



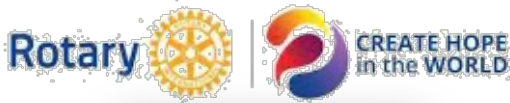
Mark Mariam



“Create Hope in the World”

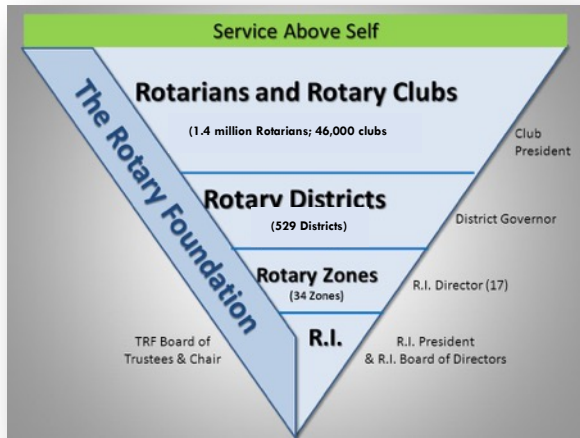


Marie Abatayo



**New Beginnings**

The Rotary Fiscal Year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is a time of new beginnings, closely coinciding with the birth of our Nation, a new beginning for a people looking for freedom, a people who want to give back to their community. It is a time of changes in leaderships at the International, Zone, District, and Club level, in reverse order!



Rotary Structure

What makes up Rotary? Rotary is the oldest international community service club, with a complete Global reach, which had its beginning in Chicago, on February 23, 1905, 118 years ago!

The clubs are chartered by the global organization Rotary International (RI) headquartered in Evanston, Illinois.

Rotary international is made up of Clubs, Districts, and Zones.

The strength of our Club lies in its members

**Installation of a President and Board for Rotary Year 2023-24**

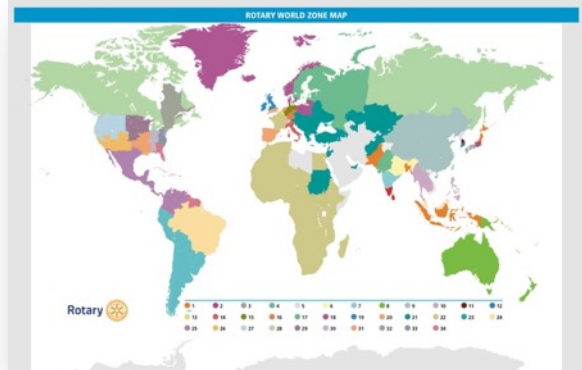
Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



There are 34 Zones. These Zones are for administrative support to each Rotary District. Each Zone has approximately the same number of members. And, as with districts, each zone has approximately the same number of Rotarians. Rezoning takes place from time to time to maintain this balance.

These 34 Zones are further broken down to Districts. There are **529 Districts** which are grouped worldwide, in to more than 46,000 Clubs, in over 200 countries, comprising of 1.4M Rotarians!



**Why July 1<sup>st</sup>?**

Did you know that July 1<sup>st</sup> New Year has been a Rotary tradition for over a century? When Rotarians had their first convention, way back in 1910, the New Year was set as the day after the convention ended in August. They made the same decision in the lead up to the 1911 and 1912 conventions, which also took place in August. At the 1912 meeting, the Rotary board of directors ordered a financial audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The auditors went on to

recommend that the Rotary fiscal year end on June 30, in order to give clubs time to prepare their financial statements in advance of the convention. They'd also be able to determine an accurate number of delegates to send, so convention organizers would be able to prepare.



1910 Rotary Clubs of America Convention (Image courtesy of Rotary International)

**2023-24 Rotary Theme**  
**“Create Hope in the World”**

*"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."*

**RI President Gordon R. McInally**

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McInally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

**RI President**



**Gordon R. McInally**

Gordon R. McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of

the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

McInally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.

"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service."



McInally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McInally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McInally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

RI President: Gordon R. McInally  
 District: Mark Merriam  
 Asst. Dist. Govt: Joshua Laguana  
 Club President: Mari Abatayo  
 IPP: Marie Abatayo  
 President Elect: Open  
 Secretary: Mark Anthony Clemente  
 Treasurer: Cross Crabbe  
 Club Trainer: PP Doc Bill McKenzie & Marie Abatayo  
 Program/Speakers :  
 PP Doc Bill McKenzie & PP Geoff Horvath  
 Membership:  
 Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie, Chris Compisano



Club Service: Marie Abatayo  
 Community Service: Derek Conselva, Pat Compisano  
 Intl Service: PP Doc Bill McKenzie  
 Youth Services: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Vocational Service: Derek Conselva - PP Geoff Horvath  
 Public Relations: Rene Mansho  
 Sergeant at Arms: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Fundraising: Marie Abatayo  
 PP Doc Bill McKenzie, PP Geoff Horvath  
 HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Social Media: Arthur Hughes  
 Newsletter: PP Geoff Horvath

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McNally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McNally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee. McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

### **Zone 26 & 27 Governor Education Chair**



**Barbara Reeder**

Barbara Redder was raised in Colorado, but has lived in Wyoming for 30 years. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Wyoming in 1982 and has been in the title insurance business in Wyoming ever since, working in Cody, Casper, Wheatland and Gillette. Barb is Wyoming Production Center Manager for First American Title in Casper.

Barb is a currently a member the Casper Five Trails Rotary Club. She initially joined Rotary in Gillette, Wyoming and served as President of the Gillette Rotary Club in 2008-2009. Barb served District 5440 as Co-District Trainer from 2011-2014 and as an Assistant Governor in Northeast Wyoming for 2 years and in Central Wyoming for 2 years. She has been a facilitator at many District Assemblies, at the Rotary Leadership Institute and for High Country PETS. Barb is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and with her husband, a member of the Bequest Society. Barb was recognized as 2013 District Rotarian of the Year. Barb is a Past President (twice) of the Wyoming Land Title Association, a graduate of the Gillette Area Leadership Institute, served on the board of

Powder River Symphony and on the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce Board from 2004-2010.

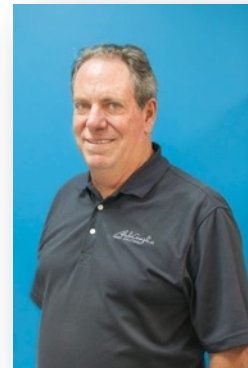
Barb is married to Don, a member of Casper Reveille Rotary, and in their spare time they enjoy Airstream

### **District 5000 Governor**



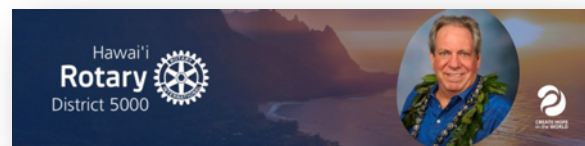
**Mark Merriam**

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.



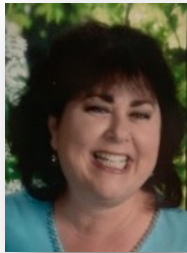
Professionally, Mark is President of AlohaGraphics, a print shop in Honolulu. With a focus on color digital printing, the shop recently started its 27th year. In addition to Rotary, Mark has been active in Scouting programs since elementary school days in Kailua. As a Scoutmaster, he helped 50 young men earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He received the BSA Silver Beaver Award and is a recipient of the Cliff Dochterman Award.

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.





**The Rotary Club of  
Wahiawa-Waialua  
President**



Marie Abatayo

Marie comes from a family of individuals that dedicated their lives to service. Her father spent 35 years in the Army and her mother taught school for the Hawaii Department of Education for 40 years. With a high value on civil service, from a young age, Marie's parents ensured that she was involved with their various volunteer organizations. Marie was active in organizations such as: Family Services, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, Catholic Youth Organization, and Catholic Women of the Church.

Marie also dedicated her life to children in the footsteps of her mother working as a preschool teacher at Wahiawa Preschool, and Honowai Elementary School.

Marie joined Rotary Club of Wahiawa Waialua in 2015 at the urging of Dr William McKenzie who was eager to get Marie's energy and positive attitude into the club. He continues to support her as a mentor and active member of Rotary. Prior to that Marie had been a member of the Elks club since 2000 and Whitmore Economic Development Group since 2020. Marie loves to be involved in her community and appreciates being able to give back to her friends and neighbors.



**The Meeting**



PP Lilette Subedi



PP Dave Bramlett

**PATRIOTIC SONG**



**Star Spangled Banner**

Song Leader – Rene Mansho



Francis Scott Key

U.S. forces struggled to match the British on land, sea, and the Great Lakes. Then in August 1814, British forces raided Washington, D.C. They torched the White House, the buildings that housed Congress, and other government buildings. The destruction of the U.S. capital was a huge blow to American morale. But it also fired up a lot of Americans, including Francis Scott Key, to get behind the U.S. war.

It was against this backdrop that "The Star-Spangled Banner" got its words. On September 13, 1814, Key and a U.S. official rowed over to a British warship at the mouth of the Patapsco River outside of Baltimore, Maryland. Their mission was to seek the release of some American prisoners.



After twenty-five hours of bombardment Key saw that the flag was still flying. The flag pole was at an odd angle, but the flag was still flying. Having gone ashore,

Key hurried to the fort. There he saw the bodies of dead patriots surrounding the flag pole and holding it up. No number of dead is given, but these bodies were holding up a ninety-foot flagpole with a 40 foot by 32-foot flag at the top.

## Lyrics

*"O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there, O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"*

*On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected now shines in the stream, 'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

*And where is that band who so vauntingly swore, That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a Country should leave us no more? Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave, And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation! Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto - "In God is our trust," And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

As dawn neared, Key squinted through the gloom and smoke. He prepared himself to see his fears fulfilled: the British flag flying over Fort McHenry. But wait. Was that ...? Was it ...? It sure was. A huge American flag still waved there. The British attack had failed and Baltimore was saved.



## INVOCATION

Pastor PP Fran Wiebenga



Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

Past District Governors (PDGs)

PDG Roz Cooper (2005-06) – RC of Metro Honolulu

PDG John Steelquist (2010-11) – RC of East Honolulu

PDG Laura Steelquist (2014-15) – RC of East Honolulu

PDG Naomi Masuno (2020-21) – RC of West Honolulu

PDG Randy Hart (2022-23) – RC of Hilo

Assistant DG Josh Laguana – RC of Hickam-Pearl Harbor

RC of Mililani Sunrise

President Kathy Lum

PP Paul Nakachi

PP June Kasaoka

RC of Wahiawa-Waiialua  
Special Honorary Guests

PP Charlie Duncan (1999-2000)

PP Dave Bramlett (2005-06) and Nora Bramlett

PP Ken Uyeno (2009-10)

PP Frances Wiebenga (2013-2016) (two-year term)

PP Lilette Subedi (2017-2020) (two-year term)



Shannon Mullins – Guest of President Marie

Carol Duckworth – Guest of President Marie

Lauretta Sewake – Thank you for our favors!

Ruvi and Christian Apa – Whitmore Economic Development Group (WEDG)

Maile Anderson – Guest of PP Lilette Subedi



## The Rotary Foundation MISSION

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.



## Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

At our June 15 meeting, we had the pleasure of honoring our last 2023 HRYF Club Scholar, Ember Joy Guevarra!



Ember Joy Guevarra

Ember will be graduating from Sacred Hearts Academy and will attend either University of Portland or UH, working for a bachelor's in the science of nursing.

"I am going into college to pursue a bachelor's in the science of nursing. As a nurse, I want to be an outlet for patients to confide in and build relationships with. Earning their trust is important to me; just as important as it is to care for not only the patient but the patient's family as well. I want my care to provide families with a sense of comfort knowing that I'm taking care of their loved ones when they can't be at their side."

Ember is thankful to our Club and HRYF for giving her this opportunity to further her dream. She told us her parents were and continue to be hardworking people, doing all they can to assist in providing a quality education to their very deserving daughter. Congratulations, Ember Joy!

In addition to receiving a Certificate of Accomplishment from our Club, Ember Joy also received a Certificate of Congratulations from The Honolulu City Council by Matthew "Matt" Weyer from the Office of Councilmember District II, City Council. President Marie Abatayo presented Ember Jay with the certificate on behalf of Matt.



Ember Joy Guevarra with Dad, Edwin and Mom, Joan

## Foodland's Together We Give Program



# TOGETHER WE GIVE

Honoring Foodland's love for Hawaii

Foodland is celebrating 75 years of providing top quality food and service to Hawaii! In commemoration of this significant milestone, Foodland will have a "Together We Give" program during the entire month of July! This program is similar to Foodland's Give Aloha Program.

### How does it work?

When you make a purchase at any Foodland or Sack N Save store, let the cashier know that you would like to donate to the "Together We Give" Program.

How does it work? Simple!! The "Together We Give" Program works almost the same as Give Aloha! You can donate up to \$249, or donate 250 Maika'i points, equaling a \$5 donation, by giving the HRYF number below. You can round up your purchase or donate spare change. Foodland will match a portion of your gift. When contributing, give the cashier the HRYF number **77199** or let the cashier know that you would like to contribute to Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation.

Please ask your cashier for a duplicate receipt so you can have two receipts. One for your records, the other for your Club HRYF Representative. Your Club Representative will send the receipts to the HRYF Office at 3536 Harding Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816, so you and your Club will receive credit.





**Annual Scholar Celebration.** Oahu will be holding their Top HRYF Scholar Luncheon celebration on Saturday, July 22, 2023, 9:00-11:00 am, at the Waikiki Yacht Club.



**Happy Fourth of July!**

**RECOGNITIONS**

Recognitions for period ending July 9th, 2023



**Derek Conselva** celebrated his birthday on July 5th.

**Spouses'**



None

**Anniversaries**



None



**Derek Conselva** joined our Club 5 years ago on July 5, 2018



During our 2023-24 Club Induction ceremonies, we welcomed our newest members, and youngest Rotarians, **Christopher and Pat Compisano**



**Pat and Chris Compisano** being inducted into our Club by PDG **Laura Steelquist**



Our newest and youngest members and Rotarians, Pat and Chris Campisano!



None



None

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*“Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together.”*

Paul Harris - 1948



Paul Harris



### ROTARY MINUTE

**The Seven Areas of Focus and Service –  
The Heart of Rotary**



The most successful and sustainable Rotary service tends to fall within one of the seven following 7 areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.
- The Environment.



None

## Correspondence

No Correspondence

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

None



*“We are giving you a Republic, if you can keep it!”*

Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin

In the aftermath of the violent events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, one year ago today, Senator Amy Klobuchar and other federal legislators reminded us that we have “a republic,” but only “if you can keep it.” The source of this quotation is a journal kept by



James McHenry (1753-1816) while he was a Maryland delegate to the Constitutional Convention. On the page where McHenry records the events of the last day of the convention, September 18, 1787, he wrote: "A lady asked Dr. Franklin, Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy – A republic replied the Doctor if you can keep it." Then McHenry added: "The Lady here alluded to was Mrs. Powel of Philada." The journal is at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.



Elizabeth Powel

The "Dr. Franklin" McHenry quotes was, of course, Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), who had presided over the Constitutional Convention, which took place in his home city of Philadelphia; "Mrs. Powel of Philada." was Elizabeth Willing Powel (1742/43-1830) of Philadelphia.



Where was the first U.S. Capital located?



Tonight, we held a very special meeting! We inducted our Club President, Marie Abatayo, for the Rotary Year 2023-24! Not only that, we also inducted two

new members and our incoming Board of Directors. All-in-all it was an exciting and full program. It started off with a Hawaiian Oli Chant by **PP Lilette Subedi**. Followed by a terrific buffet from the **Mango Street Grill and Central Oahu Event Center**.

When everyone had their full, or is that fill, **PP Doc McKenzie** introduced each Past District Governor and Past Presidents from the RC of Wahiawa-Wai'alu. Each had an opportunity of telling us a bit about themselves and what Rotary means to them. PP Doc McKenzie was so taken by the excitement, we had to put a gag order on him. If we didn't, we would still be there! All special guests received lovely lei, presented by Prospective Members, **Chris and Pat Campisano!**



PP Doc McKenzie, MC, MD!

After the special introductions were finished, we started the main part of our meeting, Inductions.

We inducted Husband and Wife team, **Chris and Pat Campisano!** Chris is the director for **Ho'ala Schools** and Pat is a Realtor with **Caldwell Banker**. Both were inducted by **PDG Laura Steelquist**.



Chris and Pat Campisano being inducted into our Club by PDG Laura Steel, while President Marie looks on.

Rotary – 118 Years of Service to the World!

After the induction of our new members, **Immediate Past District Governor Randy Hart** inducted President **Marie Abatayo** for her second term as Club President.



President Marie being inducted by IPDG Randy Hart.

President Marie then inducted Club Officers, Treasurer, **Cross Crabbe**, Secretary, **Mark Anthony Clemente**, Sergeant at Arms, **Stephen Hughes**.



New Club Officers



President Marie Abatayo

**Message from our President, Marie Abatayo**

When our inductions were completed, our President Marie Abatayo gave us a recap of the past year. Her goal this year is to increase our accomplishments and community projects. Marie's additional goal for this Rotary year is to form a partnership with our Sister Club, **Mililani Sunrise** on community projects.

Marie thanked her Mentors for strongly encouraging her to go to the 2023 District Conference in Hilo. She did, and reported that it was an experience she will never forget! It was very special, and eye-opening. While at the conference she was so moved by an article written by keynote speaker, **Jordan Harrison**, at the **President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)**, held in LA on, "what does it mean to be a Rotarian." Jordan is a member of the Rotary Club of San Diego. President Marie had a hard time reading this because she was so full of emotion by the words. She wants to share this with all of us, in the hopes that it will inspire us to be better Rotarians.



Jordan Harrison

What does it mean to be a Rotarian?

- A Rotarian is a person who digs wells, from which they may never drink
- Vaccinates children of which they might never meet
- Restore eyesight for those they might never see
- Build houses they might never live in
- Educate the children they might never know
- Plant trees that they might never sit under
- And knows that real happiness can only be found by helping others!"

We all wish a prosperous and successful year as our Club President!

**Special thanks to Shannon Mullins**, President Marie's cousin, for the programs and **Lauretta Sewake**, for our table favors.

### Meeting Schedule and Location

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each Month. For those months that have 5 Thursdays, then can be used for Board meetings if required.

**Like the Boll Weevil, we re looking for a new home to hold our meetings, due to schedule changes at the Mango Street Grill. We will inform all members on the new locating and possible change in meeting time. Ideas are more than welcomed! Starts in Aug.**

Meetings are In-person and are subject to change.

July 20 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD

Aug 3 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD

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Aug 17 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD  
 Aug 31 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD  
 Sep 7 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD  
 Sep 21 – 6:00-7:00 pm – TBD  
**Subject to change**



Where was the first U.S. Capital located? **New York City!**

Many recognize Washington D.C. as the capital of the United States, but that wasn't always the case. Washington didn't become the capital until 1790. Believe it or not, from 1785 until 1790, New York City served as the country's capital. While it may not be the capital today, over 8 million people reside in New York City, making it the most populous city in America, and it's one of the best cities to visit in the USA. While it is one of the best places to visit it is also one of the rudest cities in America, so be sure to choose your words carefully with the locals.

**Around the Club in Photos!**

To keep the size of this document down, I will not publish all pictures. If interested, you can view them all on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rotarywahiawawaiialua/>



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**PDG Roz Cooper**



**PDG John Steelquist**



**PDG Laura Steelquist**



**PDG Naomi Masuno**







**PDG Randy Hart**



**New Club Officers being inducted, Chris Campisano, PP Doc McKenzie, and Pat Campisano**



**President Marie's Year in Review**



**The Center Table**



**President Marie's Goals for the coming year**

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**WHAT IS ROTARY?**



**JOIN LEADERS**


**EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**TAKE ACTION**

**IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD**

Rotary Club of Maui


**OBJECT OF ROTARY**



- 1<sup>st</sup>** THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOODWILL AND PEACE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP;
- 4<sup>th</sup>** THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE.

Rotary Club Of Olathe

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**



**FIRST** IS IT THE TRUTH?  
TO ALL CONCERNED?

**SECOND** IS IT FAIR?  
TO ALL CONCERNED?

**THIRD** WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**FOURTH** WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

Rotary

