



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

Kupu A Bright Future For Our Youth

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



March is Rotary Clean Water and Sanitation Month

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in March 2021?

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.



While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

Ask your friends and associates to [Join Rotary](#) and help extend the flow of clean water to everyone.



**BY 2030 EVERYONE
WILL HAVE SAFE WATER
TO DRINK**

#GlobalGoals

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved



water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency.



Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

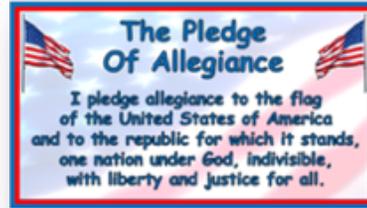
During March, Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Read news about Rotary's work with water and sanitation

- [Rotary helps Ghana surpass clean water goals](#)
- [Jack Sim wants you to talk about toilets](#)
- [Water summit urges collaboration to quench world's thirst](#)
- [Engineering sustainable water solutions in Latin America](#)
- [A global thirst for water https://rotary7070.org/](https://rotary7070.org/)



club business



PP Geoff Horvath

INVOCATION

President Keoni prayed for all those affected by the heavy rains and major flooding, especially Hale'iwa.



Outside D5K

Erich Patten – Cutler Investment Group – RC Bellevue, WA, founded in 1961. Erich has been a Rotarian for 8 years. His brother, Matt Patten is also a Rotarian. Cutler HRYF has done well with Cutler!



Erich Patten

<p>RI President: Holger Knaack District: Naomi Masuno Asst. Dist. Govt: Wesley Mun Club President: Keoni Ahlo PP: Alex Kanamu President Elect: Keoni Ahlo Exec Secretary: Vacant Recording Secretary: Kate Butts Treasurer: Paulette Kitchell Sergeant-at-Arms: Dr. Carver Wilcox</p>		<p>Membership: Aaron Agsald Community Services: Vacant Youth Services: Rene Mansho Rotary Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath Public Relations: Marie Abatayo Fundraising: Marie Abatayo & Kate Butts Hulali Editor: PP Geoff Horvath</p> <p>Meeting Location: Zoom Weekly Day and Time: Thursdays 12:00-1:00 pm</p>
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Within D5K

None



John Leong – Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of KUPU

Kawika Riley – Senior Director of External Affairs of KUPU



What Would You do to Fundraise For PolioPlus?

What would you do to eradicate Polio? Would you shave off all your hair? Rotarians in District 5040 did just that and raised US\$10,000 for PolioPlus. Would you hike 2,658 miles over six months? Rotarian Chrissy Wallace of California did to raise money for Rotary's PolioPlus program. Would you cycle 4,165 miles on the TransAmerica Trail? Rotarian Robert Keegan of Tennessee did to benefit PolioPlus. Dedicated individuals, clubs and districts continue to promote and support PolioPlus at every opportunity possible. Many districts also give a portion of their District Designated Funds to the polio effort.



Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

We will be holding our Area Interview this Saturday, March 13. Representatives from the Rotary Clubs of Kapolei Sunset, Mililani Sunrise, Waianae Coast, Kapolei, Wahiawa-Waialua, and Ewa, will make up the panel to interview 6 students.

Hale'Iwa Disaster Relief!



Torrents of water!

The call went out and the RC of Wahiawa-Waialua responded. Lead by our **President, Keoni**, members **Marie Abatayo, Jackie Barnes, Paulette Kitchell Fukumoto, PP Doc McKenzie, and PP Lions President, Nahoku Ahlo**, rallied in Nahoku's State Farm Insurance office to make 200 PP&J sandwiches.



Paulette, Marie, and Jackie crafting handmade PP&J Sandwiches

After the sandwiches were made, President Keoni, Nahoku, and Marie headed down to Hale'Iwa to set up an area to distribute food to all the volunteers. President Keoni also supplied hot tea and refreshments for those involved with recovery and clean-up efforts, while **Scott Harada** from **Marian's Catering/Dot's** supplied 4 huge pans of chicken curry with 4 additional trays of rice, along with warmers to keep the food hot, bowls, spoons, napkins and a table for the food distributors to serve all the food.

We are thankful for our Club for donating their time talent and treasures (monetary contributions), along with the Lions, Marian's Catering/Dot's and other organizations that contributions to assist in recovery efforts. Report received from our imbedded reporter, **Marie Abatayo!**



The flooding

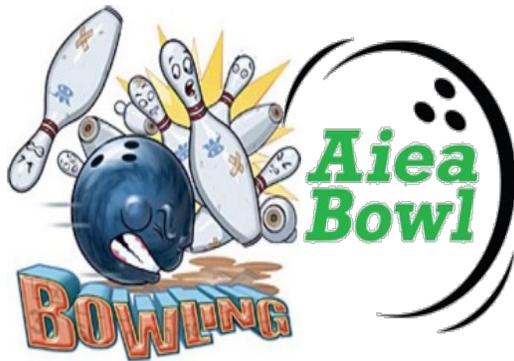


The clean up



To the Victors belong the Bragging rights!

Grudge Bowling Tournament



Part II

We did it! We won the tournament! Our fantastic bowling team bowled their socks off to slide into first place!

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The Scores

We didn't win the top score bowler, but who cares!

The second game was played on March 7th at the Aiea Bowl. Our Club's team members were the same as last week. The best team, which was us won and received \$1,000, which will be put towards PolioPlus. The Top Bowler won \$500, for the highest score.

RECOGNITIONS



None

Spouses'



None

Anniversaries



None

Induction

President Keoni Ahlo joined our Club 4 years ago, on March 10, 2016.



HI



PP Doc McKenzie gave a HI \$20 for what started out as serious broken hip his wife suffered during a fall, while on the mainland, turning out to be a pull muscle! What a relief!!!! She suffered with the pain for a few days until Doc convinced her to go other orthoptic doctor.



None

@*#\$\$! Fines @*#\$\$!



No fines

WORDS OF WISDOM

“When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”—Wayne Dyer



Wayne Dyer

WAYNE W. DYER was an internationally renowned author and speaker in the fields of self-development and spiritual growth. Over the four decades of his career, he wrote more than 40 books, including 21 *New York Times* bestsellers. He created many audio and video programs, and appeared on thousands of television and radio shows.

Dyer was affectionately called the “father of motivation” by his fans.



ROTARY MINUTE

Rotary’s Leadership in Polio Eradication

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Rotary launched its polio immunization program, Polio Plus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)**, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** later joined the initiative. In the year when the GPEI was launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries. Eradicating this disease is Rotary’s top priority.

Correspondence



None

guest speaker

Mar 18 – Brian Cunningham, Wahiawa General Hospital

April 8 – Cathy Nearman – Community Outreach Coordinator – Legacy of Life Hawaii

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 27 – Tree planting at Gunstock Ranch, North Shore, around 12:00 pm 0 4:00 pm. See Kate Butts for more information.

April 24 – “Ridge (Mauka) to Reef (Makai)” Rotarians at Work Day, Waialua, near PP Doc McKenzie’s home. Bring a dish to share with members. Bar-B-Q – See Kate Butts for more information

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A pleasure is full grown only when it is remembered.”

C.S. Lewis



The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua



C.S. Lewis

Writer and scholar C.S. Lewis taught at Oxford University and became a renowned Christian apologist writer, using logic and philosophy to support the tenets of his faith. He is also known throughout the world as the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* fantasy series, which have been adapted into various films for the big and small screens.

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

Who designed our current 50-star flag?



“BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR HAWAII’S YOUTH”



John Leong

Born and raised in Hawai‘i, Leong is a graduate of Punahou School. After graduating from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, John founded **Pono Pacific Land Management, LLC**, a conservation and land management services company.

Pono Pacific provides cost-effective natural resource management services to aid conservation agencies and landowners in their efforts to preserve, protect, and restore Hawai‘i’s precious ecosystems.



John’s passion for creating a more resilient Hawai‘i is the inspiration and foundation for his ground-breaking work and accomplishments. As an environmental entrepreneur, Leong has helped to develop Hawai‘i’s green jobs industry, increasing conservation awareness and creating career opportunities in natural resource management and sustainability.

In 2007, John co-founded non-profit organization Kupu, to cultivate positive environmental impact by focusing on developing Hawai‘i’s next generation of environmental stewards and community leaders.

In 2019, John was selected by the **Obama Foundation** as one of the 20 community-minded leaders, chosen from thousands of applicants from around the world!

John is married to fellow high school alumna and **Pono Pacific** and **Kupu** co-founder, **Julianna Rapu Leong**. Together they have four amazing children and live in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.



Kawika Riley

Kawika Riley is the **Senior Director of External Affairs** at Kupu, Hawai‘i’s largest youth-focused land conservation organization. Kawika previously served as Kupu’s Director of Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships, where he helped steer the Kupu ‘Āina Corps, a statewide green jobs corps program that employed hundreds of displaced workers and recent graduates.

Over the last fifteen years, Kawika has served in a number of roles at state, federal, and nonprofit organizations. This includes leading the statewide community change initiatives department at the Lili‘uokalani Trust; serving as the chief advocate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; representing the U.S. Transportation Security Administration as a national spokesman during President Obama’s first term; and working for Senator Daniel K. Akaka in his capacity as chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Kawika is a graduate of Kealahou High School in Kona, holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Northern Colorado and a master’s degree in political management from George

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Washington University. He lives in Kaimukī with his wife and their two children.



It was **Erich Patten**, from **Cutler Investment Group** that put me on to John and Kupu. It was during our annual meeting with Cutler, HRYF's financial advisors, that Erich mentioned his close friend that lived in Hawaii. That he worked for a great organization that assisted youth while preserving our delicate eco-system and environment. Erich was kind enough to provide John's contact information. John was gracious and said he would be more than happy to provide our club with a presentation. Today is the culmination of all this!

Kupu's mission is to empower youth to serve their communities through character-building, service-learning, and environmental stewardship opportunities that encourage Pono (Integrity) with Ke Akua (GOD), self, and others.

Established in 2007 as a Honolulu-based 501(c)3 non-profit, Kupu affirms the Hawaiian notion of "ma ka hana ka 'ike" or "in working one learns." This approach has led to the creation of hundreds of internships and service-learning opportunities which blend vocational training and green leadership development to support more than 100 partner sites across Hawai'i and the Pacific region.

Kupu's youth conservation and sustainability programs provide environmental and cultural education and experiences, as well as personal and professional development opportunities. Over the past decade, Kupu has helped to engage over 4,000 program participants statewide, many who have since established successful education and career pathways in conservation and sustainability. Through its innovative programs and partnerships, as briefly mentioned earlier, Kupu has hired and impacted over 4,000 young adults and generated a total of more than \$130 million in economic impact for the state, with a 1 to 3 cost-to-benefit ratio.

Kupu, which means "to sprout" or "to grow" in Hawaiian, has a two-fold mission: to preserve the land while empowering youth. The organization provides hands-on training in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education for young adults, with the goal of fostering the next generation of environmental and cultural stewards. Kupu's work has been likened to the role of the kupukupu fern, which is one of the first plants to cultivate the land after a lava flow. The fern

not only serves as a foundational species for rebuilding a healthy, native ecosystem, but it also symbolizes a place where knowledge can grow.



Kupukupu Fern

COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE NEW MEAL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



To address the nutritional and economic needs of the Hawai'i community during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kupu has launched a free meal distribution program on O'ahu. Each meal is prepared fresh by our Culinary Program housed at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Ho'okupu Center in Kewalo Basin. Since March 23, Kupu has already delivered thousands of free meals and pantry items to youth and families. Beginning with Waimanalo, the program has now expanded service to Kahalu'u and Wai'anae.

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

4,424
Total Youth Served

“TO EMPOWER YOUTH TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH CHARACTER-BUILDING, SERVICE-LEARNING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THAT ENCOURAGE PONO (INTEGRITY) WITH KE AKUA (GOD), SELF, AND OTHERS.”



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

March 11 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

March 18 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

March 25 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

April 1 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

April 8 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

April 15 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

April 22 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91954669065?pwd=d1dHTGwzUkJYVDhaWGNwRlQ3zddTUfmdz09>



Answer to the Quiz of the Week. **Robert G. Heff**

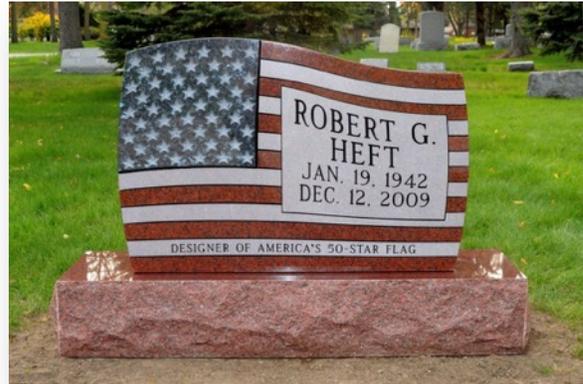
The current flag was designed by a 17-year-old!



Robert G. Heff

Our current 50-star flag was designed as part of a high school project by 17-year old Robert Heff. It was 1958, and there were only 48 states at the time but

Heft had a hunch Hawaii and Alaska would soon be granted statehood.



His teacher gave him a B- but went on to update the grade to an A after Heft submitted his design to the White House, eventually leading to a call from President Eisenhower that had been selected as the official U. S. flag.



Around the Club in Pictures

(Go to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/962862973749303/> to view all pictures.)



John Leong



Kawika Riley

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HALEIWA DISASTER RELIEF



Clean-up efforts



Clean-up efforts



Storm damage



Volunteer and Nahoku Ahlo ready to serve food



Joyful volunteers!



President Keoni with two volunteers and canine support

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The Rotary Club of
Wahiawa-Waialua



President Keoni and Nahoku Ahlo unloading supplies



Nahoku Ahlo with volunteers



Storm Damage

WHAT IS ROTARY?

JOIN LEADERS
EXCHANGE IDEAS
TAKE ACTION

IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

Rotary Club of MHI

OBJECT OF ROTARY

- 1ST THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS & OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.
- 2ND HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS REGARDING THE HONORING OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE CLUB AND THE EXERCISING OF AUTHORITY TO BE SOLELY IN THE INTEREST OF THE CLUB.
- 3RD THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE.
- 4TH THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOODWILL AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY THE EXERCISE OF HIGHER PRINCIPLES IN THE DEALING OF BUSINESS.

Rotary Club of Olathe

THE FOUR WAY TEST

FIRST: IS IT THE TRUTH?
SECOND: IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
THIRD: WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
FOURTH: WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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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

...to do good in the world

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