

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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Please join us on Tuesday, July 7th at the monthly Meet n Eat at Kealakehe Intermediate School starting at 4:30.

There is
NO MEETING
this
week

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RI President's July Message

Rotary has a way of surprising you. It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighborhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realize that the person Rotary has changed most ... is you.

That is why this year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to Create Lasting Impact.

Now, I want to be clear about what those words mean. Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of the long-term impact of every project. How can a new water system contribute to the long-term health of a community? Can residents help other communities build their own? How can a new classroom be part of a wider strategy to improve education in the area? That is the sort of thinking we need.



As we prioritize impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peacebuilding. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically. As you plan your next project, ask yourself: "How does this create the conditions for peace?" Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.

The more you change your community and the world, the more you will change. Don't just tell people about the projects

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am
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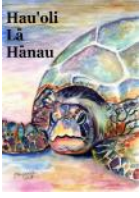
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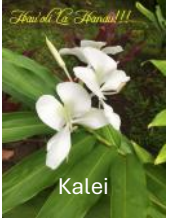
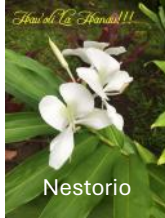
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Program Family Support Hawai'i	2  Bill Cullum	3 Birthdays July 4: Derek Chignell and Al Jubitz	4 
5	6	7 MEET N EAT Kealakehe Intermediate School 4:30	8 	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Regular 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 Kealahou 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 Hawaii'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					

2026-2027 District Governor Benson Medina

Benson Medina is a member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo and has been a Rotarian since 2015. He has been president of his club twice and has also served as the Foundation Chair, Community Service Chair, and Club Trainer. Since 2019, he has served as the District Learning Facilitator (Trainer), as a faculty member of the District Leadership Academy, and as a member of the District Leadership Team.

Benson is a Paul Harris Fellow, has served on the selection committee for the Hawaii Youth Rotary Foundation (HYRF) Scholarships, has been a facilitator for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camps on Hawaii Island, and is currently on the Education Committee for Southwest PETS in Los Angeles.

Since 2019, Benson has also been the president of Hui ʻŌihana, the Hawaii Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, and serves on many community boards and committees. He is an Investment Partner with Sustainability Partners of Phoenix, Arizona, a company that provides critical

infrastructure to governments, universities, schools, and hospitals in the State of Hawaii.

Benson lives in Hilo with his wife Zeda and is the father of four children, a grandfather of eight, and a great-grandfather of five. He is a graduate of

Kamehameha Schools, plays Hawaiian music in his spare time, and is a member of Hula Halau O Kawanakoa of Keaukaha.

Congratulations Benson!



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RI President's July Message - continued

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you have run or the funds you have raised. Tell them how Rotary has shaped who you are. Those personal stories open doors, inspire new members, and remind all of us why we are here. Storytelling is also an excellent way to recruit new members and raise funds. We need more people standing with us and more resources if we are to end polio, spread peace, and have a lasting impact on the world. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and more than 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030, just in time for Rotary's 125th anniversary.

Sit down with your club and look back over your accomplishments in the last few years. Find your

best year. Maybe it was a record year for new members. Maybe you reached a fundraising milestone. Maybe you completed a project that the whole community is still talking about. Once you find that year, I challenge you to do better than your best.

In these ways and more, we will Create Lasting Impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Thank you, my dear friends. Now let's get to work.

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President, Rotary International

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Club and Community



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A message from our Rotary friend Ivan Docker in Edmonton, Alberta.

At noon on Canada Day, Mayor Andrew Knack proclaimed Edmonton as an International City of Peace, of which there are 147 worldwide. Also, a Rotary Peace Pole was unveiled, which will be installed outside City Hall at a later date.

Surrounding the peace pole from left to right are a city councillor, the chief of police, Rotary International Director Marty Helman, our District Governor Jeanette Bancarz, Mayor Knack, and another city councillor. The ceremony ended with everyone singing "Let There Be Peace in Earth".

A great day for Rotary in Edmonton!



Speaking about Peace Poles, our club member Derek forwarded a photo of the Peace Pole in Prishtina with the new plaque. Per Derek "This is from Arben, and shows the new plaque on the Peace Pole in the center

of Prishtina. I think this one is more permanent than the previous one, so we can expect it to last!



The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise participated in the July 4th Kailua Parade in two ways - a few of our members, along with members from the Rotary Club of Kona walked in the parade with our club banner; and our Club President Nancy Lowrey was one of the announcers along the route.

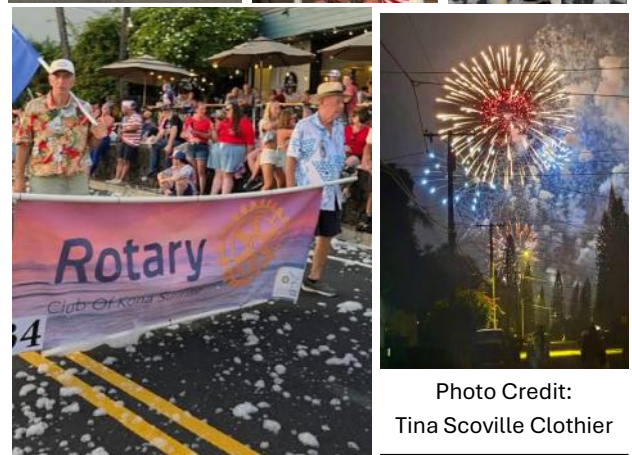


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