Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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This week: Boys to Men Mentoring

Our guest speaker this week is Josh Popky from Boys to Men Mentoring.

Information from https://b2mhawaii.org/

About Boys to Men Hawai'i

Because our communities depend on strong, caring men, it is vital to support boys during the years when their character, identity, and sense of purpose are formed. In Hawai'i, young men have traditionally been guided through close relationships with elders, family, and community—learning values such as kuleana (responsibility), mālama (care), lokahi (balance), and aloha. When these relationships are absent or disrupted, boys often lack the guidance and belonging they need during adolescence.

CANCELLED DUE TO FAMILY EMERGENCY

Boys to Men Mentoring Hawai'i creates safe, supportive spaces where boys are surrounded by trained adult mentors and peers who walk alongside them. Through weekly group circles, outdoor experiences, and rites of passage, boys learn accountability, communication, and self-awareness while strengthening their connection to 'ohana, community, and 'āina. Our programs honor both contemporary and traditional ways of learning, helping boys understand that

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District Governor Message

Mākaukau Kākou — Let Us Be Ready

Recent disasters here at home and around the world remind us that our communities can be tested without warning.

In Hawaiian culture, mākaukau means to be ready, prepared and equipped. For Rotary District 5000, that means preparing before disaster strikes, working together when help is needed, and remaining committed through recovery.

Our District Disaster Response Program is designed to help Rotary clubs across Hawai□i coordinate their efforts, support established emergency-response organizations, identify community needs and mobilize the people, resources and relationships that Rotary brings to the table. Our responsibility begins here in Hawai'i, but it does not end at our shores. As part of a worldwide Rotary network, we also stand ready to support communities elsewhere when disaster and tragedy

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 am
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Kailua Kona HI.
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Boys to Men Mentoring continued

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becoming a good man means caring for oneself, others, and the land that sustains us.

Founded in San Diego in 1996, Boys to Men Mentoring now serves communities in more than 20 cities worldwide. Boys to Men Mentoring Hawai‘i has been active since 2013, offering culturally grounded mentoring programs across the islands.

Demand for our programs continues to grow, with many boys waiting for the opportunity to participate. With the support of mentors, families, and community partners, we are building a stronger future for Hawai‘i—one young man at a time.

Welcome Josh!

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strike. The District Disaster Response Plan is available on our District website, and we encourage Rotarians, community partners and visitors to learn more about how Rotary is preparing to serve. We may not know when the next emergency will come, but we can prepare ourselves to meet it together. E mākaukau kākou. Let us be ready.



A□ohe hana nui, ke alu‘ia — No task is too great when we work together.

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District Governor 2026-2027
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From the RotaryD5000 website re disasters

With more than 1.2 million members worldwide, Rotary members are on the ground and ready to take action to help communities recover when disasters strike. Rotary members and The Rotary Foundation play a unique role in disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts. Working closely with other organizations that specialize in disaster relief, Rotary members can assist or lead projects to support every phase of a community's recovery.

Rotary supports three phases of relief:

1. Immediate response: Our local clubs and partners immediately offer helping hands and supplies.
2. Short-term assistance: Our clubs and districts help affected communities wherever we can through funds and materials to re-establish day -to-day operations.
3. Long-term rebuilding: Our clubs plan and implement projects that rebuild affected communities.

District 5000 Resources

PET & ANIMAL DISASTER PLANNING summary resources document posted in the margin. This attachment includes the statewide overview, Rotary□fillable gaps, transportation considerations, and the alternatives to traditional sheltering that we talked through. Please feel free

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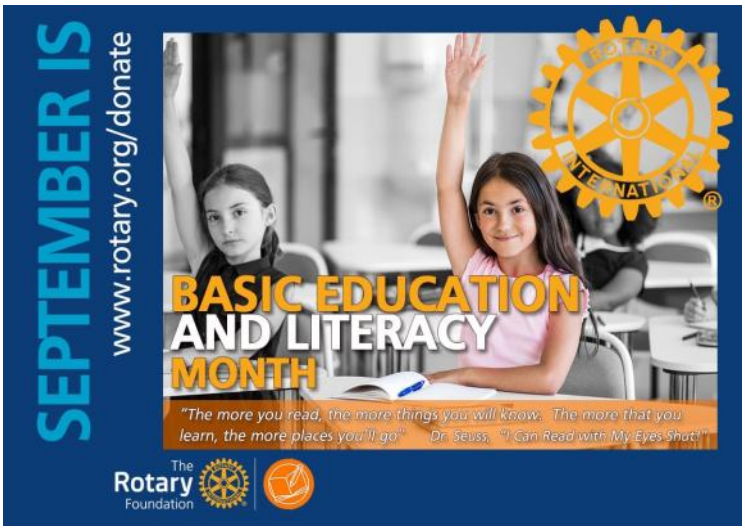
to share it with anyone who may find it helpful as we continue shaping the district's disaster planning approach.

Submitted by Rauchel Lyons, RC of Hilo

The Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA RAG) works to develop an interactive network of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their spouses, and affiliated Rotarian and other groups to assist with disaster preparedness, communication, and recovery on a worldwide basis. Our primary focus is on disaster preparedness with an emphasis on communication between the affected area and potential assistance for long term recovery. To join the Rotary Action Group, go to: https://dna-rag.com/



Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Clubs throughout the District are doing these literacy and educational projects: East Honolulu: provides a gift with snacks, books, toys to every student at Palolo Elementary. Downtown Honolulu: Sponsoring a school wide speech, contemporaneous speaking and interview skills competition based on national Amazing Shake curriculum. Hilo: Rotary in Kindergarten is an early childhood literacy program created by the Rotary Club of Hilo that brings the joy of reading to more than 400 kindergarten students in 23 classrooms across 12 East Hawaii schools. Each month, volunteer Rotarians visit classrooms to read engaging stories and foster a love of books and learning. Throughout the school year, every child receives three new books to build their own home library, while additional books are donated to classroom libraries to support ongoing reading opportunities. Honolulu Sunrise: Support the annual Read To Me International Literacy Conference by helping provide educational programming and professional development opportunities. Kapolei: Provide books to read and leave in classrooms at local elementary schools. Mililani Sunrise: obtain books for the students of Mililani to be distributed at a keiki book fair. Windward Oahu: Providing chapter book series to approx. 256 students at six Windward Elementary Schools, four of which are Title 1 schools.

Dictionary distribution by these clubs: Honolulu Pau Hana, Kahala Sunrise, Kauai, Lahaina Sunrise, Pearlridge, South Hilo, Upcountry Maui, Waikiki, West Kauai,

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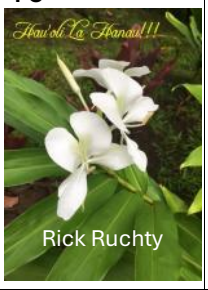
6	7 	8	9 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 8:00 am Program: Boys to Men Mentoring	10 	11	12
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20	21 International Day of Peace 	22	23 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 8:00 am Program: FBI Board Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 8:00 am Program: Community Alliance Partners			

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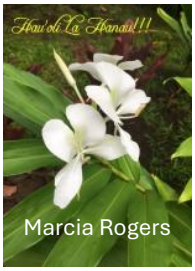
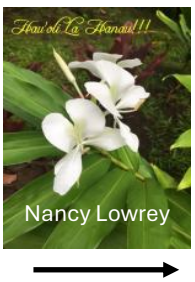
18	19	20 	21 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 8:00 Program: Taipei Convention Board Meeting	22	23	24  Papa Kona Event
	26	27 	28 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 8:00 Program: TBA	29	30	31

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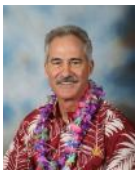

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Need to know etc.

Give Aloha donations to HRYF

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Donate to HRYF through the Foodland Give Aloha program and HRYF gets an added amount from Foodland. Go to any Foodland with your Maika'i card, use **#77199 for Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation** (HRYF) 's code. Send a copy of your receipt to HRYF, 3536 Harding Ave #500, Honolulu, HI 96816 or email office@hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org. Don't forget to write your name and club name on the receipt for proper credit.

Interesting Education Statistics for 2026 in Hawaii

In recognition of Basic Education and Literacy Month, following are some statistics that compare Hawai'i to the US in each category.
https://www.hawaii-can.org/kids_count_2026_hawaii_profile

Indicator	HI Previous	HI Current	US Previous	US Current
Ages 3/4 not in school	54%	56%	54%	54%
Fourth graders not proficient in reading	65%	68%	68%	70%
Eighth graders no proficient in math	78%	77%	74%	73%
High School students not graduating on time	14%	14%	13%	13%

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