

The Coffee Blossom

Rotary
Club of Kona



At the Podium – Lauren Nickerson – Humane Society



HAWAII ISLAND
**HUMANE
SOCIETY**

Hawaii Island Humane Society is a non-profit animal welfare organization that offers lifesaving programs and community outreach services. The mission of Hawaii Island Humane Society is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation, and enhance the bond between humans and animals. Our organization, established in 1965, serves Hawaii Island's community with shelters in Keaau and our new Animal Community Center in Kona.

Adopting a shelter pet is a rewarding and life-changing experience, for you AND for your new best friend. At Hawaii Island Humane Society, our goal is to enhance the bond between humans and animals. Pets are a lifelong commitment. As living beings, pets have physical, social, and emotional needs. Our trained Lifesaving Programs team utilizes progressive, conversational adoption counseling to help make the best matches for not only our shelter pets but also for you! In line with national best practices and animal welfare industry standards, our goals are to remove barriers to adoption while also helping our shelter pets live their best lives as companion animals.

Just Last Week – Dave Feduik – West Side Hawaii Little League



As we head into the 2025 Player Pitch Season, the T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant Program is back to help cover registration fees for Little League families in need. T-Mobile and West Side Hawaii Little League share the belief that every child should have the chance to experience Little League, regardless of their financial or personal situation.



Financially challenged families in communities across the country who can present current eligibility in a Free/Reduced Lunch program, SNAP, WIC, Foster Child Paperwork, or enrollment in Medicaid or State Health Plans are eligible to receive a T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant, so long as funding is available.

The program offers a simple-to-use application to get and keep children on the field. Families can find more information about registration dates and fees here. If families have already paid and registered for the 2021 season, they should work with their league to have their initial payment reimbursed.

January 30, 2025

This Week

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

Program:
Lauren Nickerson
Humane Society

Greeter:
Mahlon Whittle

Coming Up

Programs:	
TBD	02/06
Peace	02/13
Rotary Members	
Interact Club	02/20

In This Issue

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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

January 2025



TI always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

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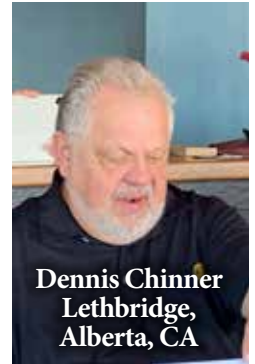
Just Visiting



Bev & Mike Fraser
Kailua Kona, HI
Happy 75th Birthday, Mike



Kai Steyer
Kailua Kona, HI



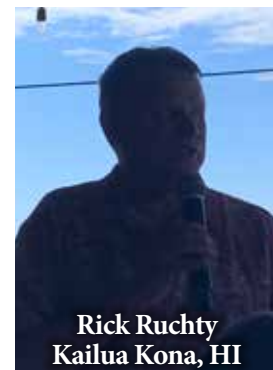
Dennis Chinner
Lethbridge,
Alberta, CA



Sharon Lynch
Des Plains, IL



Dr. Brett Carey
Kailua Kona, HI



Rick Ruchty
Kailua Kona, HI

Welcome to the Club – Mark England



President Jenaya welcomes our newest member, Mark England to the Rotary Club of Kona. Mark was sponsored by another of our newest members, Gonzalo (Gonzo) Garcia.

Lucky We Live Hawaii

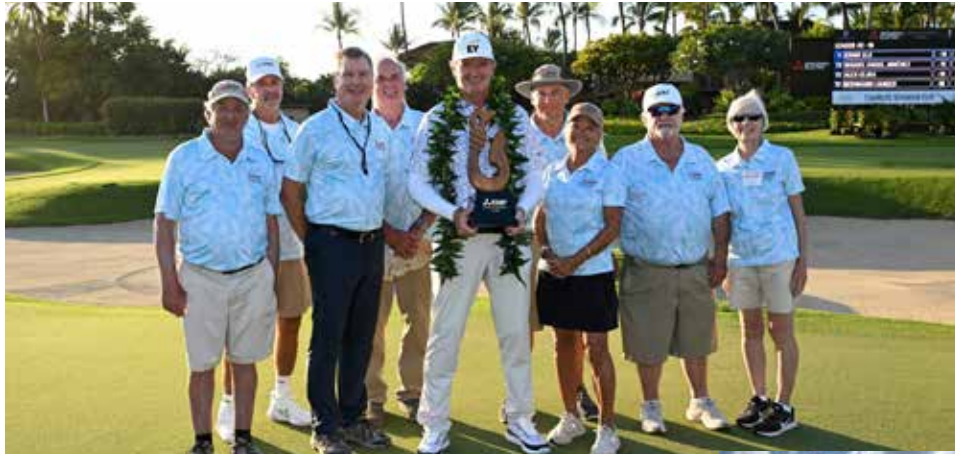


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RCOK in Action - Mitsubishi Electric Championship



MEC 2025 Winner Ernie Els w Volunteer Mgt Team



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 Friday, 5:00P to 6:00P
FREE HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND HULA SHOW - Courtyard

Every First Friday, 5:30 P to 8:30 P
BLOCK PARTY - Holualoa

January 19, 1 P to 6 P
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL - Alii Drive

Member Birthdays

- Anita Barker - January 06
- Janice Gustin - January 26
- Victoria Morse - January 10
- Greg Ogin - January 10

Wedding Anniversaries

Date Joined Anniversaries

- Harry Hart
January 1, 1989 - 36 Yrs
- Greg Ogin
January 10, 1982 - 43 Yrs
- Katherine Rauch
January 20, 2015 - 10 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?