



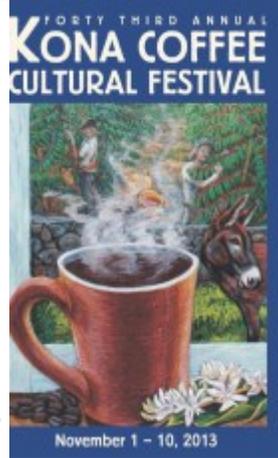
The Coffee Press

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2014



Mel Morimoto, President of the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival will be our guest speaker this week. He will discuss what went into this year's event and share with the group his insights as a sansei, 3rd generation resident of Kona who was raised and still lives on the coffee farm that his parents sowed 58 years ago. The core values of the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival include no-nonsense work ethics, responsibility and the significance in perpetuating our culture.



Welcome Mel!

Upcoming Programs:

January 22 - Club Assembly

January 29 - Kealakehe High School Principal Wil Murakami and Linda Jeffrey, Coordinator of the Kealakehe Parent Community Center

February 5 - Club Runner Training at the Civic Center.

GREETER: Sylvia Owens

DOOR PRIZE: Jerry Anderson

Meetings every Wednesday, 6:45 am
at Hale Halawai, 75-5760 Alii Drive,
Kailua Kona, HI

Message from District Governor

District Governor's Message

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year to all District 5000 Rotarians. I'm looking forward to a great year of service and fellowship at both the club and the district levels.

January is Rotary Awareness month, a time for us to take stock of all the great things that Rotary does in our communities and in the world and an opportunity to review the programs that Rotary offers. It is also a time to review the ways that we are making our good works known in the community.

Rotary is present in over 150 countries with 1.2 million members in more than 34,000 clubs. Rotary also sponsors Interact Clubs at the high school level and Rotaract Clubs for college aged students and young professionals. Rotary has many interest groups called fellowships that bring together

members from around the world in areas such as wine tasting, history and music. There are also Rotarian Action groups that provide assistance and support to Rotary clubs and districts in planning and implementing community development and humanitarian service projects. Rotary also makes room for non-Rotarians through the Rotary Community Corps that provide opportunities for others to help Rotary provide service where they live.

The Rotary Foundation provides the funds to help local clubs create and carry out projects. Rotary also works with several international organizations such as UNICEF, Centers for Disease Control and the Polio Eradication Initiative which is a coalition of organizations dedicated to eradicating polio in the world.

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There are many ways and places that Rotary is present in the world but we need to be sure that the world is aware of what we are doing. Modern means of communication such as Facebook allow us to get the word out instantly but not all people use it. Traditional media such as newspapers still play an important role and should be used when available.

During this month I am asking all Rotarians to re-familiarize themselves with all that Rotary does and offers and to become a source of Rotary awareness in the club, district and community.

Phil Sammer
Governor Hawaii District 5000
2013-2014



On Wednesday January 8, 2014 an informal meeting with all of the West Hawaii President Elect's, incoming West Hawaii Assistant Governor Donna Hiranaka, incoming East Hawaii AG Charlene Meyers, and DG Elect Laura Steelquist was held at the home of Donna Hiranaka to discuss plans for the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Judging from the discussions and ideas that were presented, next year is looking to be very exciting!

Special thanks to Donna and David for hosting the event, and for Laura and husband John for traveling from Oahu to meet with everyone.

Club and District News

It is not too early to be thinking about our next event - St. Patrick's Day Bash! Chair of this years event is Sylvia Owens, and plans are already underway to make this annual event another great one. Date is **Saturday March 15**, so mark your calendar now.



On **Wednesday February 5th**, our regular meeting will take place at the Kona Civic Center instead of Hale Halawai. The meeting is going to be a training session on ClubRunner, the software program used by most Rotary Clubs and Districts. Members are encouraged to bring their laptops, iPads, or other mobile devices to access the site and learn how to use it effectively. Trainers are coming from Oahu for the session, so lets have a great show of members.



The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka presents its annual Valentines Day Winetasting Event on **Saturday February 8th, 2014** from 4 - 8 pm. Tickets are \$85 each. For more information contact club President Don Taylor at 854-1762 or by email at rotaryhonu@gmail.com



If you going to be in Honolulu on January 24th, there will be a Rotary Foundation dinner with Past International President, and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair D.K. Lee. Details can be found on the District Website, where you can also register for the dinner. www.rotaryd5000.org



Thoughts and prayers go out to Rotarian *Lisa Moore* on the recent passing of her husband Robert Crows. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lisa during this difficult time.



Incoming district governors excited to Light Up Rotary

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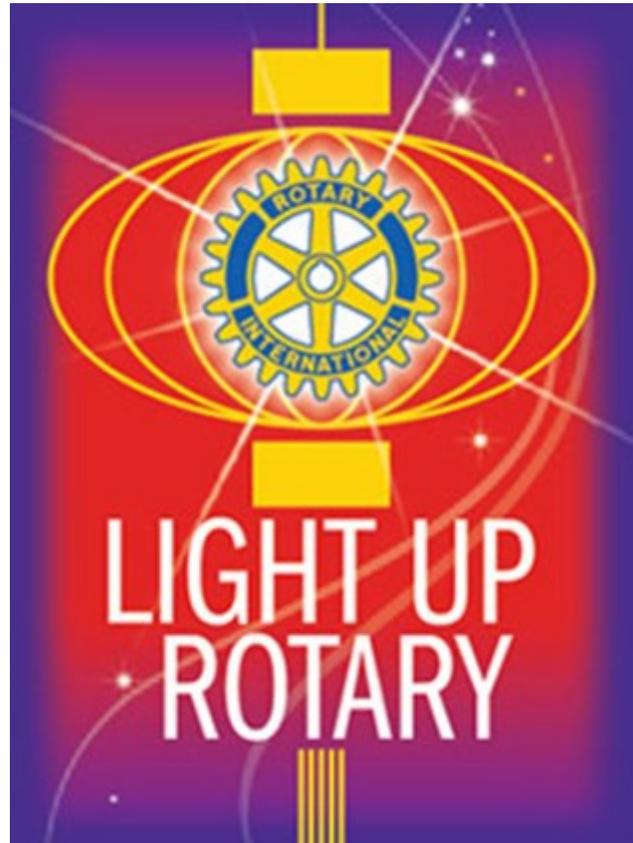
By Daniela Garcia, RI editorial staff

Incoming district governors enthusiastically greeted the theme for 2014-15, *Light Up Rotary*, during the first plenary of the International Assembly, Rotary's annual training event for future leaders. RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang explained he was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

I asked several of the future leaders their thoughts about the theme, moments after it had been unveiled here in San Diego, California, USA. Here is what they said:

Ramesh Agrawal, governor-elect of District 3052 (India): "This theme gives us

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a new idea and it's very easy to understand, very easy to communicate to everyone so we can spread the Rotary movement to more people. More people will join Rotary, and then we'll have more hands for service in the future."

Arturo Ruiz Juarez, governor-elect of District 4150 (Mexico): "The theme for next year is very motivating. With this idea, we can reach the hearts of many people who want to do good, who want to serve Rotary."

Kirenjit Kaur, governor-elect of District 3300 (Malaysia): "The theme is inspiring, it connects with us. I think it really works with having women and younger people join Rotary."

Gary Earl Bray, governor-elect of

District 7670 (North Carolina,USA): "I think one of the best things about this theme is that it's open to interpretation by clubs as to how they would like to think about improving Rotary and getting Rotarians actively engaged in projects, as well as enthusiastic about their clubs."

Josephine Weber, governor-elect of District 6980 (Florida,USA): "The new theme is gonna light everybody sky up, it's off the charts, tons of brainstorming, and it's like fireworks forever."

- [Read more about the theme](#)
- View a [video of the theme speech](#)
- Order theme materials from the [Rotary Shop](#)

INDIA CELEBRATES THREE YEARS WITHOUT POLIO

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

To mark this historic triumph -- reached after a decades-long battle against polio -- Rotary clubs illuminated landmarks and iconic structures throughout the country with four simple but powerful words, "India is polio free."

The three-year achievement sets the stage for polio-free certification of the entire Southeast Asia region by the World Health Organization. The Indian government also plans to convene a polio summit in February to commemorate this victory in the [global effort to eradicate polio](#).

The challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Rotary leaders in India are working with their Pakistani counterparts to share best practices and lessons learned during India's successful anti-

polio campaign. Rotary was particularly effective in obtaining the support of influential religious leaders in India's Islamic communities. Pakistani Rotary leaders are playing a similar role to counter rumors and misinformation about polio vaccinations that keep some Muslim parents from immunizing their children.

Meanwhile, [National Immunization Days](#) continue in both countries. During these large-scale drives, Rotary volunteers join health workers to vaccinate every child under age five against polio.

"We must now stop polio in Pakistan to both protect Pakistani children and to safeguard our success in India and other countries where we have beaten this terrible disease," says India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur. "Until polio is finally eradicated globally, all unvaccinated children will remain at risk of infection and paralysis, no matter where they live."

- Give to [End Polio Now](#)



Polio Immunization Trip to India

Please feel free to share this information with the Rotarians and clubs in your District *as soon as possible* as **we have a limited amount of space and expect this trip to be filled within the next week or two.**

Since January 2011, there has been only ONE new confirmed case of polio in India. In 2012, India was removed from the list of polio endemic countries. We are getting remarkably close to eradicating polio globally. Therefore, this might be one of the last opportunities we will have to organize a trip to India to participate in polio NID activities. This trip offers you and the Rotarians in your club and District an extraordinary opportunity to have an experience of a life time.

The following summarizes the key trip information:

Our program will travel to Delhi, India, where we will participate in the polio NID activities and attend the Polio Conclave. This trip also includes

travel to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, and Jaipur to visit the famous Rotary Jaipur Limb factory, and enjoy this extraordinary city.

Date of Departure: Friday, February 14, 2014

Date of Return: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Per Person Cost, based on double occupancy: **\$2,299.** This price does not include international, roundtrip airfare or Indian visa fees. However, it does include hotels, transfers, the Polio Conclave and other Rotary events, participation in the NID activities, most meals, sightseeing, English speaking guide and other items as stated in the attached document.

Air Reservations: Participants are free to secure their own air reservations using their frequent flyer mileage, or individual purchase. Howard Tours will be happy to help you purchase airline tickets, which can

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be requested on the trip application.

Visas: All U.S. citizens will need to secure an Indian visa. We will give our members specific information about how to secure the visa when we send the confirmation documents. It is important that our tour do not attempt to secure the Indian visa before receiving our information.

Travel Vaccines: We recommend that all participants visit the Centers for Disease Control Web site: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/india.htm> to determine what vaccinations may be needed for this trip. We suggest that members visit this web site, print out the material and visit a doctor, or travel doctor, to determine what vaccinations or treatments may be needed for this trip.

This group will be limited to approximately 35 people, and confirmation in the program will be on a first come, first served basis. To join us, please complete and sign the application on page

five of the attached document. Please make sure to include the requested credit card authorization for the cost of the program. Over the last two years, , this program sold out in less than two weeks.. We expect the same response this year. If you are planning to join us, we suggest immediate action.

We look forward to having you or Rotarians from your club join us.

Best regards for a happy new year,

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January 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting 5:30 Ann Goody's	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28  David	29	30	31  Vicki	

February 2014

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Founder of Rotary



Ron Burton
RI President
2013-2014



Phil Sammer
District 5000
Governor



John Roth
Assistant Governor
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Vicki Kalman
Club President
2013-2014

BIG ISLAND ROTARY CLUBS

Rotary Club of Kona, Thursday at noon, King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel

Rotary Club of Kona Mauka, Tuesday at noon, Teshima's Restaurant, Honalo

Rotary Club of North Hawaii, 2nd & 4th Wednesday at noon, Saffron Organic Cuisine

Rotary Club of Hilo, Friday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, Wednesday at 6:45 am, Hilo Yacht Club

Rotary Club of South Hilo, Tuesday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotary Club of Volcano, Saturday, 8:00 am, Volcano House

Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset, Tuesday at 6:30 pm, Akebone Theater

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