



# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

*"Peace Through Service"*

## The Coffee Press

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am  
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Our guest speaker this week is Doug Greenwald, who is going to present information on Caring For Kona.

(the following information from [www.caringforkona.com](http://www.caringforkona.com))

Welcome to our mission of nourishing the hearts and homes of families in Kona, Hawaii. We are dedicated to providing food assistance to local families who are facing challenges and ensuring that no one goes hungry in our community. Kona United Methodist Church and the generosity of our supporters, we distribute healthy, nutritious holiday meals to those in need.

Our goal is to alleviate hunger, uplift spirits, and strengthen our Kona ohana.



CARING FOR KONA



Together, we are building a community where everyone has access to a holiday meal they can enjoy with their family in the comfort of their home.

Join us in making a difference. Whether you are seeking support or looking to give back, we are here to help Kona families today and for a brighter tomorrow.

Together, we feed, we care, we thrive.

Welcome Doug!

### District Awards Announced

In case you missed the life feed on Facebook on Saturday, the District announced the award winners in various categories for last year (2023 - 2024).

#### OUR CLUB WON THE AWARD FOR HIGHEST POLIO GIVING!

(FYI we are considered a medium size club). Thank you to all members who donated to the End Polio Now Campaign. October 24th is World Polio

Day, so if you not yet made your donation for this fiscal year, please see Club Treasurer Bev, or Foundation Chair, Nestorio.

Our club also received both the District Governor's Citation as well as the President's Citation - what a wonderful recognition of the hard work done by our Club President and all our members!



The Rotary Foundation



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## October 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		1 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	2 	3	4	5 Toni 
6	7	8	9 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am <b>Topic:</b> Domestic Abuse Shelter	10 	11	12
13	14	15  Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 5:00	16 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am <b>Topic:</b> <b>TBA</b>	17	18	19
20	21 Marcia 	22	23 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am <b>Topic:</b> Small Business Development Center	24 WORLD POLIO DAY  	25	26 
27 	28 Nancy 	29	30 Pau Hana Location TBD	31 		

## Rotary Voices - Rotary Blog



Paul Harris  
Founder of  
Rotary

### Lessons we've learned in creating a welcoming club experience.

By Patricia Freudenberg, 2024-25 president, Rotary Club of Global Impact

*Posted on October 2, 2024*



Stephanie  
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Our club has instituted several innovative changes that are enhancing our club's experience. We have managed to create a more inclusive and engaging environment. And we are committed to continuing this tradition by embracing adaptive challenges. We hope you will too.

Here are a few of our innovations:

One of our key initiatives is migrating our meetings to an audio platform. This change allows us to break down geographical barriers and allow more members to participate actively, regardless of their location. With this flexible and accessible format, we are ensuring that everyone can contribute to discussions, making our club truly global. Additionally, we have introduced quarterly live TV presentations featuring special guest from various fields. These presentations provide members with valuable insight and foster conversations

on diverse topics. These presentations are positioning us as thought leaders leveraging technology to connect and inspire.

We pride ourselves in being welcoming and inclusive, making sure that everyone feels valued and respected. We focus on creating a warm, family-like atmosphere, even as we have members from all over the world.

We strive for a diverse membership. We have members from all walks of life, united by a shared commitment to service and fellowship.

Our club's dedication to innovation was recognized in the 2022-23 Rotary year, when we received a citation from Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, reflecting our commitment to service and our effort to make a positive impact on communities worldwide. As we embark on this exciting journey, we encourage other clubs to follow a path of innovation and help us grow Rotary.

Rotary International has many resources that can help you create a great club experience. You can also learn more about our journey on our website.



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