



Mark Merriam



“Making a Difference in Hawai’i”



Marie Abatayo

“One restored or newly created hope at a time.”
RI President Gordon R. McNally



Rotary Observes Polio Eradication during the Month of October & World Polio Day on October 24th

This Year’s theme is “One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio”

During the month of October, in addition to celebrating and recognizing Community Economic and Development, Rotary International is also focusing on eradication of Polio, worldwide, and celebrating **World Polio Day**, on October 24th, with many events.

World Polio Day 2023. World Polio provides an opportunity to highlight global efforts toward a polio-free world and honor the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe.

Since 1978, Rotary International has worked tirelessly, fighting to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth. A couple of times we were so close, but cases keep popping up. The reason is, a country to be classified as polio-free, they have to report three years of 0 polio cases.



The strength of our Club lies in its members

Mission
Polio Eradication!

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



Rotary was a pioneer in the fight against polio and started efforts in 1978 with a very ambitious goal to reach a polio-free world. Rotarians have upheld the Region over the most challenging times, including financial and political crises.

“Joint efforts between Rotary and PAHO have helped make the Americas the first region in the world to be certified polio-free and maintain the achievement over the years.”

In this monumental effort. Rotary members have been permanently present in all countries of the Region, as well as other regions around the world, since 1981 and have played a fundamental role in this long-lasting collaboration with the **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)**



Polio by the Numbers

- \$3
average cost to fully protect a child against polio
- 430 million
children in total vaccinated in 39 countries in 2017
- \$100
million
cost to conduct polio surveillance worldwide

club business



The Meeting

Pledge



PP Geoff Horvath

INVOCATION

Derek Conselva



Song Leader, Rene Mansho



By Kathrine Lee Bates



Kathrine Lee Bates

The song, "America the Beautiful," was based on a poem written by the professor, poet, and writer, Katharine Lee Bates, during an 1893 trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado. When she got to the top of Pike's Peak, the view was so beautiful that it inspired her to write, "All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

The poem that Bates wrote first appeared in print in The Congregationalist, a weekly journal, on July 4, 1895. Within a few months, it was set to music by Silas G. Pratt. Bates revised the song in 1904, after receiving many requests to use the song in publications and special services. An additional change was made to the wording of the third verse in 1913 to give us the version we know today. The song is considered by some to be the country's unofficial national anthem.



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Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

PDG Roz Cooper, RC of Metropolitan Honolulu

PDG Laura Steelquist – RC of East Honolulu



Loretta Sewake – One of the UH Volleyball Aunties

Dr. Joslyn Sato – Blue Zones Executive Director

Andrew Burgos – Former Mililani Interact and Rotaract member, and prospective members!



ROTARY MINUTE

Rotary's Campaign to End Polio

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, and we've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've helped to reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent.



PolioPlus

PolioPlus is a Signature Program of The Rotary Foundation.

What does Plus stand for in PolioPlus?

The “**Plus**” is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap.

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Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)



HRYF Vice President, **Geoff Horvath** receiving this year's certificate on behalf of HRYF, from **Leah Lee, Community Relations Manager Foodland Super Market, Ltd.**

In September (1-30) Foodland held its 24th **Give Aloha Program**, again, supporting Hawaii's non-profit organizations.

What is Give Aloha? Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual event is, as Foodland puts it, is a “Community Matching Gifts Program” “that was created to honor Foodland's founder, **Maurice J. “Sully” Sullivan** and continues his legacy of **giving back to the community**. Each year during the month of September, customers are invited to donate at Foodland to their favorite participating Hawaii non-profit organizations. Since the program began in 1999, a total of more than \$38 million has been raised for Hawaii's charities.”

District 5000 Rotarians and Clubs, opened their hearts, purses and wallets, contributing **\$11,243.00**, which was matched by an additional **\$3,220.51** for a total contribution of **\$14,463.5**.



2024 HRYF Program

Get ready for the 2024 HRYF Scholarship Program!

On November 1st, all schools throughout the State of Hawaii will be notified of the 2024 HRYF Scholarship program. School counselor's, in turn, will notify their seniors of the availability of scholarships. Students will submit their applications Rotary Clubs nearest to where they live, by February 1st.

The following training opportunities will be available in the months ahead.

November 4th, 2023 – HRYF Representative Application Processing – 9:00-19:00 am

January 20th – Formal Youth Protection training– 9:00-19:00 am

February 3rd – HRYF Interviewing Technique Training – 9:00-19:00 am

Zoom links will be sent out in advance of the training. If you are unable to attend any of these trainings, please have an alternate attend.

RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions for October 1st to October 22nd, 2023



None

Spouses'



None

Anniversaries



None

Induction

None



Hold until our next meeting.



None

WORDS of WISDOM

“Almost is not good enough. Eradicate Polio completely should be the goal.”

Anonymous

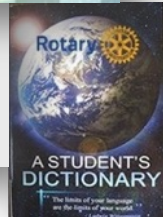
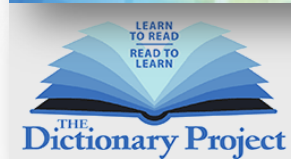


Anonymous

"Anonymous" in a text message typically refers to a sender whose identity is not made public or known. It is frequently used in circumstances where the sender wants to conceal their identity, including in online forums or messaging applications. Jenifer



None



A little-known fact about The Dictionary Project. Our very own **PDG Roz Cooper** started the program in 2005, in D5K, while serving as District Governor. The

program has grown and continues to be a popular program in our Club.

We will be ordering dictionaries for the schools listed below. The total number of dictionaries needed is 709! This will be enough dictionaries for every third-grade student in the Leilehua and other school complexes, including:

- Daniel K. Inouye
- Haleiwa Elementary
- Helemano Elementary
- Iliahi Elementary
- Kaala Elementary
- Solomon Elementary Extra
- Sunset Elementary
- Wahiawa Elementary
- Waialua Elementary
- Wheeler Elementary
- Kamalani Charter
- Hō'ala
- St. Michael
- Trinity Lutheran

Autumn Fair



Our first Autumn Fair, hosted by Ho'ala School, was a complete success. Everyone had a blast mingling with all the attendees. There was excitement in the air, with every one feeling the Autumn spirit. The day was perfect and the weather was glorious! We sold 120 plate lunches for a total of \$1,200!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade. The Parade starts at 10:00. Marchers are asked to show up at 9:00 am, at the Wahiawa District Park.

This will be the 77th Veteran's Day Parade, the oldest, largest and longest running Veterans Day Parade in the State of Hawaii. The route of the parade has changed! It will start at the Wahiawa District Park and end at Ka'ala Elementary School, just the opposite in prior years.

The parade will feature a 102-year old WWII Veteran, and the first female Grand Marshall, **LTC Lynn Ishii**, Hawaii National Guard, Retired.



LTC Lynn Ishii (Ret)

Nov 11 – Wahiawa Kokua for Maui event, being held immediately after the Veteran's Day parade, 11:30-4:00 pm at **Ka'ala Elementary School**. There will be crafts, food, games and bouncers for the keiki, and live entertainment by **Kapena, Melveen Leed**, and more! Proceeds will go to the Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund. **Dereck Conselva** will have his popsicle franchise booth there and will donate 25% of the proceeds to our Club, and around 50% to the Maui Fund. All other vendors will be giving 50% of the proceeds to the Fund also.

Nov 16 – Zoom meeting with our **Sister Club, Takasaki Symphony Rotary Club**. We will meet at **7:00 – 8:30 PM**, to accommodate the time differences.

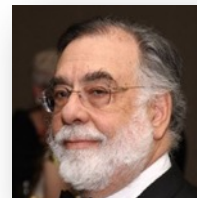


Nov 2 – PDF Laura Steelquist – Global Grants Dick May – Annual Funds Chair?



“When I was about 9, I had polio, and people were very frightened for their children, so you tended to be isolated, I was paralyzed for a while, so I watch television.”

Francis Ford Coppola



Francis Ford Coppola

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Francis Ford Coppola is an American film director, producer, and screenwriter. He is considered one of the major figures of the New Hollywood filmmaking movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Coppola is the recipient of five Academy Awards, six Golden Globe Awards, two Palmes d'Or and a British Academy Film Award.



Who surpassed Elon Musk as the richest person in the world in 2023 on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index?



The Polio Immunization Program



PDG Roz Cooper

Our guest speaker, **PDG (2005 – 06) ROZ Cooper, RC of Metro Honolulu**, is a busy Rotarian, supporting many, many activities within District 5000, Zone 26/27 and Rotary International. Locally, Roz is a member of the **Council on Legislation** as a representative, on the **PolioPlus Subcommittee**, and a part of **Zone 26/27 team**. Her passion is eradicating Polio from the face of the world.

Operation Polio Vaccine Distribution – Ghana, Africa



Before getting into her adventure, Roz asked us, “What is Polio?”

Briefly, Polio is a viral disease that is transmitted mainly from person to person, mainly through a faecal-oral route. While there is no cure for polio, the disease can be prevented through the administration of a vaccine. If a population is fully immunized, they will be protected against all forms of polioviruses.

It is prevalent in highly populated and remote areas, where sanitary conditions are poor or non-existent.

Roz told us, with all the effort and hard work, polio “is still out there.” It is a horrible disease.

Roz thrilled us with the story of her first Polio immunization program she went on! It was a harrowing, exciting, memorable, and rewarding beyond belief.

Roz made her first trip to **Ghana**, in **West Africa**, next to the country of **Côte d'Ivoire**, in 2001. The country is made up of plains and scrublands, rainforests and savannas.

Soon after arriving, Roz and 16 members from District 5000, with 60 other Rotarians from around the world, made the arduous trip into the interior, going to remote villages, where the patients were.



A village in the middle of nowhere!

The trip to the remote village was a long and hard one because of road conditions.



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In countries like Ghana, teams go to the children, not the children coming to the teams.

One of the major hurdles that had to get over, was the belief of the elders and mothers, that they were there to sterilize their children. So those administering the vaccine started wearing the Rotary vest, and hats to gain the trust of the villagers.



It didn't help that Roz, when giving her first immunization dose to a little baby, that she accidentally squeezed the vial, and it slipped out of her hand and ended up in the baby's mouth! Roz survived this episode!



Administering the polio vaccine

These vaccine teams didn't go out on their own, they always had field workers accompany them, advisors that know the culture and spoke the language.

What was it like in the middle of nowhere?

Roz told us that there was no running water, electricity, bathrooms or sanitary service, so they had to be extra careful. They had to train themselves on consumption of food and water, to minimize the "urge" to go. The only other option was going in the wild to relieve themselves.

They were issued bottled water and always had bottles with them. The water was not used for bathing, only for drinking, washing your face and brushing your teeth. This meant no showers, sometimes for three days.

Meals were also very challenging. Sometimes they had to eat what the villagers provided.

Hotel accommodations were next to none. What we would consider a "no-star" hotel elsewhere, was a five-star in the area their base headquarters was!



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A hotel in Northern Ghana

Complaining was not an option. Roz said you just accepted your situation, remembered why you were there, and what you there for, and got down to business the best you could.

Through all the hardships experienced, Roz said it was an experience she would never forget!

It was a good feeling at the end of the trip, after administering the vaccine to the little ones, knowing that they would be protected against all polio types.

After returning home Roz disposed of all her clothes, and said, "Never again!" But guess what? Again, and many, many again's have passed with the satisfaction of work well done.

How successful was this program in Ghana? The immunization program that started in Ghana in 1978, was certified polio free in 2015, after over five years of having no reported case of poliovirus. Sadly, there were just three cases reported in 2022. So, you see, as Roz said, "**It's still out there.**"

With positive reports like this, Roz is a top supporter of the world-wide program and works tirelessly in the program.

Polio Update

According to the World Health Organization, (WHO) there were three cases reported in 2022.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported, in 2022, Ghana Malawi and Mozambique reported wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases linked to a Pakistan strain, the first WPV1 cases in the African region since 2016. During 2022 and 2023, Afghanistan and Pakistan reported WPV1 cases. Circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses were detected in areas of the world where poliovirus had been eliminated. The fight goes on!

Meetings are In-person and are subject to change.

Nov 2 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'ala School

Nov 16 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm – Ho'ala School

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving – No meeting (DARK)

Nov 30 – 5th Thursday – Meeting to be determined

Dec 7 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’ala School – Pearl Harbor Day
 Dec 21 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’ala School

2024

Jan 4 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’ala School
 Jan 18 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’ala School
 Subject to change



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Bernard Arnault



Bernard Arnault

Bernard Arnault is Chairman and CEO of LVMH Moët Hennessy – Louis Vuitton, the world’s leading luxury products group. In 1989, Mr. Arnault became the majority shareholder of LVMH Moët Hennessy – Louis Vuitton, creating the world’s leading luxury products group. Mr. Arnault has been Chairman and CEO of the company since that date.

Special Recognition

We give a special and heartfelt thanks to our Sister Club, **Takasaki Symphony Rotary Club**, for their kind and generous contribution to the Maui Relief Fund. They were not asked, but asked us for directions on how they could transfer the funds from Japan to here. PDG **Naomi Masuno** and **Sharon Amano** provided great instructions, and the transfer was successful!



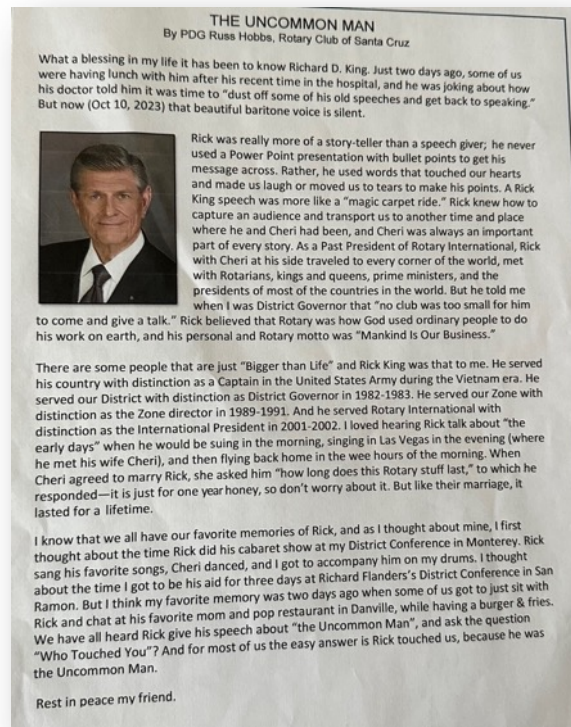
Dr. Daniella Granzotto and Derek Conselva

In support of Mental Health, we had donations of **Dr.(Psy.D) Daniella Granzotto’s** Book **WOMAN TO WOMAN**

Dr. Daniela Granzotto is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Honolulu, Hawaii and author of the book **Woman to Woman: The Truth About Our Intimate Relationships: How We Love, Hurt, and Triumph.**

As a practicing therapist, she works with adults with a range of issues and symptoms including anxiety and depression, low self-esteem, grief and loss, and relationship problems. She empowers clients to make positive changes that allow for effective outcomes and an increased sense of well-being.

The Uncommon Man



The above article was written is about one of our outstanding Past Rotary International Presidents, Richard D. King (2001-2002), and shared by PDG Laura Steelquist.

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/rotarywahiawawai/ai/ai/ai/>



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RCWW Members – Photo by PDG Roz Cooper



Rene Mansho briefing us on the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th



Derek Conselva with his RCWW Mug prize for selling 45 plate lunches!



Derek Conselva briefing on the Wahiawa Kokua for Maui event on November 11th



Dr. Joslyn Sato – Blue Zones Executive Director



Chris Compisano



PDG Laura Steelquist with her prize eyeglass holder on recognition of all she has done for our club



Rene Mansho with Dr. Joslyn Sato with a donated Blue Zone Cookbook



Designer nails!

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President Marie Abatayo with our new RCWW mugs



Prospective member, Andrew Burgos



The 4-Way Test blindfolded!



PP Doc McKenzie



Loretta Sewake – One of the UH Volleyball Aunties



PDG Roz Cooper



Loretta Sewake handing out her Halloween favors



Pizza time!



Silver slippers, Cinder-Cooper?!

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WHAT IS ROTARY?



JOIN LEADERS


EXCHANGE IDEAS

TAKE ACTION

IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

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OBJECT OF ROTARY



- 1st** THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCOUNTANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.
- 2nd** TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF ETHICS AND HONOR IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.
- 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 MEANS OF SERVICE.

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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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