 schools in West Hawaii.



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At the Club – Rotary Foundation – Direct Giving

Fellow Rotarians,

One of our goals for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is to increase our members signed up for Direct Giving. Direct Giving is a recurring donation to the Rotary Foundation. You can choose monthly, quarterly or annually in any dollar amount you desire. The Foundation is integral to the success of Rotary projects around the world. Consider signing up for Direct Giving! As president I feel I can't ask the members to do what I'm not, so I just signed up! Any amount makes a difference! We now have 4 club members who are Direct Givers. Let's try to double that this year!

Mahalo, Jenaya

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

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In the Community - Peace Garden Dedication

Please join the Rotary Clubs of West Hawai'i
in the dedication of their

Rotary Peace Garden

Located within the Makae's Walking Jogging Path
at Old Kona Airport



Saturday, September 21, 2024 4:00 to 6:00

Light pupu's and drinks will be available.

For further information call 573-465-2874

“May Peace Prevail On Earth”



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

September 15, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL - Alii Drive

thru September 2
ANNUAL QUEEN LILPUO-
KALANI OUTRIGGER RACES
AND EVENTS - Kona

September 21, 2024, 1P
KONA PRIDE FESTIVAL
Courtyard by Marriott King
Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

September 21, 2024
FESTIVAL IN THE FIELD CON-
CERT BENEFIT - Makae'o Soccer
Field, Old Airport Beach Park

September 21, 2024
DEDICATION OF MAKAE'O
WALKING/JOGGING PATH
PEACE GARDEN - Kailua-Kona

Member Birthdays

Allen Sullivan
September 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Ben & Sona Noyes
September 23, 2006 - 18 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Tom Daniel
September 1, 1996 - 28 Yrs
Steve Johnson
September 21, 2023 - 1 Yr

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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At the Helm



Paul Harris
Rotary Founder



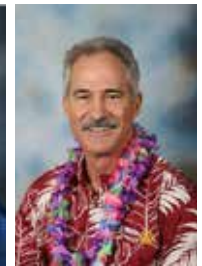
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<http://surfHawaii.net/Rotary/CoffeeBlossom>

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?