

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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This Week: Aloha 'Ilio Rescue

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am Papa Kona Restaurant 75-5770 Alii Drive Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Vernon Lowrey

Our guest speaker this week is Daylynn Kyles, Founder and President of Aloha 'Ilio Rescue.

from the website: <https://www.alohailiorescue.com>

With a long history of ties to the Big Island and a love of dogs parallel to none, Daylynn Kyles founded Aloha Ilio Rescue after finding herself frustrated with the current level of care our animals were provided and has been working to continue Aloha Ilio Rescue's growth ever since.

"I want to make a difference to our island community and its animals. My motivation is to stop the overpopulation and euthanasia of homeless dogs that deserve a good life. I want to bring awareness and education to our community, and change the issues that have been overlooked for far too long. While dogs are in our care we promise to give them the best possible



experience, always treat them with compassion, insure a clean healthy space and daily exercise while making sure we always, always remember to serve our community with Aloha"

Welcome Daylynn!

YOUR KOKUA PLEASE

As a way of showing your support for today's program, please consider bringing to the meeting either **canned dog food**, or raid your closet for **used towels**.



Both would be extremely appreciated!



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Club President's Message January 2025

Happy New Year my Fellow Rotarians!

I hope that all of you had a pleasant holiday with friends and family. It was nice to take a break.

A big mahalo for our activities in December 2024:

Mike Fraser for coordinating another successful monthly "Meet and Eat" at the Kealakehe Intermediate School.

Bev Fraser for coordinating a very fun Christmas Breakfast Party at Papa Kona. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their "Secret Santa" gift. (Thanks to Santa Mike for being there also!)

Ann Goody for hosting our annual "Ding Dong Dinner Ditch" providing Christmas dinners to needy families and the Kona Domestic Abuse Shelter. Thanks to Franz Weber and Marcia Rogers for driving!

We have a slate of interesting breakfast speakers coming up this month. Please try and join us if you are able in-person or by Zoom. Remember to get

your semiannual club dues payment this month.

Also please consider attending the Hawai'i District 5000 Conference in Honolulu from May 30-June 1, 2025, and the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta from June 21-15, 2025.


We are working with Josh Laguna from Hawai'i District 5000 with updating our club website. An updated version will be out shortly.

My final focus as your Club President over the six months will be on trying to increase our club membership through retention and recruiting. I need everyone's help with this. I'm still soliciting service projects and fundraising ideas.

Thanks for all you do with Rotary as we continue to strive for "Peace through Service"

Vernon Lowrey, President

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise



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HUGE Mahalo from our Shelter Program to you!
1 message

Rachel Delaries <RDELARIES@cfs-hawaii.org> Sun, Dec 29, 2024 at 12:05 PM
To: Bev Fraser <konasunriserotary@gmail.com>, Ann Goody <animals@threeingranch.org>

Aloha Bev, Ann and Kona Sunrise Rotary,

Thank you all immensely for the Christmas spirit and cheer to our West Hawaii Domestic Abuse Shelter this year! Every year we have been so blessed with all of your support, and this year was superb as always. The ladies and their keiki are still raving about the magic of the festivities from the 23rd. Mahalo as always for the gifts and dinner as well 😊

Wishing you all a very peaceful and joyous New Year celebration!

With Aloha, Aurora
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Thank you to Malama I Na Keiki Hanai (Mike and Bev Fraser) for purchasing all the gifts and stocking stuffers for the DAS residents.

Because of their donation, the club is able to adjust the budget for the event to another category expense.

Thank you also to Santa and his Elf, for delivering all the gifts to the shelter on Christmas Eve. The shelter also received one of the Ding Dong Dinner Ditch meal boxes for their Christmas meal.

Our club will continue to support this much needed service to victims of abuse in our community.

RI President's January Message

I 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.

Stephanie Urchick
President, Rotary International
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January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30 till pau	8 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 Speaker: Aloha 'Ilio Rescue	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 Speaker: Brett Curtis YWAM	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 5:00 pm	22 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 Speaker: Toni Symons VIBRANT HAWAII	23  Mike F	24	25
26	27	28  Dave B	29  PAU HANA	30	31	

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Club and Community News



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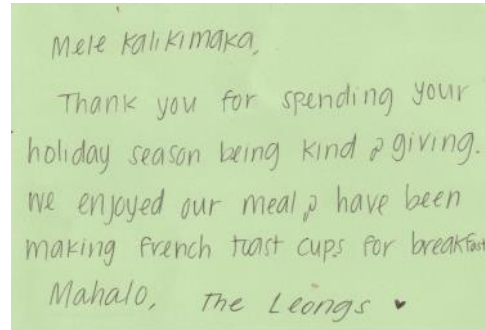
There is still time to get an early bird discount for the District Convention taking place on Oahu. Rooms are still available at the Ala Moana Hotel at the rate of \$194.00 per night. Please consider attending to show your support for our club and the District.



There are still presents from Santa that need to be picked up for the following members: Chuck C; Cheryl; Barbara; Kalei; Chuck R; and Jing. If your name is on this list, please contact Mike or Bev to arrange to pick up your gift.



Mark your calendar now for **January 29th!** Instead of our regular meeting that day, we will be having another Pau Hana at the home of Dave and Trudy Bateman. Stay tuned for details!



Card received from DDDD recipient

Despite a few last minute challenges, Ding Dong Dinner Ditch went well. Thank you to everyone who participated to make it another successful event. A special Mahalo to KTA for the donation of the eggs, bread and milk! Thank you also to Norm and Ann Goody for again opening their home to gather afterwards for a quick snack and drinks.



Mike Fraser invites all members to join him on **Thursday January 23** at the VFW to help celebrate his 75th birthday. Beginning at 5:00 pm, dinner and entertainment included - however you will be responsible for your own drinks. **NO GIFTS PLEASE** - however if you'd like to acknowledge his birthday, please consider making a donation to The Rotary Foundation, or to the ARC of Kona.

Please let him know if you can join him, so the count can be finalized with the chef.



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