

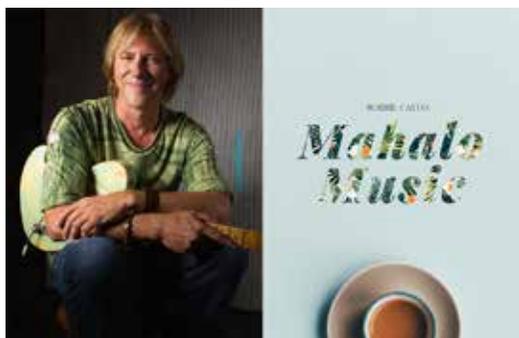
# The Coffee Blossom

Rotary Club of Kona



## At the Podium – Robbie Calvo – Fired Up Guitar, Inc

APRIL 24, 2025



**Our mission: “To Inspire, educate, and elevate our young creatives through the joy of music.”**

Fired Up Guitar, Inc, is a non-profit entity that supports music education within our school systems, and other non-profit organizations. We believe that school funding should not be a barrier to opportunity. Our courseware has been carefully designed

and curated to educate within a classroom environment, even when a specific music educator is not available. Our unique learning platform offers an accessible, ADA compliant, web-based digital curriculum to schools and non-profit organizations at no charge.

### This Week

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

#### Program:

Robbie Calvo  
Mahalo Music

#### Greeter:

Mahlon Whittle

## Just Last Week –Mark & Marjorie England – Ocean Defender’s Alliance



In general, the Hawaiian Islands are known as the “paradise islands.” We agree they’re incredibly beautiful. These islands deserve our stewardship and care especially because their beaches and waters are marred by abandoned fishing gear—both commercial and recreational—as well as plastic and “gyre-type” pollution.

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In 2016, due to the great need for ocean cleanups, Ocean Defender Alliance (ODA) began working in Hawai’i. We kicked off our debris-removal work in Oahu with the help of long-time friend Stephen Boreman, Esq., his nephew Mash Hatae, Vicki Szymczak, and friends from the University of Hawai’i who are very concerned about the health of their local waters.

Since that time, ODA-Hawai’i has expanded significantly, with dozens of volunteers participating in ocean cleanups on Oahu and the Big Island, with Maui to be added in early 2022.

Video of the presentation: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations> Click on 041725.mp4

### Coming Up

#### Programs:

No Meeting	05/01
Carrie Taggart	05/08
Going Home Hawaii	
Pam Hicks	05/15
Dolphin Quest	

### 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

April, 2025



As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

**Identify emerging needs:** Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organizations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.

**Mobilize resources quickly:** When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.

**Foster collaboration:** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhances engagement and drives success.

**Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support.

Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

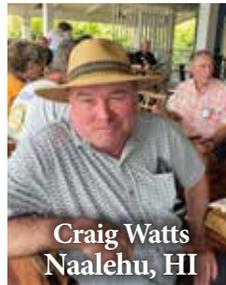
By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is The Magic of Rotary — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.

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## Just Visiting



Craig Watts  
Naalehu, HI



Jenson  
Kailua Kona, HI



Wendy Clark  
Kailua Kona, HI



Barbara Stahey  
Kailua Kona, HI

## In Memoriam – Franz Weber (Text Courtesy West Hawaii Today)



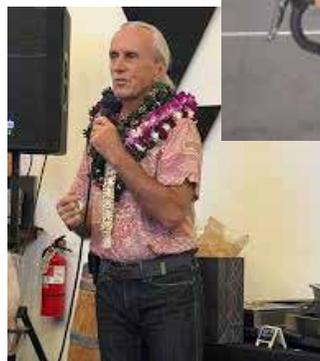
Born in 1953, Franz was a cherished member of the Kona community, known for his unwavering dedication to service, cycling, and compassion. He served as president of the Hawaii Cycling Club and was a familiar figure on the roads of the Big Island, averaging over 9,500 miles annually on his bicycle.

Franz was the founder of Paying It Forward (PIF), a grassroots initiative that bridged community organizations and nonprofits to support those in need across West Hawaii. Through PIF, he provided Chromebooks to foster children during the COVID-19 pandemic, donated hundreds of pairs of shoes to local students, and distributed nutritious snacks to children in public housing. His Bike Aid program refurbished donated bicycles for children, the homeless, and others lacking transportation, empowering them with mobility and opportunity.

Franz's commitment to service extended to volunteering at athletic events like Ironman and Lavaman, where his generosity and enthusiasm left a lasting impression. He believed deeply in the power of small acts of kindness, often saying, "Helping others may give them a glimmer of hope. That is how you change a community — the world — one person, one act of kindness at a time."

For Videos of Franz Talks at the Club go to: <http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/Presentations>

Click on either of the FranzWeberTalks





### At the Club – A Message from the President

Fellow Rotarians,

One of our goals for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is to increase our members signed up for Direct Giving. Direct Giving is a recurring donation to the Rotary Foundation. You can choose monthly, quarterly or annually in any dollar amount you desire. The Foundation is integral to the success of Rotary projects around the world. Consider signing up for Direct Giving! As president I feel I can't ask the members to do what I'm not, so I just signed up! Any amount makes a difference! We now have 4 club members who are Direct Givers. Let's try to double that this year!

Mahalo, Jenaya

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

### Around Town – Support Our Veterans

**Kona Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**Post #12122 10th Annual**  
**GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025**  
**KONA COUNTRY CLUB**  
**KAILUA-KONA, HI**

**SHOTGUN START**  
4 Person Scramble  
**8:00AM**  
6-7:30AM Registration  
Breakfast Bag Included

Deadline to register is May 5, 2024  
120 MAXIMUM GOLFERS

\$150 Entry Fee per player (4 per team) includes Round of Golf - Lunch - Contests - Entertainment - Cash Prizes for Low Gross & Low Net

Be a Sponsor—\$150, \$350 and \$500 sponsorships available. Donation opportunities are also available.

Hole-In-One Contest!  
Closest to the Pin Challenge!  
Longest Drive Contest!

Be a Sponsor and/or Register to play  
For registration and more event information  
CALL WALTER AH MOW at 808.938.0244  
or email him at [srt213@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:srt213@hawaii.rr.com)  
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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12122 is a 501(c)(19) organization and donations are tax exempt to the full extent of the law. The Post aids and assists Veterans and their families, and provides assistance to the keiki and kupuna in our community.

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

April 13, 1 P to 6 P  
KAILUA KONA VILLAGE STROLL - Alii Drive

April 20-26  
MERRIE MONARCH HULA FESTIVAL - Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium, Hilo  
[www.merriemonarch.com](http://www.merriemonarch.com)

### Member Birthdays

Alysia Dinneen  
April 29  
Stephen Hicks  
April 2  
Tricia Hynes  
April 27  
Linda Jane Kelley  
April 12

### Wedding Anniversaries

Tricia & Jeff Hynes  
April 9, 1979 - 46 Yrs  
Michelle & Nick Romo  
March 2, 1996 - 28 Yrs

### Date Joined Anniversaries

Sona Aredjian  
April 18, 2024 - 1 Yr  
Anita Barker  
April 18, 2024 - 1 Yr  
Renee Kraft  
April 1, 2004 - 21 Yrs  
Jenny Rasmussen  
April 19, 2018 - 7 Yrs  
Jenaya Rockman  
April 7, 2016 - 11 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.

Richard@Surfhawaii.net  
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## At the Helm



Paul Harris  
Rotary Founder



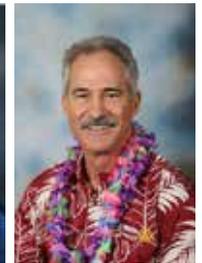
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<http://surfhawaii.net/Rotary/CoffeeBlossom>

## 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?