

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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This week: Hawai'i County Elderly Activities

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Joining us this week is Kathi-Lynn Kam from the County of Hawai'i Coordinated Services for the Elderly.

The following is information from the County website: <https://www.parks.hawaiiicounty.gov/divisions/elderly-activities/coordinated-services-for-the-elderly-cse>

"Our Coordinated Services Program offers senior citizens 60 years and older a wide variety of services. One phone call to our office is your direct linkage to services and information available in Hawai'i County, such as: Determining your particular needs; Making referrals to appropriate resource agencies or providing assistance to follow-up on

your particular needs; Providing you with information about programs and services; Issuing the County Kupuna Card which offers discounts from various business establishments; and Providing you with other key services, such as in--home chore (which includes light housekeeping, laundry, meal planning, cooking, shopping assistance, personal care, running errands, escort, etc.), transportation, friendly visiting, letter reading/writing, translating/interpreting, counseling, financial affairs, housing assistance, client advocacy and outreach activities."

Welcome Kathi-Lynn!



BREAKING NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

Just in from the District 5000 Convention - the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise has won TWO FIRST PLACE AWARDS!

Pictured are the small, medium and large club award winners for the highest donations to End Polio Now.

The second award is for International Service.



The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am Papa Kona Restaurant 75-5770 Alii Drive Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Vernon Lowrey 573-465-2874 or konasunriserotary@gmail.com

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The Rotarian Minute

Role of the Rotary Bell

Since the beginnings of Rotary, the bell has become an essential symbol of club meetings.

Used to announce the opening and closing of meetings, it embodies order, punctuality and mutual respect, values dear to Rotarians.

Its clear ringing brings members together in a moment of reflection and attention, marking the transition from the everyday to a time of sharing, friendship, and service.

Each club has its own bell, often engraved with its name, which over the years has become a witness to its history and traditions.

Around the world, this simple gesture — ringing the bell — unites all Rotarians in a single symbolic

ritual.

It points out that, everywhere, clubs share the same ideal: to serve humanity with understanding and peace.

Thus, the Rotary bell, beyond its practical function, resonates as a universal call to unity and commitment.



<https://therotarianminute.org/history/the-role-of-the-rotary-bell/>

From the Archives - August 2016

Our guest speaker this week is Ardie Ikeda from the Kona Task Force on Feeding the Hungry, of which Meet N Eat is a part of.

Meet N Eat provides a free meal every Wednesday at Kealakehe Intermediate School in partnership with a variety of community partners. In January 1993, the late community volunteer and Rotarian Ken Clewett and nine founding members created the program, choosing to hold the weekly supper in Kailua-Kona because of the nearby housing projects and high number of single parents with children. The first meal had 36 diners.

Ardie is a veteran who is involved in many community organizations in addition to the Kona Task Force on Feeding the Hungry, including the Kealakehe Neighborhood Watch Program and Kealakehe Community Association.

Please join us to learn more about the Meet N Eat Program - welcome Arnie!



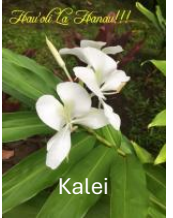
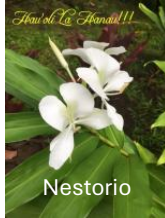
← This photo is from Thanksgiving 2012

Below: March 2026 - program still serving the food insecure!



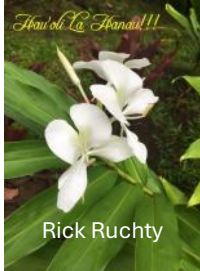
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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	5 	6	7	8
9	10  Chuck R	11  Nancy/Vernon (12th) → Cooper	12 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: POLIO PLUS Zoom with Roz	13	14  Nestorio	15  Bernice/Bruce
16	17	18	19 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Aunty Aloza Bezilla	20	21 District Conference 21 - 23 	22
23 	24	25	26 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: County of Hawai'i Elderly Services	27	28	29
30	31					

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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Meet n Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	2 	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Boys to Men Mentoring	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Forensic Nurse Examiner Program	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: FBI	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Community Alliance Partners			

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Club News



Paul Harris
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West Hawai'i
Assistant
Governor
2026 - 2027



Nancy
Lowrey
Rotary Club
of Kona
Sunrise
President
2025 - 2027

The BIG news for our club is the awards that we received at the recently held District 5000 Conference held on Oahu.

Our club (which is in the “medium size” category, was rewarded with first place in International Service, first place in Polio giving, first runner-up in Foundation giving per capita, and 1st runner up in Public Image. WOW - what great accomplishments!



In other BIG NEWS...Papa Kona restaurant has modified their hours, and is now opening at 8:00 am rather than 7:00 am. Since our meeting time has been 7:00, we are now going to hold the meetings from 8:00am to 9:00 am.

An email was sent out to the membership to approve the change in time, and all of the responses were in agreement with the change.



Saturday, October 24th is World Polio Day, and Papa Kona has agreed to let our club set up an information booth in the restaurant. Times are yet to be determined, however members are going to be needed at the booth to collect donations, and answer any questions from guests about Polio. Please mark your calendar now - further information on the times etc. will be forthcoming. Papa



Kona will be making a financial donation to the efforts to eradicate Polio in the world. Registration for the 2027 convention, which takes place from June 26th to June 30th, will open in September.

The early bird rate, available from September 17-21 is only \$595.00. It goes up by \$200.00 on the 22nd - so make sure to take advantage of the early rate.



The Rotary response to those who were impacted by hurricane Lala has been exceptional. The entire island has come together, with many organizations, churches, non-profits, businesses, artists, and individuals donating either cash or supplies. There are many ways that Rotarians can help, either financially or by volunteering. On the Vibrant Hawai'i website (<https://www.vibranthawaii.org/lala>) you can sign up to volunteer to assist where needed. The Rotary District Foundation will be setting up a special fund where a tax-deductible donation can be made which will go directly to helping those impacted.

Each club has a DRO (Disaster Response Officer), and Vernon Lowrey will be our club representative.



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