



Rotary on KPUA's Community Forum April 22, 9:30 a.m.

(A) What is Rotary?

- Rotary is a non-profit organization, a 501(c)(4), founded in Chicago by lawyer Paul Harris on Feb. 23, 1905. Originally, there were 4 members. The word "Rotary" conveyed the original plan of the members to meet "in rotation" at their various places of business.
- Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians are now members of 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. In Hawai'i, there are 43 clubs, with approximately 2,200 members. The Big Island has 7 clubs: 4 clubs in East Hawai'i, 3 in West Hawai'i.
- Rotary Club members are business and professional leaders who volunteer in their communities, provide humanitarian service, and who help promote peace and understanding throughout the world.
- Rotary Foundation, begun in 1917, provides US \$100 million a year toward humanitarian grants, educational programs, and Polio Plus.
- Polio Plus is Rotary's flagship program. Rotarians have contributed over US \$600 million to immunize two billion children against polio from 1985 to the present. Polio has been eradicated in 210 countries and geographical regions.
- 4 areas of emphasis by Rotary International: water management, literacy, health and hunger, and family of Rotary.

Rotary International President in 2007-08 – Wilfrid Wilkinson

District 5000 (Hawai'i)

District Governor – George Fontaine

Assistant District Governor for East Hawai'i – Albert Jeyte (telephone 896-5769)

Rotary Club of Hilo – Gay Porter, President – rep. by **Helen Hemmes**

Rotary Club of South Hilo – Jack Stevenson, President – rep. by **Phoebe Lambeth**

Rotary Club of Hilo Bay – **Richard Crowe**, President

Rotary Club of Volcano – Don Hughes, President – rep. by **Albert Jeyte**

April = Magazine Month

(B) Community Service Projects:

Work Projects: The Rotary Club of South Hilo, with the support of nine Hilo businesses, has refurbished the athletic fields of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island in Hilo. Courtesy of a band of hardworking volunteers and generous donors, at the end of March, the facility got two new electrified scoreboards, a facelift for the bleachers and dugouts, fence repairs, tree trimming and a cutting back of the overgrowth around the fields. Wielding paint brushes and an assortment of tools, 29 community and business volunteers joined 17 Rotarians in the all-day Saturday makeover. For the transformation, the business community contributed equipment, supplies and manpower. Teaming up with the Rotarians were Hawaii Electric Light Co., Hirayama Brothers Electric, Island Wide Fencing, Hawaiian Telecom, Gemini Observatory, ICI Paint, Ace Hardware, Creative Arts and Tree Works. More than

600 people utilize the fields as spectators or players at weekend sports events, and more than 1,300 children are members of the B&G Club of the Big Island. The Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island is the Big Island's premier youth development organization. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, it is an affiliate of the national organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The very first club in Hawaii opened its doors in 1952 as the Boys Club of Hilo. Originally located on Kamehameha Avenue, and destroyed by the 1960 tidal wave, the current facility is adjacent to Haili Street, in historic downtown Hilo. In 1988 girls were welcomed as members, thus giving the club a new name, the Boys and Girls Club of Hilo. Since its inception, the club has serviced more than 50,000 youth and currently serves 1,300 active members in Hilo, Kea`au, Pahoa, Pahala, Oceanview and Hamakua. For an annual membership fee of \$10, all youths ages 6-18 are invited to join. At its April 9 meeting, a donation of \$1,000 from the Hilo Bay Rotary Club Foundation was made to the Boys and Girls Club. These funds will be used for expanding outreach services to Waimea and Kona.

Rotarians at Work Day: On April 29, 2006, District 5340 held the first "Rotarians at Work Day" when each of the 60 clubs in the District came forward and identified one or more projects that they performed. Many clubs partnered with other clubs including those in Mexico, and nearly all of the clubs integrated other groups to assist such as Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs, and the Family of Rotary. Rotarians planted trees, performed much needed maintenance to our communities' highways, senior centers, a variety of public buildings such as schools, parks and even the facility which hosts RYLA each year. In 2007, more Districts across the Rotary World participated to help this project grow. At this point in time at least 14 Districts spanning 8 countries have agreed to participate in the coming years. For 2008, **April 26** will be "Rotarians at Work Day" and District 5000 will be part of it. Remember that every club in our District did a significant Centennial Project. We have been doing "Rotary Gives Thanks" in November each year. Now, we will join in this world-wide day of Service Above Self. East Hawai'i Rotary clubs are joining forces to renovate the firefighters' dormitories at the Hilo Fire Station. The facilities are getting a fresh paint job, new faucets, air conditioners, light fixtures, and carpeting, with the contributions and labor of Rotarians.

ROTARIANS MOBILIZE FOR A DAY OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF, SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, AT PROJECT SITES ISLAND WIDE!

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY is a visual, hands-on exclamation point to the community and international service performed throughout the year by the more than 2,200 men and women in 43 Rotary Clubs on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. Rotary Clubs statewide have identified specific needs in their communities, and in one day, their members will roll up their sleeves and work side by side to make a difference. Hawai'i Rotarians join the thousands Rotarians across the Rotary World, who are participating in the annual ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY, which originated two years ago San Diego, and grown to include more than eight countries.

East Hawai'i Rotary Clubs are renovating dormitories in the historic Hilo Fire station.

On April 12 and April 19, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.:

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On Rotarians at Work Day, April 26, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.:

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(C) Club Service:



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH HILO presents

FOURTH ANNUAL

HILO - HULI



**15 CHEFS TEMPTING YOUR PALETTE
SUNDAY MAY 4 at COCONUT ISLAND**

STARTING AT 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Live entertainment music and hula Beer and Wine
SILENT AUCTION

TICKET PRICE \$40 per person

Tickets \$45.00 at the door

Tickets available at www.southhilorotary.org
or from any South Hilo Rotary Club Member

**THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL PROJECT
REFURBISH THE HILO CENTRAL FIRE STATION
SO TASTE THE HEAT AND JOIN US!**



(D) International Service Projects:

Polio Plus: Polio Plus is Rotary's flagship program. Rotarians have contributed over US \$600 million to immunize two billion children against polio from 1985 to the present. Polio has been eradicated in 210 countries and geographical regions. It has nearly been eradicated in four other countries - where it remains endemic in limited areas - Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan. A total of 313 new cases reported in 2008 (300 cases in endemic). In the year 2007, by April 15, there were 111 new cases reported; a net increase of ~ 282% !

(E) Rotary International Convention June 15-18, 2008 in L.A.:

Los Angeles, California, from 15-18 June 2008, will be home to the 99th annual RI Convention, titled "See the Stars!" Home to the stars of the small and big screens, Los Angeles will also be a city of Rotary stars, as it welcomes thousands of Rotarians from all parts of the world. A Rotary convention is an event like no other — a time to connect with Rotarians you wouldn't ordinarily have a chance to meet. Attending an international convention helps one to understand the international scope of Rotary — and what can be accomplished through it. The convention offers a host of resources for international service and fellowship: inspiring plenary speakers, informative workshops, the Club and District Projects Exhibition, the House of Friendship, and so much more. As the movie capital of the world and a center for shopping and international cuisine, Los Angeles offers much to see and do outside the convention venue as well. And the Host Organization Committee promises to keep convention goers highly entertained with events at the Hollywood Bowl, Nokia Theatre, and more. Every Rotarian should experience at least one Rotary convention.

(F) General Information:

Membership is by invitation only.

Rotary Club of South Hilo meets Tuesday 11:45 a.m. at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotary Club of Hilo Bay meets Wednesday 6:45 a.m. at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort

Rotary Club of Volcano meets Thursday 6:45 a.m. at Volcano House Restaurant

Rotary Club of Hilo meets Friday 11:45 a.m. at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Rotarians end their meetings with the 4-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, or Do. Invented by Herbert Taylor in 1934 as a set of moral principles adopted to save a struggling business, the 4-Way Test will guide those who dare to use it for worthy objectives: choosing, winning, and keeping friends; getting along well with others; ensuring a happy home life; developing high ethical and moral standards; becoming successful in a chosen business or profession; and becoming a better citizen and better example for the next generation. Eloquently simple, stunning in its power, undeniable in its results, The Four-Way Test offers a fresh and positive vision in the midst of a world full of tension, confusion and uncertainty:

- (1) Is it the TRUTH?
- (2) Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
- (3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- (4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

For more information:

<http://www.rotary.org>

<http://district5000.clubwizard.com>