

The Coffee Blossom

Rotary
Club of Kona



At the Podium – Thomas Shopay – Hawaii Police Dept



Thomas Shopay graduated in Sept. 2014 from the prestigious FBI National Academy, a 10-week program of professional study and physical training for U.S. and international law enforcement managers. In August 2012, he received the department's second-highest honor, the Silver Medal of Valor, for risking his personal safety barricading explosive ordinance found near an electric plant.

Mission Statement

The employees of the Hawai'i Police Department are committed to preserving the Spirit of Aloha. We will work cooperatively with the community to enforce the laws, preserve peace, and provide a safe environment.

Vision Statement

The Hawai'i Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality of police service and forming partnerships with the community to achieve public satisfaction making the Big Island a safe place to live, visit, and conduct business.

Core Values

Integrity • Professionalism • Compassion • Teamwork • Community Satisfaction

Just Last Week – Leigh Rubin – Think Like a Cartoonist



Leigh Rubin is an accomplished author and cartoonist. He has written 20 books. 2021 marks the 37th anniversary of Leigh's internationally syndicated cartoon, Rubes®, which is now, distributed by Creators Syndicate to hundreds newspapers and media outlets worldwide.



His work has been featured in film, television and advertising. Leigh also enjoys a busy schedule giving thought-provoking and entertaining presentations on art and creativity at conferences, as well as professional organizations all around the country.

In 2018 Leigh began his tenure at Rochester Institute of Technology as the college's first Cartoonist-in Residence. In addition, on November 7th, 2018 Leigh and his co-producer Ryan Johnson premiered the pilot episode of their new TV show "Drawing Inspiration" at a special East Coast showing at RIT.

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Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations/> Click on 091924.mp4

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.

September 26, 2024

This Week

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

Program:

Thomas Shopay
Hawaii Police Dept

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Nicole Lowen	10/03
State Representative	
Dana McLaughlin	10/10
Keiki Museum	
Danielle Filiva'a	10/17
Hawaiian Community Assets	

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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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Just Visiting



Tricia Hynes
Kailua Kona, HI

In the Community – Hawaii Island Peace Week 2024



County of Hawaii



Hawai'i Island Peace Week 2024

September 26, 2024



Sunrise

7:45 AM

Morning Walk with Mayor
Queen Liliuokalani Gardens

10:00 AM

**Mid Morning Snacks with
Rotary Club of Hilo Bay**
Gil Kahlele Park Peace Pole

to

12:00 PM

**Lunch with
Rotary Club of Kona**
Lava Java in Kailua, Kona

4:00 PM

Peace Pole Dedication
Kona Salvation Army

6:00 PM

**Kona Peace Garden
Reception**
Old Kona Airport Park



Sunset

Visit <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/peace> for more info!

In the Community – Ironman Needs Volunteers

IRONMAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ironman Parade of Nations

Tuesday, Oct 22 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83899>

Password: **ROT24**

Question 1: Are you with a group seeking an Ironman Foundation Donation?

Answer 1: **YES**

Question 2: Are you seeking an Ironman Foundation donation, what is the name of your group? If not, then enter 'none' .

Answer 2: **Rotary Club of Kona**

Ironman Race Day

Saturday, Oct 26 4 pm to 8 pm - Finish line “catching.”

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83899>

Password: **PostRaceRotary**

Question 1: Are you with a group seeking an Ironman Foundation Donation?

Answer 1: **YES**

Question 2: Are you seeking an Ironman Foundation donation, what is the name of your group? If not, then enter 'none' .

Answer 2: **Rotary Club of Kona**

Ironman Interact Aid Station

Saturday, Oct 26 - Help with set up, take down and pizza delivery.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FupLSGiDkdA7-5L8YTpR-B taYIMZY-FM6bfC8XAr1wY/edit?usp=sharing>



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



Paul Harris
Rotary Founder



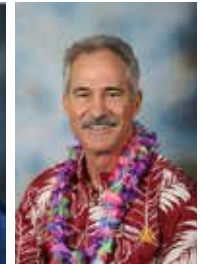
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Please Note: Archival copies of all preserved Coffee Blossom issues dating back to Rotary Year 2000/2001 are available in pdf format at no charge to Rotary members. Go to:

<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?