

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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This week: Water for Life

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In keeping with the March Rotary Theme of "Water, Hygiene and Sanitation" we are delighted to have our member Derek Chignell update us on the projects that Water for Life is currently engaged in.

from the website www.waterforlife.org

"Water For Life's mission is to help communities in need to develop safe and sustainable water sources. By combining formal instruction with hands-on training, we teach people how to construct and maintain their own local water resources.

Our focus is not merely to provide safe drinking to those in need; our goal is to help people gain the knowledge and experience they need to support themselves and their communities."



Derek always has an interesting and information presentation - you won't want to miss this meeting!

Welcome Derek.

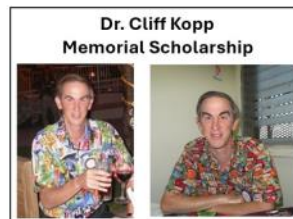


The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am
Papa Kona Restaurant
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Kailua Kona HI.
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Also this week - Scholarship Recipients

It's Scholarship Season! Each year, the Rotary Club of Kona awards three scholarships to local students: the Dr. Cliff Kopp Memorial Scholarship; the Francis Kuailani Sr. Memorial Scholarship; and the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship.

Last week, we had the pleasure of meeting Wyatt Wehrsigs, the recipient of



Francis Kuailani Sr. Memorial Scholarship



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Scholarships - continued

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the Francis Kuailani Scholarship, along with his parents Shanatee and Neil Wehrs sig.

This week we will welcome the other two students - Izaiah Estacio (Dr. Cliff Kopp Scholarship), and Briley Ballard (Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship).

Special thanks to the all the youth in our community for their applications, and to the scholarship committee of our club!

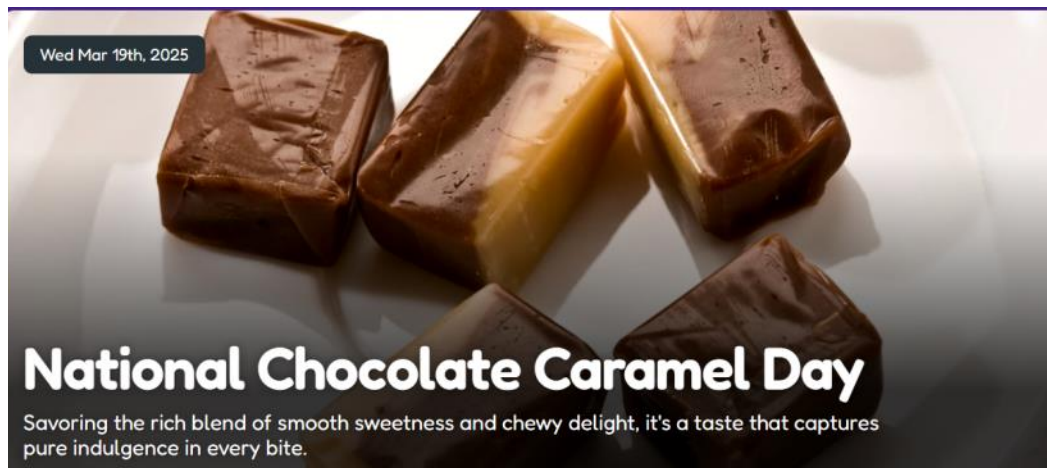


Rotary Youth Exchange at 50

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rotary Youth Exchange as an official program of Rotary International. For five decades, we've enabled students to experience new cultures, develop lasting friendships, and become global citizens. We're grateful for the dedication of the Rotary members and host families who make the program possible.

If you've worked on Rotary Youth Exchange in your club or district, you've likely noticed that it takes a tremendous effort to prepare students and volunteers for an exchange and support them during it. Creating a valuable, positive experience for students hosted abroad requires time and planning by both the students and the volunteers.

What does that mean on a global scale? Since 2018, on average, we've sent and hosted 7,500 exchange students each year, and it has taken 25,000 volunteers to make it happen. When we discuss Rotary Youth Exchange, we often think only about the students' experience, but both their home and their host communities are enriched by an exchange, too. Connections and understanding are built between cultures. And the massive effort volunteers have made through the decades is part of what we celebrate this year. [Read more about 50 years of service in Rotary Youth Exchange.](#)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  Mike May	3	4	5 	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: RI Peace Conference	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Water for Life	20	21	22  Nestorio and Elva Domingo
23	24	25 TRF Meeting at Scott Unger's Home	26 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Kailua Village Improvement District	27	28	29
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Club and Community News



Paul Harris
Founder of
Rotary



Stephanie
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District 5000
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2024 - 2025



Scott Unger
West Hawai'i
Assistant
Governor
2024 - 2025



Vernon
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of Kona
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President
2023 - 2025

Please keep the following club members in your thoughts and prayers. Chuck Rhoads (health); Ann Goody (recovering from foot surgery); Nestorio Domingo and his wife Elva (travelling); and President Vernon Lowrey (travelling to Kosovo).



Just in case you missed the news, Club President Vernon will be travelling to Kosovo to celebrate the installation of their first Peace Pole. He will be attending the Rotary Club of Prishtina International's regular meeting, following which the Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick will be featured in a photo shoot at the site of the Peace Pole.



It's official! The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise welcomes new member Richard "Rick" Ruchty to our family. The date of his induction has not yet been set due to his travel schedule, so stay tuned!



Have you completed and mailed in your club survey? If not, please do so asap! President Elect Nancy Lowrey will be summarizing the responses for use at the Strategic Planning Session for the club. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts for the future of our club - both the good and the bad. The session will be held within the next couple of months - stay tuned for the date and time.



Vicki Puliz
Guest Speaker

- Rotary International Trustee
- Rotary International Board of Directors (2021-2023)
- Rotary International Executive Board Committee
- Chair of the RI Participant Experience/Program Committee
- Liaison for the RI Strategic Planning Committee and Youth Advisory Council Board
- Past District Governor - D5190

On Tuesday, March 25th, club members have the opportunity to attend an evening event at the home of Assistant Governor Scott Unger, featuring Guest Speaker Vicki Puliz. Her topic of discussion will be The Rotary Foundation.

Details with the address and time are forthcoming.



Do you know someone who would like to be on the email list to receive our newsletter? Please let Bev know so that they can be added to the list.

And just for fun..can you guess how many names are on the distribution list? The person who guesses the closest number to the actual number will receive a prize at the next meeting!

p.s.# is hidden in this issue. Bonus if you find it!



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