

# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

## The Coffee Press

August 30, 2023

### This week - No meeting

We will not be having our regular meeting this Wednesday morning. Instead, we will be holding a Pau Hana event at Three Ring Ranch, following a tour of the facility.

Desserts and beverages will be shared after the tour.

Directions will be emailed on Tuesday.

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### Maui Fire Relief Fund Update

August 18, 2023 updates from Maui Coastal Clubs Assistant Governor Al Weiland

donations, particularly food, water and protein sources. They do not want clothes, as there are trailers full of clothes that haven't been unloaded.

I was at the Queen K Sears parking lot yesterday, along with Mike Luque from Upcountry and Tony Krieg from Kahului Clubs.

If you wish to donate, or volunteer, just go. The need is enormous.

War Memorial is not taking donations and moved their semi-trailers of goods and clothes to Queen K. The Red Cross and volunteers were there in force, and the line of cars to pick up necessary items was long all day. They will accept

The South Maui Park Gym also has a donation and pick-up center and could use volunteers. Much quieter there, but could still use help. See Kalani or Amanda there. The shelter there today has half the number of people as

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am  
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One of the best ways to help those in need in Maui, is to consider making a donation to the Rotary District 5000 Fund. All funds donated will be used to help those who have suffered losses in the Lahaina Fire.



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## Maui Fire Relief - continued

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yesterday as they are being placed in hotels. HHS is on-site to do the placement.

The Hawai'i Rotary District Foundation has created an advisory group to help prioritize use of the funds in the emergency relief fund. Maui is well represented with Wendy Hornack, Mariko Higashi, Joe Park from the Lahaina Club, Joanne Laird from Lahaina Sunset and myself on the group. The first distribution will be gas cards through Maui Oil, and that will start on Monday.

We have gotten offers of containers of emergency supplies, and have held off until there was a clear

way to accept and distribute those supplies. I have worked with the South Maui Disaster Relief group which will help with the logistics at the port, and connect with the distribution organizations. If you have contacts who would like to send containers of emergency supplies, let me know.

School supplies are an issue for the kids who are being displaced to different schools. Joanne Laird has contacts with the school district administration and will help identify needs. I met with the Pastor at Kihei Lutheran yesterday, and they are also doing a school supply drive. Our club may coordinate our efforts with them.

Stay updated at [RotaryD5000.org/MauiRelief](http://RotaryD5000.org/MauiRelief)

## From the Archives - and still relevant

*The following is from the Archives of RCKS. It was in the August 19th, 2015 issue of the Coffee Press.*

*By Terry R. Weaver, governor of District 7750 (South Carolina, USA)*

In my travels as a newly fielded district governor, I've run into a misperception that several clubs have told me is getting in the way of membership growth.

The elephant in the living room? **ATTENDANCE.**

Let's step back. Several years ago, Rotary's Council on Legislation declared that almost ANY legitimate Rotary activity qualifies as a make-up. This includes not only attending another club's meeting, but also a committee meeting or board meeting, working on a project (some clubs say for at least one or two hours), etc. "Etc." means anything that can reasonably be called a Rotary service activity. Now, of course to get "credit" for a make-up, the member has to report that qualifying activity to the club secretary. Most clubs use a sign-in sheet at a

committee meeting or project and then forward the whole list to the secretary.

### **Measuring engagement**

Why did the Council do that? Because the point of tracking attendance is not to make people come to meetings. When measured this way, it's a measure of engagement — a key performance indicator of how your Rotary club is doing at involving members in Rotary activities. Believe me, we have the data to prove that when a member isn't engaged and involved in the club, it's a short trip to a resignation letter. Look at your members' attendance percentages. Those at the bottom of the list are thinking about resigning. What can you do to get them engaged, involved, and — hopefully — passionate about something the club is doing?

More importantly, tracking engagement (attendance is a surrogate) is an important way of ensuring that members get the return on their Rotary investment that they deserve. Members who don't show up for club activities aren't getting the

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# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 	5 Meet N Eat Kealakehe Intermediate School	6 	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Regular Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Regular Meeting 7:00 Papa Kona SPEAKER: DG Mark Merriam	21 Sunrise to Sunset Peace Pole Dedications 	22	23
24	25	26	27 Regular Meeting	28	29	30

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## Club News



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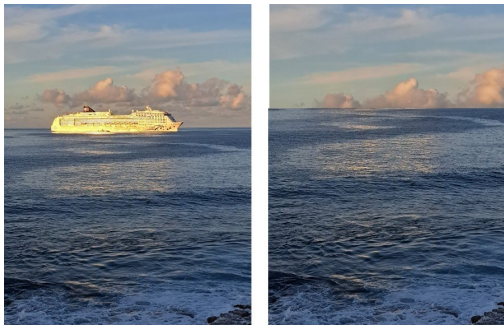
benefit of Rotary, and if we can identify those folks early, we can intervene and get them involved in something they're interested in.

### Participation versus attendance

So, let's not only treat attendance as a key performance indicator for engagement but let's explain it the same way to prospects. Rather than, "You have to attend four meetings a

month," say, "We expect you to participate in some Rotary activity four times a month — you pick the activity that works for you, and you pick the time." I think that's a whole different message, and actually what we're attempting to promote and measure.

It's not about making people come to meetings. It's about offering them a platform where they, in their own ways and based on their own preferences, can *Be a Gift to the World*.



left. Our new meeting view is on the right. What's missing? The cruise ship obviously.

The ship is now making it's regular port of call in Kona on Tuesday instead of Wednesday due to the Lahaina fires, at least through the end of September.

Notice the difference between the two pictures? What was the view at our regular meeting is the picture on the

Despite this, we still have the best view for our regular meetings!

**"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."**  
— Eleanor Roosevelt



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