



Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

The Coffee Press

August Newsletter 2021

Start of a New Rotary Year

A new Rotary year began on July 1, 2021 and our club had the privilege of being the first club in the islands to hear from our new District Governor, Sandy Matsui.



Club Member and guests attending the July meeting. Seated left to right—Mary Ann Berry, Sandy Matsui and Nalana Finn from District 5000

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At our first meeting of the year, DG Sandy shared with us some of the goals of both the District and Rotary International.

The Rotary theme for this year is "Serve to Change Lives" and for the District it is "Share with Aloha to Change Lives".

Mahalo Sandy for your inspiration!



President's Message - August 2021

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00 am by Zoom and in person at Papa Kona's 75-5770 Alii Drive Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Mike Fraser at 989-0360

Aloha Fellow Rotarians;

Our club was fortunate to be the "guinea pig" for our District Governor - her first presentation of 53 that she will make this year. In spite of a few technical challenges that we always seem to have, Sandy gave a great presentation about what is happening in our District and Rotary International.

Our second Meet N Eat takes place on August 3rd at Kealakehe Intermediate School, and as always we will need club members to assist. Please let me know if you able to help!

A reminder that your dues are due - and our Club Treasurer would appreciate

receiving your payment as soon as possible. And don't forget to take advantage of the club match of up to \$50 for the Rotary Foundation, if payment is received by the end of August.

In order to continue the projects we do in our community, some type of fundraising event needs to happen. Even as Covid 19 continues to present us with challenges, I'm confident that we can come up with some great ideas to implement. Please feel free to share any ideas with me either by email or phone.

We are off to a great start this year with two new member possibilities!

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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RI President's Message - August 2021

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we *Serve to Change Lives*, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because

an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you *grow more*, you will be able to *do more*. Let us keep *empowering girls* through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to *Serve to Change Lives*.

Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22

Club President's Message - continued

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Keep in mind RI President's directive of "Each One, Bring One".

Another great initiative that our club could participate in is "Empowering Girls".

More to come on this subject!

Aloha,

President Mike



August 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|--|--|-----|-----|--|
| 1 Kalei  | 2 | 3 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Regular Meeting 7:00 am Zoom/In Person | 12 | 13 | 14 Nestorio  |
| 15 Bernice & Bruce  | 16 | 17 Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 On Zoom | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Regular Meeting 7:00 In Person/ Zoom | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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Club News



Paul Harris
Founder of
Rotary



Shekhar
Mehta
RI President
2021 - 2022



Sandy
Matsui
District
Governor
2021-2022



Nestorio
Domingo
West Hawaii
Assistant
Governor



Mike
Fraser
Club
President
2021-2022

EVENTS:

As we look forward to this new year, here are a few dates to keep in mind for planning events:

- August/September - Basic Education and Literacy Theme
- October/November - Community Economic Development Theme. Area Project: November 27
- January/February - Maternal and Child Health. Area Project: February 22
- March/April - Environment. Area Project: Beach clean up, tree planting, etc.

Currently our club does not have any events planned other than our regular commitment to Meet n Eat. Have an idea for an event or fundraiser? Please let President Mike know.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our current club membership stands at 21 members. For the past five years, the membership has fluctuated between 20 and 21 members - which means we have done a great job at retention! Now we need to focus on expanding that number - President Mike has set a goal of 25 members by the end of the year. "Each one, Bring one" is the goal that is being encouraged by the RI President, which if achieved would result in 42 members!!



Past DG Nalani Finn with four of the new Board Members for 2021-2022



Nestorio, Allan Clark,
President Mike



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July 2021 Meet n Eat

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