

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

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This week: Going Home Hawai'i

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Our guest speaker this week is Alexis Manuia, from Going Home Hawai'i.

Alexis serves as Peer Mentor Coordinator, supporting the development and coordination of peer mentorship services. She works to empower participants through lived experience support and connection.

From <https://www.goinghomehawaii.org/>

Mission Statement:

To assist justice-involved Hawai'i Island men, women, and youth with reintegration into community life through employment, education, housing, and supportive services

"Ho'i Hou I Ka Mole" (Return to the Root)



GOING HOME HAWAII'
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. EQUITY. SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Our Vision:

Embracing our culture as E Ho'okanaka - persons of worth - we as Hawai'i fulfill our promise of equity and inclusion to all who are justice-involved, through pathways of health, healing, and aloha.

Welcome Alexis!



Rotary initiative supports midwives in remote communities

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am
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To address a maternal health crisis, Rotary members help midwives build leadership skills and professional networks

by Hannah Shaw 1 Jul 2026

About 830 women and 7,000 newborns, mainly in low- and middle-income countries, die each day because of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. These deaths are mostly preventable. Midwives are key to

preventing them, so an initiative organized by Rotary members is supporting the essential work of midwives in Papua New Guinea and Australia.

According to the World Health Organization, increasing the number of midwives worldwide by just 10% could save up to 1.3 million lives each year. Rotary clubs are working to help meet that need, in part through leadership

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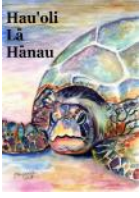
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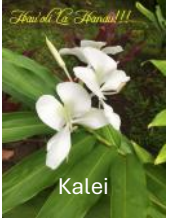
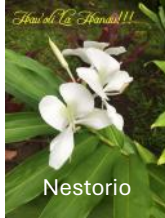
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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program Family Support Hawai'i	2  Bill Cullum	3 Birthdays July 4: Derek Chignell and Al Jubitz	4 
5	6	7 MEET N EAT Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	8 	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program TBA	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program TBA	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program TBA	30	31  Chuck Cartwright	

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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Kalei
2	3	4 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	5 	6	7	8
9	10  Chuck R	11  Nancy/Vernon (12th) →	12 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: Life Flight Hawai'i	13	14  Nestorio	15  Bernice/Bruce
16	17	18	19 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: TBA	20	21 District Conference 21 - 23 →	22
23 →	24	25	26 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program: TBA	27	28	29
30	31					



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Rotary initiative supports midwives in remote communities - continued

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and advocacy training. Working with the Australian College of Midwives and the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Society, they launched the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project. As of April 2025, the project has helped 52 midwives from Papua New Guinea and 31 from Australia develop their skills.

The program is rooted in collaboration. Australian midwives are paired with midwives from Papua New Guinea for five-day leadership workshops. The process culminates in a yearlong community health project designed and led by the midwives in Papua New Guinea, with continued support from their Australian counterparts.

Project organizer Judith Brown, a retired midwife and past president of the Rotary Club of Morialta, South Australia, says the exchange between the midwives is reciprocal and prioritizes learning from one another's strengths. The partnership enables midwives to learn about other cultures and develop their professional skills, Brown says, but the primary focus is "trying to help women just have a voice in both countries."

These collaborations have had lasting effects, from providing essential equipment to addressing issues like teen pregnancy. But

at the heart of the program are the enduring connections between midwives who share specialized knowledge, a sense of global community, and a commitment to saving lives.

[Learn more about Rotary's dedication to improving maternal and child health.](#)



Julie Kep (right), a midwife and facilitator for the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project, speaks with Torea Tore at Port Moresby General Hospital during a Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project workshop. Midwives do much more than deliver babies. In some places, they facilitate up to 90% of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and adolescent health services.

July is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary.



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