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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets every Wednesday at 6:45 am at Humpy's Restaurant (upstairs above the ABC Store), 75-5815 Alii Drive, Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Club President Mike Fraser at 989-0360.

## This week: FUNDINJOB0 Interact Club

Our special guest speaker this week is the Chair of Youth Services for our club - Ann Goody.

Ann has spent the last few years trying to organize an Interact Club in South Africa. An initial visit to the county was the starting point of building a relationship with a Rotarian there who was willing to take on the challenge, along with finding a club that would be the sponsor club. Trying to do that, while living on the other side of the world was certainly a challenge - but we all know Ann well enough to know that nothing would deter her.

Months of correspondence back and forth through emails, finally resulted in the creation of the Fundinjobo Interact Club near White River. With initial financial assistance from the Rotary

Club of Kona Sunrise, a club banner and pins were purchased - the first of many ways that our club supported Ann in her quest for this new club. If you have read any issues of the Coffee Press, you would have seen some photos of these Interact Members, along with some stories about what they are doing.

Today, Ann is going to share with us some updates, as well as a Skype conversation with Judy Pott who is the advisor for the club.

This project is likely "one of a kind" in the Rotary world, so please come and show your support for Ann and all that she has done for the Fundinjobo Interact Club.

Welcome Ann!

## Editorial

There is no doubt that the quality of our guest speakers is reflected in the number of members who come to a meeting. With a well known speaker, on a topic of great interest - we should be filling the room at Humpy's. The challenge however, is having a Program Chair that has the time to follow up on all the suggestions for

speakers; ensure that their topic is of interest; that they are aware of our policy for being non political and non religious as well as the rest of our speaker guidelines including asking for financial support; arranging for the screen, projector etc; ensuring that the information gets in the local paper, as well as getting it to the

newsletter editor; preparing their introduction - etc. etc. All of these things take some time, and without having a member, or a small group of members, willing to take on this responsibility, Mike and I are temporarily filling the calendar of speakers for the next couple of months.

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# ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

## As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians;
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.

## RI President's Monthly Message

FEBRUARY 2015

As president of Rotary, it's my job to encourage and inspire Rotarians wherever I meet them. It's also my job to listen to what they have to say.

Whether it's a successful project or a challenge to overcome, a great Rotary Day or a new idea, I want to hear what Rotarians are thinking, doing, and planning. So whenever I travel, I ask my hosts to talk to me about their clubs. What's going well, where do they see a need to improve, and what can we at RI headquarters do to help?

The answers are always interesting and often surprising. Sometimes I have a suggestion or an idea to contribute; sometimes I am able to make a connection that will move a project forward. Often, I go back to Evanston with ideas and insights that help guide us in our decisions. But what I value most about these conversations are the stories I hear – the stories that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary.

In Atlanta, I attended a Rotary event honoring teachers and heard story after story about the gift of literacy and how it transforms lives. In Istanbul, I attended a wheelchair race and learned how Turkish Rotarians are working to

improve the lives of people with disabilities. In Lima, Peru, I talked to a former Rotaractor who waited nearly 20 years to be invited to join a Rotary club, and heard about how returning to Rotary has transformed her life.

I've heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I've heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can't help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?

In this Rotary year, I ask all of you to do just that: Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us; they help light up our service, as we work to Light Up Rotary.

GARY C.K. HUANG

PRESIDENT 2014-15

## Where Big Island Clubs Meet

- Rotary Club of Kona**, Every Thursday at noon, King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel
- Rotary Club of Kona Mauka**, Every Tuesday at noon, Teshima's Restaurant, Honalo
- Rotary Club of North Hawaii**, Every Wednesday at noon, Anna's Ranch, Waimea
- Rotary Club of Hilo**, Every Friday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- Rotary Club of Hilo Bay**, Every Wednesday at 6:45 am, Hilo Yacht Club
- Rotary Club of South Hilo**, Every Tuesday at noon, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- Rotary Club of Volcano**, Every Saturday 8:00 am, Volcano House, Volcano National Park
- Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset**, Every Tuesday at 6:30, Luquin's Restaurant

## Editorial - continued

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Last week, at the last moment, I chose to have The Pregnancy Center do a presentation to the club as they had requested a date. I did so with some hesitation - this group had done a presentation some time ago and at that time the speaker did not AT ALL meet the guidelines of being non-religious. Many left that meeting feeling that they were "preached at"; and it left a bad taste with many members.

I believe that some of our members did not attend the meeting last week, expecting

that it would be religious and "preachy" and all about saving the life of the baby at all costs. For those of us who did attend the presentation, the information that was shared by the new Executive Director, Ana Schaetzle was interesting and well presented. A rather dynamic speaker, Ana gave us an update on The Pregnancy Center and all the services that they provide. There was a good question and answer session after, and many of our members commented to her afterwards their pleasant surprise of their being very little on the pro-life side of the equation.

My point? Please try and attend the meetings to support the efforts put forth by the Program Chair regardless of the topic or speaker. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you can learn!

In the spirit of Rotary,

*Bev Fraser*

Please see either Mike or I if you have program suggestions. We are now booked through to March 11, 2015.

*The above is the personal opinion of the editor, and is not necessarily that of other club members or the club.*

## Preventing leg amputations in the Caribbean

By Rotary Voices staff

In 1983, Alan Hudson spent several weeks on the Caribbean Island of Dominica as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange. He was charmed by the local culture, and the warm welcome he received. So when an opportunity arose in 2012 to help people with diabetes on the island avoid having their legs amputated, Hudson jumped at the chance to give back.

Hudson's Rotary Club of Hereford Wye Valley, Herefordshire, England, partnered with the Rotary Club of Dominica to sponsor a Step by Step program providing those with diabetes foot screenings at local clinics and training by health care professionals on how to exercise their lower limbs and take care of their extremities. Clubs in Herefordshire and Kent, Ohio, teamed up to raise more than \$9,000 for the project, supported by a Rotary Foundation grant.

In the two years of the program, the number of lower limb amputations dropped 25 percent in 2012 and 72 percent in 2013. The government of Dominica has provided additional funds for diagnostic equipment to continue the progress.

[The project](#) is just one of many that Rotary members have shared on Rotary Showcase.

Other notable ones include:

The Rotary clubs of Patumwan, Thailand; Taipei Lungmen, Taipei, Taiwan; Suntec City, Singapore; Yuki, Ibraki, Japan; and the E-Club of 9920 Francophone; teamed up to provide [free heart surgeries for infants](#) at the Rajavithi Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, with equipment provided through a Rotary global grant.

Twelve Rotary clubs in the United States, France, Italy, Germany, and Egypt are partnering to provide [a new](#)

[sewer system for the village of Al-Aldys](#) near Cairo, Egypt, and connect 300 homes to the metro sanitary system.

Rotary members in England, Belgium, the Netherlands, and India are [helping children in rural India learn English](#) through the ILSE (I Learn to Speak English) program. The goal of the program is to educate 5,000 children and 100 teachers.

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, is [raising funds to build latrines](#) for 100 families in Las Lomas, a small community near the city of San Jacinto, Guatemala. Rotary members in Virginia, USA, got together with local high school students to [pack 10,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now](#), destined for needy children in Zambia.

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## February 2015 - World Understanding Month



Paul Harris  
Founder of Rotary



Gary Huang  
RI President  
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Laura Steelquist  
District 5000  
Governor



Donna Hiranaka  
West Hawai'i  
Assistant Governor



Mike Fraser  
Club President  
2014 - 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Ann Goody Fundinjobo Interact Club	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 JROTC Dan Malakie	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 County of Hawai'i - Wally Lau	19 Rotary Means Business	20 	21
22 Project Compassion - The Pregnancy Center	23	24	25 Palamanui Development - Greg Chun	26	27 <b>RYLA</b> →	28

## March 2015 - Literacy Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4 Richard Taaffe, West Hawaii Community Health Center	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Tracey Fosso, West Hawai'i Today	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rotary Means Business	20	21
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