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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.

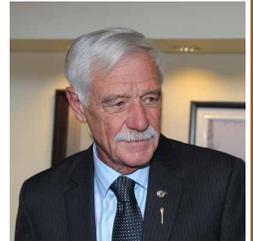
This week: 50 Years as a Volunteer Firefighter

This week we are honored to have a fellow Rotarian from the Stony Plain Rotary Club (Alberta, Canada) share stories about his 50 years as a Volunteer Firefighter.

Bill Purdy has been a Volunteer Firefighter in Wabamun, Alberta since 1964 and served as the it's Fire Chief from 1976-1989. He was twice named "Firefighter of the Year" (1994 and 2002); and served as Executive Director of the Alberta Fire Chief's Association, beginning in 2006.

In 2013, he was the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Metal "...created in 2012 to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, this commemorative medal served to honour significant contributions and achievements by

Canadians. During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians were recognized."



Bill has also served as a Director of the Alberta Safety Council (1973 to 1986) and a Director of the Canada Safety Council (1982 - 1985).

As a Rotarian, Bill has achieved 28 years of Perfect Attendance, and has been both Secretary and President of the Stony Plain Rotary Club.

An engineer by trade, he was employed by Transalta Utilities from 1961 - 1993.

Please join us this week to learn about some of Bill's experiences as a Volunteer Firefighter, in an area of Canada where the average temperature in January is -11.7 degrees Celsius or 10.9 degrees Fahrenheit!!

Welcome Bill.



Yep..Our infamous Pres turns 65 on Friday - so if you see him out and about in town..well you know what to do!!

(Just make sure he gets home safely please...)

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.

PRESIDENT-ELECT URGES ROTARY MEMBERS TO 'BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD'

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."



Be a gift to the world

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back

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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

Rotary Awareness Month - Quiz # 2 - Responsibilities of Members

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| <p>1. Which of the following are reasons Rotary International emphasizes the importance of members regularly attending club meetings:</p> <p>a. Absence of any member deprives clubs of the value of its diversified membership?</p> <p>b. Absence of any member deprives the clubs of member contributions to ongoing club projects?</p> <p>c. Absence of any member deprives the clubs of the personal fellowship of each member?</p> <p>d. Absence of any member reduces the club's ability to find a good place to eat for meetings?</p> | <p>2. T/F According to RI, an active Rotarian must attend at least 80 percent of club meetings in each half of the year.</p> <p>3. T/F: An active member may make up a missed club meeting by attending another club's meeting within 14 days of the missed club meeting.</p> <p>4. T/F: A member may make up a club meeting by attending a regular meeting of a local Rotaract club, Interact club, Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship.</p> <p>5. Which of the following are Rotary International Membership Requirements designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy</p> | <p>their Rotary experience:</p> <p>a. Regularly attending club meetings?</p> <p>b. Participating in local and international service projects?</p> <p>c. Introducing new people to Rotary membership?</p> <p>d. Encouraging fellow members to be involved in service?</p> <p>e. Paying annual dues promptly?</p> <p>f. Volunteering for leadership duties at the club level and beyond?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Answers below.</p> |
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‘Be a Gift to the World’ - continued

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the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many

parts of the world," he said. Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts

of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it," he said.



RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces his presidential theme for 2015-16, Be a Gift to the World, at the opening session of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.
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Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary



Gary Huang
RI President
2014 - 2015



Laura Steelquist
District 5000
Governor



Donna Hiranaka
West Hawai'i
Assistant Governor



Mike Fraser
Club President
2014 - 2015

January 2015 - Rotary Awareness Month

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Kealakehe High School Principle | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Board Meeting | 14 Lai'opua Bo Kahui | 15 Rotary Means Business | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Bill Purdy 50 years as Volunteer Firefighter | 22 | 23 Mike 65!!! | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Dave | 29 | 30 | 31 Vicki |

February 2015 - World Understanding Month

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| 8 | 9 | 10 Board Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Rotary Means Business | 20 Jamie | 21 |
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