

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

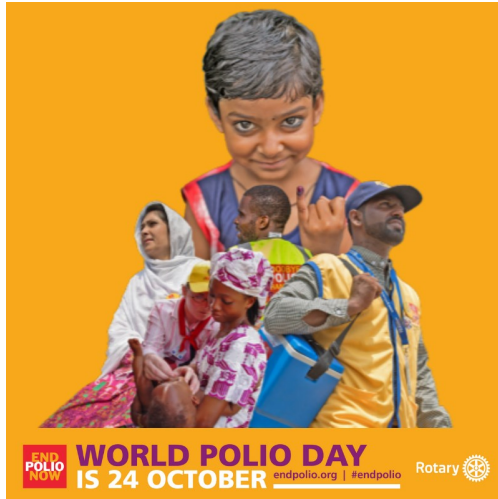
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October Newsletter 2021

World Polio Day October 24, 2021

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What is the PolioPlus Society? In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth.

On the occasion of World Polio day 2021, would you please consider joining the Polio Plus Society by making your commitment [here](#)? If you would rather just make a straight donation to the End Polio campaign, please see Rotarian Bev Fraser, Foundation Chair.

Mahalo!



Did you know that almost half of our club members have committed to the making an annual donation of \$100 or more to the Polio Plus Society?

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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues.

Over the past 30+ years, much progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation to further those goals.

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise has always been supportive of local agencies

and non-profits that provide assistance to victims of Domestic Violence. Examples of past support includes Rotarian Dr. Cliff Kopp being instrumental in a large renovation project for the local shelter, which many of our club members assisted with. Rotarian Ann Goody has in the past coordinated a drive for supplies for the shelter at our local Walmart store; and she continuously supports the shelter at Christmas time in providing stockings and



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month - continued

gifts to those individuals who reside in the shelter. Club funds are annually set aside for support of the shelter and other programs to bring awareness to this issue. Following is something to give thought to:

Domestic Abuse in Later Life

Abuse in later life comprises financial, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Perpetrators are people with whom the victim has an expectation of trust, particularly spouses, intimate partners, adult children, grandchildren, other family members, and non-related caregivers. Perpetrators typically, but not exclusively, abuse older adults in their places of residence.

Did You Know?

Every year, approximately 4 million older Americans are victims of physical, psychological and/or other forms of abuse and neglect.

Older adults who require assistance with daily life activities are at increased risk of being emotionally abused or financially exploited.

Approximately 50% of older adults with dementia are mistreated or abused.
An estimated 13.5% of older adults have suffered emotional abuse since the age of 60.

Victims of elder financial abuse lost an estimated \$2.9 billion in 2011.

76.1% of physical abuse toward older adults is perpetrated by a family member.

A majority of elder sexual abuse cases involve female victims and male perpetrators.

Only 1 out of every 24 cases of elder abuse is reported.

Only 15.5% of elder sexual abuse is reported to police.

Why It Matters

Abuse in later life has a devastating impact on victims and can result in the loss of independence, security, life savings, health, dignity, and can be deadly. Research indicates that older adult victims of abuse have shorter lifespans than their peers who do not experience violence. Abuse in later life can cause both physical and psychological harm. Psychological harms associated with abuse in later life include depression, stress, helplessness, alienation, guilt, shame, fear, and anxiety.

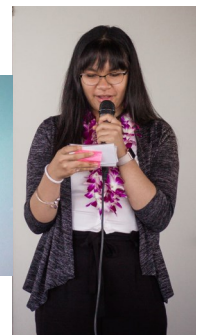
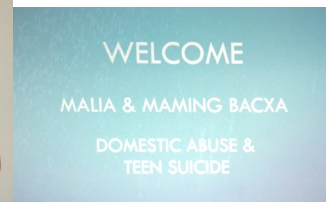
If you suspect abuse is occurring to an elderly friend, family or neighbor, call 808-832-5115.

INCYMI (In case you missed it)

For members who were not able to join the club for meetings in September - you missed at least one great presentations and speakers!

One of the most powerful presentations was on the subject of Domestic Abuse and Teen Suicide presented by two local students Maming and Malia Bacxa. Both young women presented the results of their research into the two subjects, as well as sharing their personal stories.

Both of these subjects are not easy ones to talk about by anyone, and these young women did an incredible



job at making those in attendance aware of how the two issues affect their generation.

October 2021

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3	4	5 Meet N Eat	6	7	8  Chuck R	9
10	11	12	13 Regular Meeting Day	14	15	16  KC and Rocco Mahoney
17	18	19 Board Meeting	20	21  Marcia	22	23
24 WORLD POLIO DAY 	25	26	27 Regular Meeting Day	28	29	30

Coming up in November - Rotary Foundation Month!



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Club News



Paul Harris
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West Hawai'i
Assistant
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2021-2022



Proposed Site / Location Plan of the Les Simonson / Cliff Kopp Peace Pole
Harold Higashihara Park, Hawaii Belt Road / Hwy 11, Honalo, Hawaii



Photo of the proposed location for a Peace Pole in honor of Dr. Cliff Kopp and Les Simonson

Membership:

If any club member is interested in joining the membership committee, please see Bev Fraser.

We will be inducting two new members this month - Vernon and Nancy Lowrey. If you have not yet met them, please introduce yourself at the next available opportunity.

The 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey is your chance to tell us about your experience as a member - what

you like, what you don't, and how we can make your membership experience even better.

The survey is sent to all Rotary and Rotaract members for whom we have a current email address

To ensure that you receive it, sign in to My Rotary and [update](#) your email address by 1 November.

You'll find the survey in your inbox in early November.



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