This Week: Hawaii Community College

Our guest speaker this week is Jim Lightner, who will be presenting information about the newly opened Palamanui campus of Hawaii Community College.

About Hawai‘i Community College – Pālamanui

Hawai‘i Community College – Pālamanui in North Kona is a new, sustainably designed campus serving the West Hawai‘i community.

Pālamanui is a branch campus of Hawai‘i Community College and delivers Hawai‘i Community College classes and associate degree programs.

Pālamanui houses classrooms, vocational labs, a computer lab, and a library/learning center. The student support office provides access to Hawai‘i Community College counseling, financial aid assistance, registration information and special student success programs.

Students attending Pālamanui have an opportunity to participate in a variety of class formats including traditional instructor-led classroom settings, video conference classes, online classes available via the Internet, and hybrid classes that utilize a combination of technologies and/or face-to-face participation.

About University Center, West Hawai‘i at Pālamanui

Hawai‘i Community College - – Pālamanui also hosts the University of Hawai‘i Center, West Hawai‘i. The University Center allows students living in West Hawai‘i to obtain degrees and certificates from other University of Hawai‘i campuses. Pālamanui provides the local student support for the distance learning degrees offered through the center. To view a complete listing of distance programs available through the University of Hawai‘i Centers visit www.hawaii.edu/dl For more information on current courses of study available through the University Center, please call (808) 969-8808.

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets every Wednesday at 7:00 am at Humpy’s Restaurant (upstairs above the ABC Store), 75-5815 Alii Drive, Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Club President Bev Fraser at 936-9965
Club News

Our President Elect Dennis Rast was at PETS this past weekend, held in San Jose for Zones 25 & 26. There will be plenty of stories to share when he returns next week. Here are a couple of photo’s that are floating around social media - too early for the official photo for all Hawai’i clubs incoming Presidents.

At our meeting last week, club member Bernice Barnett was presented with a Service Above Self award for her hard work and dedication to the success of the RYLA Camp.
Hawaii Island’s homeless population is growing at an alarming rate. In fact, it is not so much the homeless population, it is the unsheltered population, and Hawaii County leads not only the state of Hawaii, it very likely has one of the highest unsheltered homeless rates of any county in the United States of America. For children, that is certainly the case.

Assessing the 2015 Point in Time count reveals that Hawaii County has nearly triple the unsheltered population as does Oahu, when based on the percentage of total population. That in itself is alarming, yet consider the families, particularly the woman and children. On Oahu, as of last year’s PIT count, 88 percent of families with children who are homeless are sheltered. This number has little changed in the past five years. On Hawaii Island, six times as many families with children and abandoned adolescents are living in unsheltered conditions when compared to Oahu.

On Hawaii Island, there is little to no shelter space available, given that the number of beds has decreased over the past four years, while the unsheltered population has tripled and increased by 684 individuals. Next month, when the 2016 PIT count is revealed, we may see higher numbers that correlate with what many who deal firsthand with the homeless already know.

How do we compare nationwide? Nationwide, figures indicate that for all school-aged homeless children, only 3 percent are living in unsheltered conditions, with the majority housed in county and state facilities, shared homes, and motels.

Here in Hawaii County, an estimated 75 percent of homeless school-aged children live unsheltered, in cars, tents, and even in the brush. And yet, according to the State Department of Education in their McKinney Vento Act filing to the National Center for Homeless Education, as of 2013, only 8.8 percent of school-aged children were living unsheltered in the state of Hawaii.

The McKinney Vento Act 4, part of No Child Left Behind, contains within it certain federal mandates for protecting homeless children and ensuring the continuance of their education. All states with the exception of Hawaii have scores of agencies (LEAs) to report independently on homeless school-aged children. The state of Hawaii has but one, the Department of Education. There are 300 or more unsheltered children on Hawaii Island that should qualify for McKinney Vento Act protection that includes DOE organized and supported transportation to school. Yet it is up to the mother, many times a victim of domestic violence, unsheltered, possibly dealing with maintaining employment, who is the sole responsible party.

Does the DOE, or the health department, seek out unsheltered homeless children that are truant? No.

Do they communicate with social services or nonprofits that know where these children are? No.

Eight years ago, an injunction was filed by a federal judge ruling that the State of Hawaii Department of Education must fulfill its obligation to homeless children.

(footnote continues next week).
**Today is “Celebrate Your Name Day”**

Here are some fun name facts to get you started:

Donald Duck’s middle name is Fauntleroy

The Lone Ranger’s name, except when he put on his mask, etc., was ‘John Reid’ (played on TV by Clayton Moore).

U2’s original band name was Feedback.

Who was the ‘Granny Smith’ apple named after? Maria Ann Smith.

Prior to being named the ‘White House’ (President Theodore Roosevelt first used that name when he had ‘White House’ engraved on his stationery in 1901), the residence was known as, the ‘President’s Palace,’ the ‘President’s House’ or the ‘Executive Mansion.’

Maine is the only state in the United States whose name is just one syllable.

Adolph Blaine Charles David Earl Frederick Gerald Hubert Irvin John Kenneth Lloyd Martin Nero Oliver Paul Quincy Randolph Sherman Thomas Uncas Victor William Xerxes Yancy Zeus Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenberdorft Sr., had a name for every letter in the alphabet, shortened his name to Mr Wolfe Plus 585 Sr. (the world’s longest name officially used by a person)

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**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 Thursday 7:30 am, Volcano House, Volcano National Park**

**Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset, Every Tuesday at 6:30, Luquin’s Restaurant**

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Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary

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RI President 2014 - 2015

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District Governor 2015 - 2015

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Donna Hiranaka
West Hawai‘i Assistant Governor

![Bev Fraser](image5.png)

Bev Fraser
Club President 2015 - 2016