



District Governor  
Naomi Masuno



“Making a Difference in our Communities”



Club President  
Keoni Ahlo



“Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities.”  
RI President Holger Knaack

The strength of our Club lies in its members

## Corteva Update

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



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President Tom - <https://columbiametrorotary.org/events/>



PP Geoff Horvath

### INVOCATION

PP Doc McKenzie



Outside D5K

Jim Thompson – RC of Laramie Sunrise, WO - Jim will be transferring his member ship to our Club!

**Within D5K**

**PDG Laurie Yoshida (2011-12) – RC of Kalepa Sunrise, Kauai**



None



**Matching People with Money for Positive Results**

In the words of **Arch Klumph**: “Money alone does little good. Individual service is helpless without money. The two together can be a godsend to civilization.” Your financial resources combined with your time, energy and talent is critical to Rotary’s mission. 91% of your contribution goes directly to the programs of The Rotary Foundation while 3% is used for administration and 6% is for fundraising. These percentages are remarkable among charities across the world. This is why The Rotary Foundation gets such high marks from organizations that rank charities, such as Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau.

As Rotarians, there is no better place to donate our money. We get to use our own contributions to do good in the world.



**Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)**

We scheduled our interviews with the students on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The interviews will be conducted over Zoom.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Recognitions for the week ending February 14, 2021.



None



None

**Anniversaries**



None

**Induction**

None



**\$5- Virtual High Five**



**President Keoni** gave a HI \$5 for **Kate Butts** setting up our **PPE Presentation** today and for **PP Lilette Subedi** for preparing a welcoming reception room

<p><b>RI President: Holger Knaack</b>  <b>District: Naomi Masuno</b>  <b>Asst. Dist. Govt: Wesley Mun</b>  <b>Club President: Keoni Ahlo</b>  <b>PP: Alex Kanamu</b>  <b>President Elect: Keoni Ahlo</b>  <b>Exec Secretary: Alison Kanamu</b>  <b>Recording Secretary: PP Lilette Subedi</b>  <b>Treasurer: (Vacant) Kate Butts</b>  <b>Sergeant-at-Arms: Dr. Carver Wilcox</b>  <b>Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms: Austin Kanamu</b></p>	<p>February is...  <b>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month</b>  <b>Rotary</b></p>	<p><b>Membership: PP Alex Kanamu</b>  <b>Community Services: PP Lilette Subedi</b>  <b>Youth Services: Rene Mansho</b>  <b>Rotary Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie</b>  <b>HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath</b>  <b>Public Relations: Marie Abatayo</b>  <b>Fundraising: Marie Abatayo &amp; Kate Butts</b>  <b>Hulali Editor: PP Geoff Horvath</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Location: Dot's in Wahiawa</b>  <b>Day and Time: Thursdays 12:00-1:00 pm</b></p>
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**Rotary – 115 Years of Service to the World!**



Keep an envelope handy, so when you have a VH\$5, you can put it in the envelope and send it in or hand it in to Keoni when you have an opportunity!



None

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No fines

### District Grant – COVID-19 – Giving Back to Our Community!



Paulette Fukumoto, Marie Abatayo, PP Doc McKenzie and PP Lillete Subedi

Today some of our Club members met at the Pineapple Crate in Whitmore Village to present PPE supplies to the **U.S. Veterans, Hawaii** and **ALEA Bridge**. We received a District Grant to purchase these supplies and we were happy to distribute them to help those in need.



PPE

We thank PP Lillete Subedi for setting up a great reception room with snacks and water.

We presented PPE to Nicky Winter from ALEA Bridge and Katsu from U.S. VETS Hawaii, located at Barbers Point. Both of Nicky and Katsu were guest speakers at our Club.

The PPE presentation was made by PP Lillete Subedi and Kate Butts.



Kate Buts (L) and PP Lillete Subedi (R) presenting PPE Packets to Nicky Winter (L), ALEA Bridge and Katsu (R), U. S. VETS Hawaii

Each box for U.S. VETS contained 1,200 face masks and 320 sanitizing wipes; the box for ALEA Bridge contained 1,150 face masks and 240 sanitizing wipes.



PPE Packet

## WORDS OF WISDOM

“Great Men Cultivate Love...And only Little Men Charish Hatred.” – Booker T, Washington



Booker T. Washington

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Booker Taliaferro Washington (April 18, 1856 – November 14, 1915) was an American educator, author, orator, and adviser to multiple presidents of the United States. Between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the dominant leader in the African American community and of the contemporary black elite. Washington was from the last generation of black American leaders born into slavery and became the leading voice of the former slaves and their descendants. They were newly oppressed in the South by disenfranchisement and the Jim Crow discriminatory laws enacted in the post-Reconstruction Southern states in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Washington was a key proponent of African-American businesses and one of the founders of the National Negro Business League.



**ROTARY MINUTE**  
**The Definition of Rotary**

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional person united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"



None

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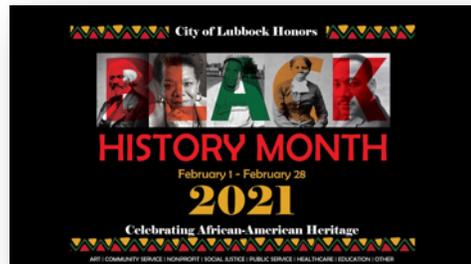
**Feb 18 – Haley Marguerite – RC Siesta Key, FL. –**  
 How to become an author.



**Feb 24 – Dictionary deliveries to Wahiawa elementary schools.**



None



**2021 Black History Month Theme –**  
**The Black Family**



The entire month of February has been designated as Black History Month. It was officially recognized by **President Gerald Ford** in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

A little-known fact is, the number of Black American inventors. You’d be surprised at the many things we use today were invented by Black Americans! Here are a few:

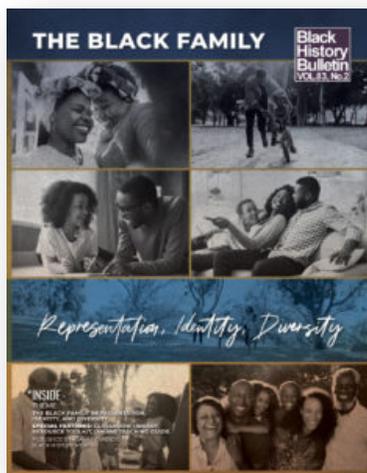
- Air Conditioning Unit – Frederick M. Jones – 1949
- Almanac – Benjamin Banneker – 1791
- Auto Cut-off Switch – Granville T. Woods – 1839
- Blood Plasma Bag – Charles Drew – 1945
- Egg Beater – Willie Johnson – 1884
- Elevator – Alexander Miles – 1867
- Fire Extinguisher – Thomas Marshall

For more impressive Black American inventors, go to:

<https://images.app.goo.gl/zANdMTCEoTBYpBtC8>

Thanks to Doc Carver Wilcox for his contribution to Black History Month.

## THE BLACK FAMILY: Representation, Identity, and Diversity



The black family has been a topic of study in many disciplines—history, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy. Its **representation, identity, and diversity** have been revered, stereotyped, and vilified from the days of slavery to our own time. The black family knows no single location, since family reunions and genetic-ancestry searches testify to the spread of family members across states, nations, and continents. Not only are individual black families

diasporic, but Africa and the diaspora itself have been long portrayed as the black family at large. While the role of the black family has been described by some as a microcosm of the entire race, its complexity as the “foundation” of African American life and history can be seen in numerous debates over how to represent its meaning and typicality from a historical perspective— as slave or free, as patriarchal or matriarchal/matrifocal, as single-headed or dual-headed household, as extended or nuclear, as fictive kin or blood lineage, as legal or common law, and as black or interracial, etc. Variation appears, as well, in discussions on the nature and impact of parenting, childhood, marriage, gender norms, sexuality, and incarceration. The family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present. <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>



**“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”**

— Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut



Dr. Mae Jemison

**Mae Jemison:** Astronaut Biography. When the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on its second mission, it carried the first African American woman into space. But Mae Jemison was more than an astronaut – she’s also a physician, a Peace Corps volunteer, a teacher, and founder and president of two technology companies.

## QUIZ OF THE WEEK

When and where was the first Black History Month celebrated?

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## **CORTEVA** agriscience Update



**PDG Laurie Yoshida**

Our Guest Speaker today was **PDG Laurie Yoshida**, Communications Manager for **Corteva Agriscience**. She is a graduate of University of Hawaii, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She was also the first non-Filipino named Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce President! Laurie gave us an update on what Corteva is doing today.

Corteva started more than 5 decades ago. They began operations as Pioneer Hi-Bred International in 1968.

They adopted land formerly used by sugarcane cultivation. Corteva, then Pioneer, started researching conventional hybrid corn seed varieties in Waimea, Kauai. But, in 1999, the operation was expanded to include Oahu, opening its current Waialua Parent Seed Farm along with a research center in Kunia in 2005.

Currently, Corteva utilizes modern biotechnology to develop and grow both conventional and genetically engineered corn seed. They found out that the DNA of the Kauai corn was good enough to reproduce.

Corteva has a partnership with local farmers, allowing them to use their fields to grow alternate crops, so there will be a rotation, which doesn't deplete nutrients from the soil. One of the major crops Corteva grows is Sunflowers.

Right now, Laurie told us that Corteva has two facilities in Hawaii, the Hawaii Research Center and the Waialua Parent Seed farm. They have a total of 3,670 employees, so they are a major contributor to our local

economy. On the mainland, Corteva employs 10,500 employees with 43 production locations, 50 Research and Development facilities.

The Hawaii seed corn industry is driven by worldwide demand for hybrid corn. Hawaii seed corn accounts for an estimated \$102 million, or 97% of the total \$106 Million sale of the state's seed industry during the 2018-19 growing season. Again, you can see how Corteva contributes to the local economy.

Corteva are strong supports of the community, ensuring that these communities thrive. They do this through agricultural collaborations with local farmers and other agri-organizations, and educational initiatives, schools and community organizations.

The 1,200-acre Hawaii Research Center is home to corn crops, a lab building and shade house structures.

The shade house structures, which broke ground in 2018, were built to increase capacity and incorporate new, more efficient technologies.

It all starts when researchers select plants containing the desired genetic qualities that will produce the best seed for farmers.

The growing and production process is as follows:

- Corteva Agriscience breeders send material to research centers in Waimea. Once they are received by the research centers, the seeds are planted. Once they sprout, the lab examines them to determine which plants have the desired qualities for further production. Then from these trials, researchers select plants containing the desired genetic qualities that will produce the best seed for farmers worldwide. Just think, little Waialua feeding the world!
- Researchers breed the plants with a goal to produce a "grand champion seed" that is resistant to diseases, insects and environmental conditions, while delivering greater yield to farmers. Sounds like GMO, but is not!
- Once this process is completed, researchers then ship the seeds back to the breeder for evaluation in the regions and environments for which these seeds are intended for. This is almost monumental since there are so many regions world-wide with diverse environments.
- Corteva workers harvest select corn ears, then dry, sort, shell and evaluate the kernels for the next step, which is farmers replanting the seeds at the Waimea research center to cross new populations and conduct further evaluations, to make sure they have the right seed.

What happens at the Waialua Parent Seed Facility?

- Planting and producing quality seed for farmers takes place on 2,300 acres on the beautiful North Shore!
- Corn is the primary crop grown in Waialua

- Corteva has worked with local farmers for more than a decade to plant and grow sunflowers once a year.



Speaking of sunflowers, each year Corteva, working with local community organizations and Waiialua High School, open the sunflower fields to the public. Proceeds from parking goes to the organizations and Waiialua High School.

Corteva does research on sunflower seeds in an effort to improve yield and quality seeds.

Laurie told us that bees pollinate the sunflowers, working from the outside of the flower, in towards the center in a counterclockwise direction until they reach the center. Usually only one bee pollinates a flower.



Pollinating in progress!



### 2021 Updated Meeting Schedule and Time (Thursday, Hawaii Standard Time)

- February 18 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- February 25 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 4, - 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 11 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 18 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91954669065?pwd=d1dHTGwzUkYVYDhaWGNwRIQ3zddTUFmdz09>



### Answer to the Quiz of the Week. 1915 in Chicago!

The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago during the summer of 1915. An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois.



### Around the Club in Pictures

(Go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/962862973749303/> to view all pictures.)



Our two PPE Organizers, Kate Butts and PP Lilette Subedi



Katsu, U.S. VETS Hawaii and Nicky Winter, ALEA Bridge

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President Keoni Ahlo and PP Doc McKenzie



Katsu, U.S. VETS Hawaii



Kate Butts and Marie Abatayo unwrapping PPE



Nicky Winter and President Keoni exchanging phone numbers



Nicky Winter, ALEA Bridge

**WHAT IS ROTARY?**

JOIN LEADERS  
EXCHANGE IDEAS  
TAKE ACTION

IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

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**OBJECT OF ROTARY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUAINTANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS, THE BEST QUALITY OF THE WORK AND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMUNITY.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE.
- 4<sup>th</sup> THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOODWILL AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING HUMANITY THROUGH SERVICE.

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**THE FOUR WAY TEST**

IS IT THE TRUTH?  
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?  
WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

Rotary

**OUR SIX AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

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