

# The Coffee Blossom

Rotary  
Club of Kona



At the Podium – Rayna Rasmus – Keauhou Farmers Mkt

September 12, 2024



**100% Big Island Grown.**

At our market you will find locally raised produce, honey, flowers, Kona coffee, macadamia nuts, meat, eggs, handmade breads, jams, and so much more. All 100% grown and produced in Hawaii.

Enjoy meeting the farmers and makers dedicated to bringing you fresh food right from their farms while walking through our beautiful outdoor market.

The Keauhou Farmers Market is held every Saturday, 8AM - 12PM at the Keauhou Shopping Center. We hope to see you there!

The Keauhou Farmers Market is sponsored by the Kona County Farm Bureau (KCFB). KCFB is committed to the growth of more community-oriented food systems that serve to advance island prosperity.

Joining the Farm Bureau is the best way to support your local Kona farmers, in addition to shopping at our lovely market. Joining is easy and there are many great benefits. Anyone from farmers and supporters of the local farm community alike can join and support the local Hawaii Island farming community.

## Just Last Week – Bonnie Kinzie – Hawaii Life Flight



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**

### 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:

Rayna Rasmus 09/12  
Keauhou Farmers Market

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Coming Up

Programs:

Marcia Masters 09/19  
Zimbabwe Project Society  
Kona Police Dept 09/26  
Nicole Lowen 10/03  
State Representative

## In This Issue

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## 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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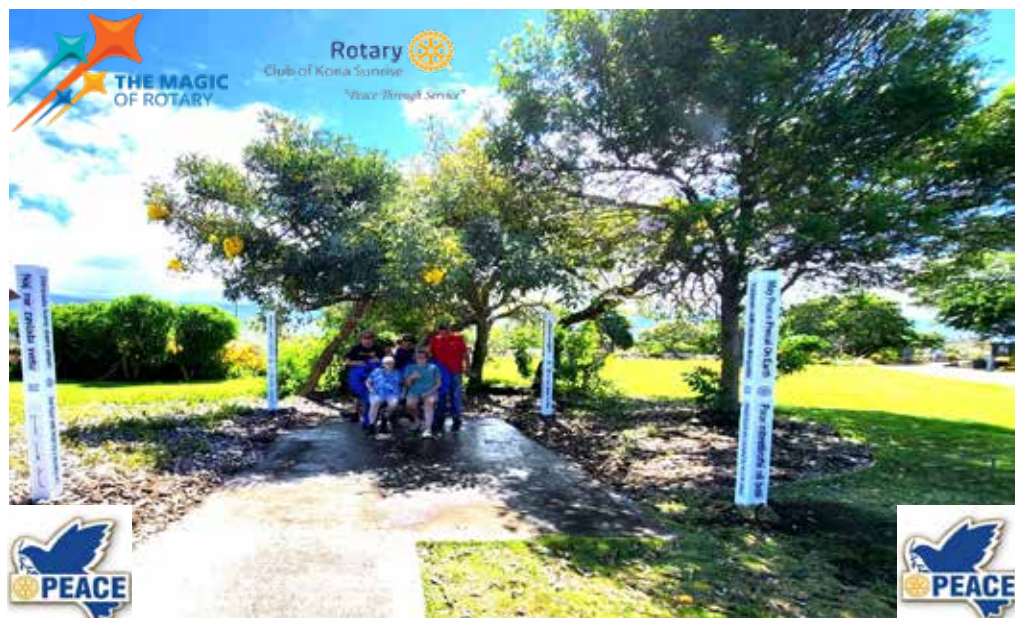
## In the Community – Peace Garden Dedication

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

### Rotary Peace Garden

Located within the Makae'o 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”

## 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 – Leigh Rubín at the Elks

**Leigh Rubín**

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**RUBES®**

Come spend an evening on a hilarious comic adventure inside the ridiculously twisted mind of Rochester Institute of Technology's Cartoonist-in Residence, Leigh Rubín, "sit-down" comedian and® creator of the internationally syndicated cartoon **RUBES**

**When:** Saturday, September 21st. Dinner at 5PM, Leigh and guest speakers at 6:30PM.

**Where:** Kona Elks Lodge - 75-170 Hualalal Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**Admission:** Dinner and show—\$15 and one non-perishable food item.  
Show only—One non-perishable food item for Kona Food Bank

Dinner menu: Shoyu Chicken, Kalua Pork, Rice, Mac Salad, Haupia Pie

**Dinner Tickets on Sale 7-15-24.**

**Contact Cheryl Kobashigawa @ 818.438.7145** to reserve a seat, for dinner tickets and more info.

\*A portion of event book sale purchases will be donated to the Food Basket (Kona Food Bank)

**Door Prizes!**

**Special Guests!**



Lucky We Live Hawaii

## 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 CONCERT 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



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Rotary Founder



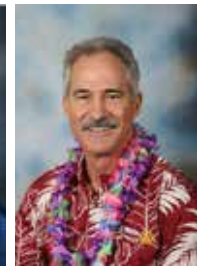
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<http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/CoffeeBlossom>

## 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?