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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

Finding joy and Wisdom on the Other Side of Suffering

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



April is Rotary International Maternal and Child Health Month

“Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.”

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

Each year, at least seven million children under the age of five die from diseases, malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary members provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Nearly 80% of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. Rotary projects aim to provide education, immunizations, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics. Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.



Medical Jeep

- **Cancer screening.** Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.



Mobile Cancer Screening Unit



- **Preventing injuries and deaths.** Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Only 58 percent of women in Nigeria seek medical care during pregnancy, 35 percent deliver their babies in a medical facility, and 42 percent get checkups after giving birth, researchers reported in a 2011 article in the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*. The country's maternal mortality ratio — based on data from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the United Nations Population Fund, and the World Bank — is 560 for every 100,000 women. Data from Nigeria's National Demographic Health Survey show that for every 1,000 live births, there are 69 deaths. For children under age five, the mortality rate is 128 per 1,000. NUMBERS LIKE those are the reason Reproductive, Maternal and Children Health (RMCH) formally Rotary for Population and Development (RFPD) has made maternal and child health one of its priorities.



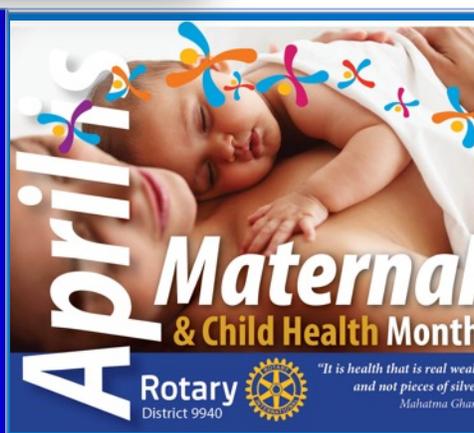
Rotarian Action Group for



RFPD

Population & Development

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April Maternal & Child Health Month

Rotary District 9940

*"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of silver."
 Mahatma Ghana*

Membership: Aaron Agsalda
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Meeting Location: Zoom Weekly
Day and Time: Thursdays 12:00-1:00 pm



President Keoni



PP Geoff Horvath



Outside D5K

Roger Breisch - RC of Batavia, IL

Within D5K

None



None

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PolioPlus Society



The **PolioPlus Society** is a District program to promote individual giving to PolioPlus. Members of the Society agree to give \$100 per year toward polio eradication until polio is wiped out of the world.



HI



None



None



Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

We are scheduling our Club's Scholarship Award Meeting for April 29th, 2021
Recognition for the week ending April 18th, 2021.

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No fines

RECOGNITIONS



None



None

Anniversaries



None



None

It's Tax Day!!!



HAPPY TAX DAY!

The History of Tax Day

1861: The First Federal Income Tax

Abraham Lincoln, who was an American president from 1861 to 1865, proclaimed the first federal income tax his first year in office. 1861—particularly August 5—is the historical day that marks the future-changing decision.

Lincoln enacted a three percent federal income tax to any household making over \$800 a year, according to the History Channel. With today's inflation, that's about \$23,500 in 2020, according to officialdata.org. The three percent tax was made a law in 1862 and is called The Revenue Act of 1862.

Then....



The president made the decision to tax Americans because of the Civil War— he was having trouble funding the Union's efforts from the government's pockets. Though we're still taxed federally today, Lincoln's system was repealed in 1871.

It wasn't until 1909 that today's tax system passed. Though there was a brief trial for a new tax system in 1894, it didn't pass in Congress because it didn't account for the differences in state sizes. Even the states agreed with the federal decision in 1913, and the tax program, which is solidified as the 16th Amendment of the Constitution, was enacted.

So how did the American government settle on April 15 as tax day? It started in 1913 with a March 1 deadline, but that's changed. The first shift was to March 15, which the History Channel claims had no real reason. It wasn't until 1955 that April 15 became the new, and lasting deadline.

The decision wasn't really governmentally-based. According to *Time*, "They switched income-tax day from March 15 to April 15, thus giving the taxpayer an extra month to recover from Christmas expenses and sparing him the yearly ordeal of hearing and reading clichés about the ideoes of March."

<https://www.newsweek.com/>



Thanks to the **North Shore Chamber of Commerce** and the **North Shore News**, we had two articles in this month's North Shore News. One article was a history of Rotary International and our Club; the other was about your disaster support provided to Hale'Iwa!



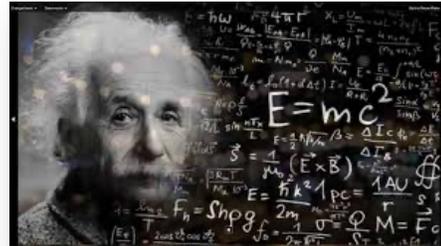
We also appeared in the **Midweek** for our disaster support provided to Hale'Iwa.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

Albert Einstein



Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein was a German-born theoretical physicist, widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest physicists of all time. Einstein is known for developing the theory of relativity, but he also made important contributions to the development of the theory of quantum mechanics.



ROTARY MINUTE Some Rotary Firsts

The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905. The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909. The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910. The first Rotary club outside of the U.S. was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.



Mikiala Ng

Received from our 2019 Top Club HRYF Scholar, **Mikiala Ng!**



“Hi Geoff!

It's nice to hear from you, I hope you and everyone at the Rotary Club have been well. I don't go to Harvard, but I'll definitely look into rotary clubs at Yale!

I've been very busy but overall good! For my job at the Native American Cultural Center, I'm in charge of putting together posters of native students at Yale for the website. I finished my first batch last weekend, you can see them (including my own) [here](#) if you'd like!

With aloha,
Mikiala

FIRST YEARS OF THE NACC
MIKIALA NG
NATIVE HAWAIIAN
WAIALUA, O'AHU
PIERSON COLLEGE

Growing up, I worried that I wasn't Hawaiian enough. I didn't know how to pronounce Hawaiian words and struggled in introductory 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) classes. And later, even with A+ grades in my advanced classes, I still felt I wasn't as fluent a speaker as my classmates who grew up with 'Ōlelo Hawai'i spoken in their home. I worried that no matter what I did, there was always someone more Hawaiian than me.

But as wise elders helped me grow into myself as a *Kanaka Maoli* (Native Hawaiian), I realized that being Hawaiian isn't about how much 'Ōlelo Hawai'i you can speak or whether or not you dance *hula*. Although those aspects of my culture are very important to learn and perpetuate, there's something even more valuable: *aloha* (love).

To truly perpetuate my culture is to pour out aloha in all I do. To be Hawaiian is to live with aloha. It is care for the *'āina* (land), the *moana* (ocean), and my *lāhui* (community). It is to treat others with compassion, give without expecting anything in return, and happily help without being asked. It is to live up to my name, Mikiala—one who brings joyous energy wherever she goes. To live with aloha is to honor my *kiupuna* (ancestors) and their aloha that lives on through me. To be Hawaiian, to be me, is to live with aloha.

*"He Hawai'i au maui a mau.
I am Hawaiian now and forever."*

Received from **Jenny Peters**, one of our 2021 Club HRYF Scholars.



Mikiala Ng

“Aloha Mr. Horvath,

Hope all is well during these busy times.

I just wanted to share some good news that I received admission and plan to attend Harvard College this fall! Looking forward to attending the

Rotary Club HRYF recognition luncheon in the near future.

Best,
Jenny Peters”

guest speaker

April 22 – Board Meetings – No Zoom Meeting. We will meet at The Great Wall of China Restaurant, California Ave., Wahiawa



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. Good news!! We have two other clubs sign up to help us. The RC of Pearl Harbor and RC of Mililani Sunrise! If you want some hotdogs before the shortage takes over, along with bacon, come and enjoy them with hamburgers!

April 29 – HRYF Scholarship Awards meeting



None



“I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.” -Anne Lamott



Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott is an American novelist and non-fiction writer. She is also a progressive political activist, public

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speaker, and writing teacher. Lamott is based in Marin County, California. Her nonfiction works are largely autobiographical.

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

When was the vacuum invented and how was the first one powered?



Breisch
Speaker Protocolists

Roger Breisch

Our guest speaker today, Roger Breisch is no stranger to our club. This is his fifth or so visits! Each time he visits, he brings new and interesting topics about life. Roger has lived an eclectic life. He holds a Master of Science in Mathematics from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Science in Management from the Sloan School at MIT. During his career he taught high school, was a manager for a Fortune 100 company, owned a management consulting company, and, most recently ran the local Chamber of Commerce. In the midst of his professional career, Roger has volunteered extensively. He chaired the local 4th of July Fireworks for 18 years, has worked with teens in an anti-alcohol, anti-drug program for years, and has spent more than 4,500 hours answering over 10,000 calls on the National Suicide Prevention Life Line, over that past 18 years. Roger speaks and writes extensively. He has spoken at TEDxIIT and TEDxQuincy, and published a collection of his essay in his book "Questions That Matter." Today, Roger focuses on helping others discover a "Life That Matters." He and Judi, his wife of 40 years, have two grown children and live in Batavia, Illinois. Roger is a member of the **RC of Batavia**

While on Oahu, Roger and Judi are staying with her parents in Saint Louis Heights, enjoying the fabulous views! You can see that view in the "Around the Club in Pictures" below.



Many of ask, why do bad things happen to us, why the pain, the struggle, the adversity? My first response is, "Why Not!" Not easy to say, but it gives us a different prospective at looking at adversity. One of the answers I came up with, from experiences is, it helps us to relate and minister to others going through the same circumstances we experienced. You will see how true this is from Roger's presentation.

Roger had many, many stories to tell us of why people contemplate suicide. Sadly, one of the main reasons is they feel as they have no self-worth, that people would better off without them. The pain is there, but good can come from this pain.

To get to the bottom of their issues, Roger always asks probing questions to get his clients thinking and talking. This allows Roger to get to the root cause of why a person wants to commit suicide. With this information, Roger is able to reason with them and has been successful in saving countless lives.

By showing them that there is always hope, how they can find and gain joy and wisdom on the other side of sorrows, they can again find value in their lives and realize how they have and can help others.

To prove his point, Roger told us a story that had the biggest impact on us. It was about young that suffered every type of abuse, from physical to sexual, from family members, friends, and neighbors. After some questioning, the young man told Roger how he helped others make it through their personal difficulties. Roger pointed out, that you have had significant impact on others, that you are compassionate and care for others. When the young man heard this, he didn't end his life.

Roger told us, if we eliminate pain and suffering, we rob ourselves of helping other people that are going through the same pain and suffering as we went through. We know what it is like and we can relate, in terms that they understand, that after the pain and suffering, comes wisdom to help others and the joy you feel when helping someone else through their difficult time.

Pain and suffering make us stronger and gives us the power to handle the next bout of pain and suffering. It allows us to recognize, identify, and act to make it through.

Roger told us a story about a little Jewish boy who asked his Rabbi, "Why should we place the words of the Torah on our hearts, rather than in them? The Rabbi replied, "Until one day, when your heart breaks, the words fall in." This is what brings us peace and comfort.



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

April 22 – In-person Board meeting – Location will be The Great Wall of China in Wahiawa.

April 29 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm – HRYF Scholarship Awards

May 6 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

May 13 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

May 20 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

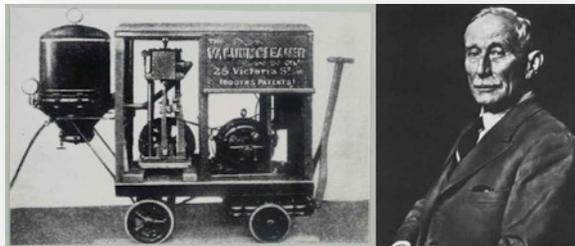
May 27 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Board meeting. Location to be determined.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91954669065?pwd=d1dHTGwzUkYjYVDhaWGNwRlQ3zddTUfmdz09>



Answer to April Fool's Quiz. **1869, by hand, then gasoline!**



Hubert Cecil Booth

The first mechanical device for cleaning floors was a “carpet sweeper” invented by Daniel Hess in 1860. It had rotating brush and bellows which generated suction. After that, in 1869, Ives W. McGaffee created “Whirlwind” which had a belt driven fan powered by hand. John S. Thurman invented, in 1898, gasoline powered cleaner that was so big that had to be horse-drawn and didn't create a vacuum, but it blew the air and “cleaned” like that.



Horse drawn vacuum cleaner

The first vacuum cleaner that used the same principle as those that we use today was invented by Hubert Cecil Booth of England in 1901.



Rotarians At Work Day - Ridge to Reef Cleanup & DataCollection

The plastics and micro-plastics piling up on our beaches, parks, trails and reefs are more than just unsightly, they're often a safety hazard and a real health concern to both humans and animals alike. Plastics threaten Hawaii's water quality and vulnerable marine ecosystems and are even accumulating in our bodies.

Join us on **Rotarians at Work Day 2021** for a statewide Ridge to Reef trash cleanup and audit. With a small group of Rotarians, you can spend one day to help make our communities safer, care for the ocean, protect Hawaii's natural beauty, marine animals, and our own health from the damages of this plastic pollution.

The good news is, we still have a chance to fix these problems from persisting. In the weeks following, we will explore ways to reduce or replace the plastic from our everyday lives that are otherwise ending up in the ocean. As an added benefit, the data we collect can help local advocates launch successful campaigns against plastic pollution, targeting long-term solutions.

Date/Time: April 24, 2021 — *Rotarians at Work Day* - **8:00am - 12 noon** followed by BBQ

Location: Meet at Dr Mac's House - 68-325 Kikou Street, Waiialua.

Questions: Kate 808-358-0640

BBQ at Mac's House: 68-325 Kikou Street



Around the Club in Pictures

(Go to our Facebook page:

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



Roger Breisch

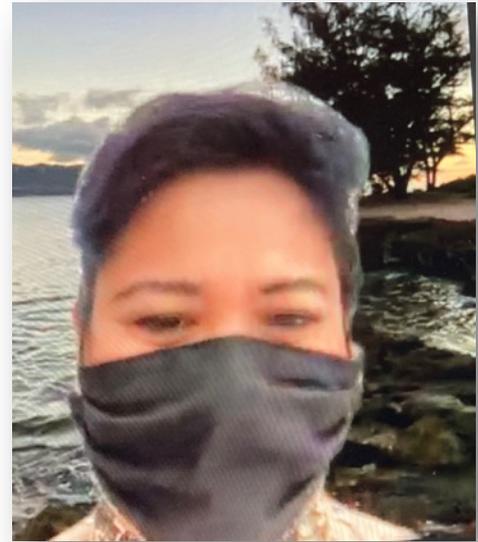
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The Rotary Club of
Wahiawa-Waiialua



Roger's daily view!



Paulette Fukumoto



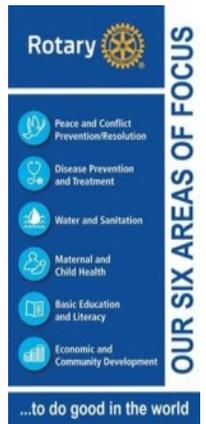
Roger's presentation



Roger, PP Geoff, Derek Conselva, and Kate



Kate Butts



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