



Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

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Peace Pole



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This Week: Domestic Abuse Shelter Update

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Did you know that the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month?

Our guest speaker this week is Aurora Papali'i, Program Director, Alternative to Violence, Domestic Abuse Shelter & Domestic Violence Advocacy Programs.

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise has a long history with supporting the local abuse shelter. In 2011, under the guidance of Dr. Kopp, major renovations were done at the shelter both inside and outside. We have held fundraisers to help with cost of the shelter, and for the past several years we have provided a full Christmas for both the residents and



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Child & Family SERVICE

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staff - including gifts for all and a full Christmas Meal.

Please join us to hear updates on the shelter operations; and how our club will be supporting their Christmas celebrations this year.

Welcome Aurora!

RI President's Monthly Message

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.

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RI President's Monthly Message - continued

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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 PolioPlus 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.

Stephanie Urchick
RI President 2024 - 2025



The Meet N Eat Crew October 2, 2024 at Kealakehe Intermediate School



Mark your calendar for Saturday October 12th! PDG Mark Merriam will be on Facebook live to announce the winners of the club awards for last year. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/gh4v6xNjpJud4GWL/?mibextid=WC7FNE>

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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 Topic: 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 Topic: TBA	17	18	19
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Club News



Paul Harris
Founder of
Rotary

PAU HANA SCHEDULED

On Wednesday, October 30th, in place of our regular breakfast meeting, we will have a Pau Hana at Three Ring Ranch. Part of the event will include the club's dedication of the Peace Pole in honor of Dennis Rast.

Please join us from 5:30 to 7:30 for some great fellowship, fun and of course food! Please let Mike know if you are able to attend and bring a dish to share.

Note: A later date will be set for the community celebration of life and dedication of the Peace Pole for Dennis. Stay tuned...



Rotarians and family to keep in your thoughts this week: KiUen Chignell (traveling); Marcia Evans-Rogers (surgery recovery); Chuck Rhoads (health); Sharon VanBeck (health); Laura Kniffin (health); Bev Fraser (health procedure recovery); Mike and Bev Fraser (travel).



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Peace Pole



I was talking with our Water for Life Kosovo Director Arben Hoti, who is also on the Water and Sanitation Committee for Rotary Club of Prishtina International (our sister club). This past Monday Syle Alaj (also on the Water and Sanitation Committee) was able to do a presentation in the

Mayor of Prishtina's Office about the Peace Pole. He received immediate permission to install the pole! It was a matter of finding the right person to talk to (you know how that goes...)

So they will install it immediately in the ground just outside the Hotel Metropol in the Prishtina city center. They are going to make a marble plaque to go at the base of the pole which will indicate that the pole is the joint work of their club (RCPI) and our club (RCKS). This is very exciting! I don't think we will be able to visit there right now, but later on we can go and see the installed pole and possibly have some kind of official dedication. Right now they want to move fast before anything changes in the approval process!

It has taken two years to get to this point, but finally we made it!

There is more to the story. Once this pole is installed, we will look for other locations in Kosovo to plant more poles. There is a town called Mitrovica that is on the border between the Albanian speaking part and the Serbian speaking part of Kosovo. Arben and others in RCPI are going to contact the Mitrovica Rotary group to see about placing a pole near the Peace Bridge that spans the river between these two as a sign of peace. The bridge has been the site of several riots between the two ethnic groups. What a great symbol it will be if a Peace Pole is placed near the Peace Bridge!

May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Derrick Chignell



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