

# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

*"Peace Through Service"*

## The Coffee Press

September 20, 2023

### This week - District Governor Mark Merriam

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am  
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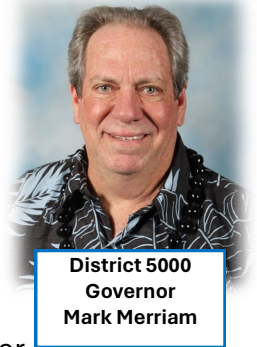


#### Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 District Governor 2023-2024 Mark Merriam

Shortly after graduating from the University of Hawaii, and in his first professional job, he was invited to a Rotary meeting. Mark is forever grateful to his sponsor PDG Mike Lyons for that lunch. 40 years later he has served in many Rotary leadership roles, including Chief of Staff, Assistant Governor, International Service project chair and RYLA chair. Mark was part of the organizing committee and charter member of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu, where he served as club president in 1994-95.

Professionally, Mark is President of AlohaGraphics, a print shop in Honolulu. With a focus on color digital printing, the shop recently started its 27th year. In addition to Rotary, Mark

has been active in Scouting programs since elementary school days in Kailua. As a Scoutmaster, he helped 50 young men earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He received the BSA Silver Beaver Award and is a recipient of the Cliff Dochterman Award.



District 5000 Governor Mark Merriam

Rotary is a family affair, he met Kathleen through Rotary. She is also a past president of the Metropolitan Honolulu club and a past Assistant Governor for Oahu Windward area clubs. Their 2 children grew up at Rotary projects and now four grandchildren keep their lives joyful and active.

Welcome Mark and Kathleen!



## Peace Week

September 16 - 23, 2023

See all the activities planned for Hawaii Island go to  
<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/peace#>



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**\* ~ Hawai'i Island Peace Week ~ \***

**September 16 – 23, 2023**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**     **Trek the Trail** – Health & Wellness 'Ohana Fun – Hilo - 9 am – 2 pm  
~ **Peace Walk with the Mayor** - Hilo Civic Center

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Peace Pole Celebration** - Puna Hongwanji – Kea'au – 9 am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**     **St. Joe's Student Peace Celebration** – County Building Atrium – 8:30 am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**     **Peace Pole & Hula** - Mo'oheau Bandstand – Hilo – 12 noon

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Peace Pole Celebration** - One Gallery - Hilo – 12 noon

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**     **International Peace Day**  
~ **Ring Your Bells for Peace** – 9 am – just log onto [bit.ly/PeaceDay2023](https://bit.ly/PeaceDay2023)

***Sunrise to Sunset ~ Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Hawai'i Island***

**Sunrise** - [Kua O Ka Lā School Peace Pole](#) - 345 Makalika Street, Hilo – 8 am

~ Peace Pole Presentation & Peace Bell Ringing – Hilo Hongwanji - 9 am

**Mid-morning** - refreshments at Gill Kahele Park Peace Pole – 10:15 am

**Mid-day** – Ice Cream Social at West Hawai'i Civic Center – 2 pm

**Sunset** – Kona Peace Pole Dedication at Hale Halewai Park - 5 pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**     **Peace Pole Dedication** – North Hawai'i Hospice - 3 pm, followed by Reception  
& ~ Dinner at Red Water Restaurant, Waimea (\$30) RSVP @ [jimb4good@gmail.com](mailto:jimb4good@gmail.com)

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**     **Peace Day Festivity** - Honoka'a Town - 11 am – 5 pm  
~ <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceCommitteeHonokaa>

**\* See website for details**

# 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 Speaker Lisa Jacob Kona Literacy Center	14	15	16
17	18	19 Board Meeting 5:00 pm West Hawai'i Civic Center	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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POEM BY DAVID TANARE



## WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN DAILY



Wear your Rotary pin daily.  
It's a way to show you care  
Take pride of place on your shirt lapel  
Ensure that it is always there.  
People will notice it and talk to you  
They'll ask you, "What does it mean?"  
An opportunity for you to talk  
And explain the Rotary dream.

It's a daily reminder of Rotary's values  
And the work which Rotary does.  
Of how Rotary has changed our precious world  
And the Four way test is great to discuss.  
It's a conversation starter, an Ice-breaker  
A way to make new friends.  
It will keep you focused on your public image  
Whilst Rotary in your life extends.

An opportunity to bring new members to join  
A creative way to catch their eye.  
You can wear it on casual, comfy clothes,  
Or your work attire, whatever you desire.  
Be recognised throughout this great big world  
Other Rotarians will notice you too.  
By wearing your Rotary pin each day,  
You'll be impressed with what it will do.



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