

The Coffee Blossom

Rotary
Club of Kona



At the Podium—Danielle Filiva’a – Hawaiian Community Assets

October 17, 2024

Our Mission



Our mission is to build the capacity of low- and moderate-income communities to achieve and sustain economic self-sufficiency with a particular focus on Native Hawaiians.

We operate offices throughout the State of Hawai'i, providing financial counseling, income supports, and employment and entrepreneurship coaching to low-and moderate-income households and communities.

Kahua Waiwai

Our philosophy of Kahua Waiwai supports affordable housing, culturally-relevant financial education, and asset building programs to achieve our mission.

Kahua Waiwai espouses the basic philosophy of “A Sense of Place.” The home is viewed as a foundation (kahua). Upon this foundation is built the family’s spiritual values and teachings (waiwai). It is the spiritual value of the home and its surroundings that provides stability and the opportunity for families to build a secure future. Opportunities that help stabilize family life help to create a more stable community. A strong foundation, if built properly, will serve generations to come.

Just Last Week – Dana McLaughlin – Keiki Museum

Science Fueled Fun for the Whole Family



Discover, create, play, and learn about island science. The Hawai'i Keiki Museum connects children to Hawai'i Island through hands-on exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) that is all around us using open ended play experiences. Come enjoy a truly unique experience. With over a dozen exciting hands-on exhibits, it's



The Hawai'i Keiki Museum inspires curiosity, creativity, and innovation by introducing children to science during their early years.

Inspiring our keiki to become stewards of the land starts by sparking their curiosity. The hands-on exhibits inspire wonder and excitement, and are thoughtfully designed to engage our keiki through a process of self-discovery and exploration.

Including means our exhibits are engaging for a diverse audience. Accessibility is much more than ADA compliance, it is a celebration of our diversity. Attracting girls to STEM is an important goal. Including all ages and abilities, fosters respect for one another.

Connecting our keiki to their world empowers them to take charge of their future. Our keiki should never feel isolated or disconnected. This teaches our keiki kuleana (respect and responsibility) for the 'aina (our seas, our lands, and the sky above us).

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations/> Click on 101024.mp4

This Week

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

Program:

Danielle Filiva'a
Hawaiian Community
Assets

Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:

Dark for Ironman	10/24
Halloween Party	10/31
Bob Barker	11/07
Safety Solutions	

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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

October 2024



With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days, and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, director for polio eradication at the World Health Organization.

I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth.

But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now.

We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a Polio-Plus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio.

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Just Visiting



Carolyn Anderson
Santa Rosa, CA



George Raase
Santa Rosa, CA



Charlie Smerge
Waikoloa, HI



Kaytlin Kihara
Waikoloa, HI

At the Club - Rotary "FoundAuction" Coming in December

Rotary Club of Kona

Regular Thursday Meeting
December 12, 2024
Lava Java,
Upstairs

HOW IT WORKS:

Members bring items to auction off, and then bid on items that other members bring.

GOOD ITEMS TO BRING:
Art Work · Craft Items · Plants
Flower Arrangements · Fruit Baskets
Rotary Memorabilia · Event Tickets
Vintage Wine and Spirits · Tour Activities
& Gift Cards for Anything and Everything



Auction Item #001
Rotary "Bling"
Keepsake
Box

Coming Dec 12 "Rotary FoundAuction"

All Monies Go to the Paul Harris Foundation
50% Credit to Seller - 50% Credit to Buyer

For More Information:
Richard Farnham: 808-896-0314 · Richard.Farnham@Gmail.com



The Auction will be here before we know it. Please contact Richard and let him know what you will be bringing to the Auction to sell. Suggest a minimum bid and send a pic if you have one. MAHALO! Richard.Farnham@Gmail.com, 808-896-0314

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-FM6bfC8XArIwY/edit?usp=sharing>

At the FoundAuction – Auction Items So Far

- 001 - Rotary “Bling” Keepsake Box Engraved - Richard Farnham - Min Bid: \$100
- 002 - Rotary “Bling” Keepsake Box - Richard Farnham - Min Bid: \$100
- 003 - One Hour, One-On-One Keiki Tutoring - Kristen Gagnon - Min Bid: \$90
- 004 - Deluxe Fruit Basket - Tropical Fruits in a Decorator Basket - Becca Hamar - Min Bid: \$100

At the FoundAuction – COSTCO Gift Card Surprise

Part of the “FoundAuction” will be the Costco Gift Card Surprise. Four Gift Cards will be available: 2 @ \$50, 1@ \$100, and 1 @ \$250, BUT NO ONE KNOWS HOW MUCH EACH IS WORTH! YOU GET THE SURPRISE WHEN YOU CASH IT IN AT COSTCO!



We need a few Rotarians to step and pay for the gift cards. Contact Richard if you can chip in for the cards. Remember, you get credit for 50% of what they sell for, even if it more than you paid.

Richard.Farnham@Gmail.com, 808-896-0314

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

October 20, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE
STROLL - Alii Drive

October 13, 2024
27th ANNUAL HAWAIIAN
SLACK KEY FESTIVAL - Outrigger
Kona Resort, Keauhou

October 19, 2024, 10A to 3P
2024 BIG ISLAND ARTS SUMMIT
AND CELEBRATION OF NELHA’S
50TH ANNIVERSARY. NELHA mauka
research campus building at 73-188
Makako Bay Dr., Kailua Kona, HI
96740,

October 31, 2024, 4P to 7P
HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT
EVENT - Queens’ Marketplace,
Waikoloa Beach Resort

Member Birthdays

Tom Daniel - October 24
Floyd Nordstrom - October 11
Rod Quatararo - October 18
Katherine Rauch - October 25
John Spicer - October 8
Scott Unger - October 27
Ray Wofford - October 27
Chrystal Yamasaki - October 23

Wedding Anniversaries

Amy & Ricahrd Decker
October 20, 1991 - 33 Yrs
Maverick & Karen Malech
October 15, 2008 - 16 Yrs
Peter Schonberg & Becca Hamar
October 8, 1993 - 31 Yrs

Date Joined Anniversaries

Maverick Malech
October 15, 2015 - 9 Yrs
Allen Sullivan
October 18, 2018 - 6 Yrs

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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<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?