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Rotary International District 5000
District Conference
May 19 – 21, 2023

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Congratulations to Governor RANDY HART for a fabulous year!

Best Wishes to Incoming District Governor MARK MERRIAM!

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Rotary Club of Hilo Members

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SAM WILLOCKS
LINDA CLINTON
CHELSEA MACK

Aloha D5000 Rotarians! Welcome to the first ever Rotary Conference in Hilo. Wow, what an extraordinary year and what an honor to serve as your District Governor. To have the opportunity to meet with all 53 clubs to see first-hand all the great things D5000 Rotarians are doing in their community and around the world, was amazing.

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones’ theme of “Imagine” melds perfectly with our theme of “Together We Can.” I can now change that to “Together We Did!” Together, we performed thousands of hours of community service with hundreds of volunteers. We took care of members and grew to make a greater impact.

We came together for a District International project in Nepal involving numerous clubs in the District. We also initiated a Global Grant for a project in Fiji that we will execute in June. This project funds the installation of a photovoltaic array on a school house that is located on an outer island that has no utility infrastructure. We made a difference for those students.

Thank you to the entire hardworking conference committee for putting in countless hours to culminate in a memorable conference. One that celebrates your accomplishments.

Quite an accomplishment when considering Rotary in Hawaii is 108 years old and Rotary Club of Hilo, second oldest in the state, is 103 years old! Enjoy the fellowship, the fiber that keeps members in Rotary, and have FUN!

Thank you for doing good in world.
TOGETHER WE DID!

District Governor Randy Hart
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Friday: Benson Medina and Nancy Cabral; Hawaii Horse Owners, Inc.; Oceanview Marshallese group facilitated by David Anitok; Uncle Tommy Hanohano; Hilo Kanikapila Performers; Kadota Liquor; Hilo Hawaiian Hotel; Sun Construction; Anita Tatum; Kelton Chang; Salvation Army Hilo/Sam LeMar; and the dedicated Rotarians and friends who are helping with airport pick-up and drop-off transportation.

General Session I: Presentation of Colors by the Hilo High School JROTC under the direction of Jeffery S. Nason, Senior Army Instructor, Major, United States Army (Retired) and Nicholas Galdones; Star Spangled Banner by D'Andrea Pelletier; Hawai'i Pono'i by Sonya Mendez and Benson Medina; emcees Matt McKeever and Kayla Stronko; stage manager Suzi Bond

General Session II: Emcees Matt McKeever and Kayla Stronko

General Session III Gala Dinner: Pule by Wally Wong; emcees Matt McKeever and Kayla Stronko; Awards Ceremony emcees DGN Ted Faigle and DGND Nancy Cabral; Marcia Prose

General Session IV: Interfaith Service by Rev. Anke Flohr and faith team of Rev. Dr. Gaspar Colon, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, Benson and Zeda Medina; emcee Keith Okamoto

Conference Photographer: David Livingston

Mahalo to PDG Nalani Flinn; PDG Sandy Matsui; Sergeants-at-Arms volunteer team; Hawaii Printing

And a sincere Rotary thank you to Glenn Manaba, Cara Goodrich and Frances Hamabata from Grand Naniloa Hotel; Chad Yang and Mari Nagamine from Hula Hula’s Restaurant & Bar

21 February 2023

Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

I am so pleased that you are attending your Rotary District Conference. As you meet in the days ahead, you will have the opportunity to celebrate your successes, expand your network across borders and cultures, and share your ideas for the years ahead.

As Rotarians, our commitment to service is what drives us, and we want to be a part of something larger than ourselves. This special event is where we take our passion for community service to the next level, finding inspiration in each other’s accomplishments to bring our service to even greater heights.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it’s our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don’t imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.

I hope you take the knowledge gained at this District Conference back to your clubs to help them succeed throughout the coming year. Together, we will achieve great things as we Imagine Rotary.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23
Congratulations and Thank You!

Hawai‘i Rotary members and District Governor Randy Hart
A great year of service together!

Ted Faigle
District Governor Nominee

Rotary

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES’ REPRESENTATIVE
PDG Beverly Reed
ZONE 26/27 REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR

We welcome PDG Beverly Reed and her partner, William, to our District Conference. Bev comes to us from Spokane, Washington to represent Rotary International President Jennifer Jones. She will be conveying the President’s greetings and message for our conference.

Since joining the Aurora Northwest Rotary Club in 2004, she has provided leadership as club president in 2011-12, Assistant Governor 2012-2014, District Governor 2018-19, RLI facilitator since 2009, PETS Instructor, PETS Chair 2020-21, Zone 27 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and 2019 Zone 26/27 GETS/GNATS faculty. Recent positions include 2022 Institute Chair in Salt Lake City and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27.

Bev was named “Rotarian of the Year” in 2005 by her club and is a Major Donor and Paul Harris Society member.

When Bev was District Governor, the RI theme was “Be the Inspiration” and Bev is truly an inspiration to us all!
A Special Message from Governor Josh Green, M.D.

In Recognition of Rotary District 5000 Conference
May 19-21, 2023

On behalf of the people of Hawai‘i, I extend my warmest aloha to the Rotarians and guests attending the Rotary District 5000 Annual Conference at the Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo on the Big Island.

This conference brings together Rotarians from all across our beautiful state. Hawai‘i is fortunate to have 53 Rotary Clubs, located on O‘ahu, Maui, Kaua‘i, Lana‘i, and the Big Island. Your shared passion for making a positive impact and enhancing the lives of our people is truly admirable, and you continue to tackle the world’s most persistent issues while delivering much-needed help to our most vulnerable communities.

Congratulations to Randy Hart for a successful 2022-23 Rotary year, and for your noble service as District Governor. The projects you have undertaken in our communities here in Hawai‘i and abroad continue to inspire us all. Mahalo for your dedication, hard work, leadership, and your commitment to service with aloha.

Mahalo to the event organizers for making this conference possible and to all of you for your passion for volunteering. The significant impact you have and continue to make in Hawai‘i and across the globe is commendable. Best wishes to each of you as you celebrate your achievements and continue to inspire one another.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor
State of Hawai‘i
Mahalo!

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MESSAGE FROM
U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO
In honor of the Rotary District 5000
District Conference 2023

May 19-21, 2023

Aloha and welcome to Rotarians in attendance for the Rotary District 5000 District Conference 2023.

The 53 Rotary Clubs throughout Hawaii have been a vital part of the community since 1915, when the very first Rotary Club was chartered in Honolulu. Since then, Rotarians throughout Hawaii have focused on their mission to provide service through projects that greatly enrich the community. The Eco Rotary Club of Kakako’s recent efforts to help clean the Ala Wai Canal with genki balls is an excellent example of Rotarians widespread and lasting impact throughout our communities.

Mahalo to District Governor Randy Hart for his exemplary leadership. As a veteran, he has served both his country and his community. He first joined the Rotary Club in 1990, and has been an active and dedicated member in many roles throughout the years. Through his leadership, District Governor Hart represents the importance of Rotary’s work across the islands of Hawaii.

My best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Aloha,

Mazie K. Hiroto
United States Senator

A MESSAGE FROM
U.S. SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ
PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF
2023 Rotary District 5000 District Conference

May 19-21, 2023

Aloha and welcome to everyone gathered for the 2023 Rotary District 5000 District Conference.

For more than 50 years, Rotary District 5000 and its members have sought out ways to assist and support our local community. Through service projects and community events, Rotarians have made a positive impact in the lives of many individuals and families throughout the state. The annual district conference brings together Rotarians from across Hawaii to work together, share new ideas, and prepare for the upcoming year. Additionally, this event serves as an opportunity to connect with other leaders and celebrate the year’s accomplishments.

Mahalo to Rotary District 5000 for your dedication to helping our community. Best wishes for a productive conference.

Mahalo,

Brian Schatz
United States Senator
Oahu West  AG Arlene Estrella
Ewa Beach  Cyndie Smith
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Kapolei Sunset  Lani Bergstrom
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Mahalo to the 2022-2023 Leadership Team
Together We Did It!

Our motto this year, "Together We Can" is now "Together We Did". We made a difference in our Rotary communities, both locally and internationally. We made clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Much mahalo for your dedication and valuable contributions.

Kendra
April 2023

Dear Friends,

Aloha to the Rotary District 5000 members as you come together to celebrate 100 years of “Service Above Self” at the Grand Naniloa Resort in Hilo, Hawai‘i. Clubs in District 5000 have dedicated themselves to projects that have had positive impacts here in Hawai‘i and around the globe. Through programs such as the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Interact and Rotary scholarships, you are ensuring that the next generation is provided with opportunities that will help them become engaged citizens of the world.

I want to also recognize and congratulate District Governor Randy Hart for a successful 2022-2023 Rotary year. With the themes of “Imagine Rotary” and “Together We Can,” District Governor Hart and his team created and implemented projects to benefit the greater community. District Governor Hart is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Hilo and has been a Rotarian for over 30 years. He served as Club President in 2016-2017, Assistant Governor from 2017-2020, and District Resource Leader for Hawai‘i Island in 2020-2021. I send my sincere appreciation and best wishes to District Governor Hart as well as continued success for District Governor-Elect Mark Merriam from the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu. I have full faith that Hawai‘i Rotary District 5000 will continue to make our communities a better place.

Mahalo and congratulations for over 100 years of service. I send my best wishes to you for a great event and continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Jill N. Tokuda
United States Representative
Second District of Hawai‘i
Aloha! On behalf of the citizens of the County of Hawai‘i, it is a great pleasure to welcome Rotarians, and their families and friends, to the District Conference, May 19-21, 2023, at the Grand Naniloa Hotel in charming Hilo, Hawai‘i.

District 5000 has approximately 1,600 member Rotarians in 53 Clubs located on the five islands of O‘ahu, Maui, Kauai, Lanai, and Hawai‘i Island. Hilo’s own Randy Hart serves as the District Governor for 2022/2023 and will be on hand to recognize some of the awesome impact projects and present the Club of Excellence Awards.

Participants can choose to participate in the Walk for Polio around Lili‘uokalani Park or be a part of the collaborative effort of community organizations, schools, and local businesses as they seek to "Genki Hou" (Bring Health) to the traditional fishponds by distributing "bokashi balls"—indigenous micro-organisms to eat accumulated sludge.

Best Wishes to District 5000 Rotarian members as you reconnect with old friends and make new ones, take advantage of Hilo hospitality, and explore our world-famous volcano and the stars on Mauna Kea.

Done this 19th day of May 2023.
To the DisCon23 Planning Committee...

We imagined the first-ever district conference in Hilo, and together we did it!
Our deepest mahalo and aloha for all your time, dedication and support!

Front row seated: Mary Begier (Silent Auction); Lori Williams (Conference Co-chair); Jen Tanouye (Conference Co-chair); Liz Kane (Scriptwriter). Second row: Sonya Mendez (Program Book); Gail Takaki (Decor); Alan Kusunoki (Sgt-at-Arms); Lynn Goya (House of Friendship); Beth Hoban (Awards); PDG Naomi Masuno (Conference Program/AV Tech Support); Connie Ichinose (Japan Liaison); Marcia Prose (Awards Ceremony); Suzi Bond (Stage Manager); Beverly Heikes (Hotel Logistics); PDG Laura Stee1quist (Conference Program/Minute-by-Minute). Third row: Harvey Tajiri (Walk & Talk Tour); PDG Roz Cooper (End Polio Now Walk); Jim Hoban (Awards Support); DGND Nancy Cabral (Sponsorship)

Not pictured: PDG Nanali Flinn (RI President’s Aide); Treena Brayagle (Secretary); Dee Scott (Treasurer); Konrad Ikei (Registration); Benson Medina (Friday Kanikapila); PDG Del Green and Dick May (Major Donor, White Hat, Triple Crown Reception); PDG Sandy Matsui (Entertainment Liaison); Mitchell Dodo & Joanne Laird (Celebration of Life); Richard Ma (Audio/Visual); Dave Livingston (Photographer); Anke Flohr (Interfaith Service); Doug Adams (Golf Tournament); Susie Osborne (Crown Room Decor)

Congratulations!

TO THE GRADUATES OF
THE 2022-23
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!

Paul Alimbuyao, Rotary Club of Ewa Beach
Arjun Aryal, Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset
Lorraine Davis, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Anke Flohr, Rotary Club of Kaneohe
Beverly Heikes, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Patti Look, Rotary Club of Waikiki
Junichi Noumaru, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Jan Pascua, Rotary Club of Hawaii
Allan Weiland, Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea

If you are interested in joining the 2023-24 Cohort, visit rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/leadership-academy

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PDGs John & Laura Steelquist, Rotary Club of East Honolulu
Rotary Club of Hilo and Satellite Eco Club
Stan Fortuna, Rotary Club of Hilo
Yummet & Brittany Zimmerman, Rotary Club of Hilo

Team Members
Big Island Toyota, Deluz Chevrolet & David Deluz, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Case Lombardi & PDG Del Green, Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu
Hawaii Island Mayor Mitch Roth, Rotary Club of Hilo
Hawaiian Telcom & Lani Oids, Dawn DeCoito, Kelvin Watanabe, Rotary Club of Hilo; and Dave Mozdren, Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise
Helene & Harvey Tajiri, Rotary Club of Hilo
Hilo Surplus Store, Inc. & Tim Beatty, Rotary Club of Hilo
Ilima Hotel & PDG Phil Sammer, Rotary Club of Waikiki
KTA Superstores & Toby Taniguchi, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
Richard M. May, Rotary Club of Kapolei
Subway & Steve Handy, Jr, Rotary Club of Hilo
Sun Construction, Inc. & PE Jeremiah Leonard, Aaron Albers, Shaun O'Brien, Shay Younce, Rotary Club of Hilo

Team Cheerleaders
Atebara Chips of Hilo, Hawaii
DG Randy Hart, Rotary Club of Hilo
K & J Tire Center & Jen Tanouye, Rotary Club of Hilo
Mary Ann Berry, Rotary Club of Ala Moana
Merrie Monarch Festival of Hilo
PDG Naomi Masuno, Rotary Club of West Honolulu
PDG Roz Cooper, Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu
President Connie & Galen Ichinose, Rotary Club of Hilo

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Kapoho Kine Tours & Gift Shop
PH Hawaii Corp & Terry Lo, Rotary Club of West Honolulu
YWCA Hawai'i Island & Lorraine Davis, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay & Kathleen McGilvray, Rotary Club of Hilo
# Conference Schedule

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**GENERAL SESSION III (Doors open 6:15 pm)**
- Gala Dinner (Cocktail, Evening, Dressy Aloha Attire)
- Welcome/Recognition of Sponsors
- Introduce Hiroshima Club
- Hiroshima Club Presentation
- RI President's Rep Beverages Awards of Excellence
- International Service, Foundation, Membership, Special, and Insignificant Project Awards
- Mark Yamashita & Friends
- Body-N-Soul

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- Celebration of Life • Youth Service • Youth Exchange • Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation • D5000 Business Meeting • District Leadership Academy Graduation • Brunch • Club of Excellence Awards • Youth Community, Club, Vocational • Public Image Awards • RI President's Rep Beverages • DGE Mark Merriam Introduction of 2023-24 Team • District Conference 2024 • Clubs of the Year • Hawaii Aloha
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2. Wine by Design/Fundraiser for Polio Plus: Sonya Mendez, Rotary Club of West Pearl Harbor
3. District International Service Projects: Chair James Ham, District International Service Team
4. Hawaii H.O.M.E. Project: James Ham, Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset
5. District Rotary Foundation Committee: PDG & Chair Del Green, Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu
6. Two Ladies Kitchen (Sunday only 8am to 1pm)
7. Kona Task Force on Feeding the Hungry: Scott Unger, Richard Farnham, Rotary Club of Kona
8. Genki Ball Ala Wai Cleanup: Jacob Roberts, Eco Rotary Club of Kaka'ako
9. Celebrations Event Photography: Robyn McCready, Rotary Club of Waikiki
10. Island Traditions of Hawaii
11. Legacy Projects with Lunailo Elementary: Sue Ann Lee, Rotary Club of Ala Moana
12. Mental Health Initiatives Rotary Action Group: Chair Kathleen Merliam, Rotary Club of Kaneohe
13. Membership: Chair Connie Ichinose, Membership Attraction Subcommittee, Rotary Club of Hilo
14. Promoting Peace & Aloha – Hawaii Island Style: Chair Charlene Iboshi, Hawai'i Island Rotary Clubs' Peace Committee, Rotary Club of South Hilo
15. Partnering for Peace: Chair Alan Kusunoki, Outreach, Rotary Club of Hilo
16. ShelterBox
17. Hiroshima Peace Camp & Marshallese in Oceansview: PDG Steve Yoshida, WE Rotary Club of International Peace

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RI PRESIDENT’S REPRESENTATIVE

Bev Reed

Servant Leader is a term that well describes PDG Bev Reed. In 2018 Bev retired from a 38-year career with the YMCA. Whether a Program Director or a CEO of an Association, Bev has embraced the need to serve in her community. One key accomplishment was being part of an Executive Team in a $40 Million fundraising and construction project of two new facilities in Spokane, Washington. In addition, Bev continues to be a National YMCA Faculty trainer in the areas of Volunteerism, Fundraising and Leading & Coaching Others.

Her love for service carried over in her involvement in Rotary. Bev joined the Aurora Northwest Rotary Club in 2004. She provided leadership as club president in 2011-12, Assistant Governor 2012-2014, District Governor 2018-19. Her passion for training continued as a facilitator of RLI since 2009, PETS Instructor and coach for six years and served as the PETS OPCOM Chair 2020-21. In addition to serving Zone 27 as an ARRFC, Bev was on the 2019 Zone 26/27 GETS/GNATS faculty team and was recently appointed as co-chair for the 2021-2022 Zone Institutes.

Bev feels the success of being a great fundraiser is being a great active listener, asking a potential donor to share their “Why” story and find ways to connect the donor to their passion. It is all about relationships – Yes, it is that simple. Bev and her husband Bill are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and are members of both the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

SPEAKER

Duane Kurisu

Duane Kurisu is the Chairman of the Board of the Hawaii Executive Collaborative, a non-profit organization focused on resolving Hawaii’s most pressing issues and to fulfill its vision of Hawaii’s place in Asia Pacific through collaboration. Its members are the top Hawaii leaders in business, government, labor, education and the community. Duane is a real estate investor and owns and manages office buildings, shopping centers, hotels and industrial parks. He is also the Chairman and CEO of aco, a holding company for brands focused on Hawaii and the Pacific in the areas of media, sports and food. Duane is also a minority owner of the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Central Pacific Financial Corp, Island Holdings, Tradewind Capital Group, Nippon Golden Network and number of nonprofit organizations and was a former Regent of the University of Hawaii. Duane is Trustee of Punahou School, a Trustee of Claremont McKenna College, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Asia Pacific Association (HAPA).

He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration and Master in Business Administration degrees from the University of Hawaii.

SPEAKER

Mitch Roth

Mitch Roth is the Hawaii Island Mayor and a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo since 2013. He has a BA from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Jurist Doctorate from Whittier Law School. In 1993 he became a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with City and County of Honolulu and in 2012, was elected as the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawaii.

Mitch became the first community-oriented prosecutor in the State of Hawaii and is a recipient of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney’s Award of Excellence.

Since moving to the Big Island in 1998, Mitch has been actively involved with a number of initiatives: Helped bring the Shattered Dreams Youth Alcohol Prevention project to Hawaii Island; Helped start a Big Island chapter of the Community Coalition for Neighborhood Safety; Helped form 2 Visitors Aloha Society of Hawaii (VASH) Chapters on the Big Island and in 2014 he was recognized as their partner of the year.

SPEAKER

Hiroichi Nago

Hiroichi Nago, President of EM Hawaii, LLC. Hiro’s ancestral roots come from Gushikawa-Okinawa in Japan. His grandfather immigrated at a young age and moved his family to various islands and finally settled in Kula, Maui. Hiro came to Hawaii at age of 5 and grew up in an environment of naturally grown foods and this led Hiro to earn a bachelor’s degree in horticulture from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

Inspired by Prof. Teruo Higa, Hiro decided that promoting the benefits of EM® and getting away from the overuse of chemicals would be his life mission. He joined EM Research Organization as a researcher in 1995 and opened the branch office (EMRO HAWAI’I), Inc. in 1996 to share the benefits of this amazing technology. Hiro then had the opportunity to take over and reorganize as a locally owned company EM HAWAII, LLC since 2008 and has over 24 years of experience with “Effective Microorganisms®”. EM, the active “ingredient” in Genki Bokts, has been used for more than 35 years in over 100 countries to remove sludge, improve water quality and restore ecosystems.

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**ENTERTAINER**

**Mark Yamanaka**

Mark Yamanaka was born on O'ahu, but was raised in the town of Hilo from a very young age. Of Japanese heritage, Yamanaka identifies himself as 'iwi, or a native son of Hawai'i.

While attending Hilo Intermediate School in 1992, he began playing ukulele and soon taught himself acoustic guitar. It was then he discovered his own clear falsetto voice and began jamming with friends in backyards. In 1997 Yamanaka began learning Hawaiian music from kumu hula Johnny Lum Ho. Upon graduating from Hilo High School, he began to pursue a career in music.

Today, Mark is a 14-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner. In 2010 he released his debut album, "Lei Pua Kenikenii," which won four of the most coveted awards at the 2011 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards. In 2013, he followed that success with the release of "Lei Maile." In 2015 he teamed up with friends Kellen and Lihau Paik to release the award-winning Christmas album, "A Gift of Heart." In 2020, Mark and Kellen released a single "Everyday Local," which also launched Mark's new clothing line of the same name.

Mark is married to his high school sweetheart and a proud father of three children.

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**ENTERTAINER**

**Matty Wong**

Aloha, I'm **Matty Wong**. As a realtor and entrepreneur, my days are filled with helping families find their dream homes and building my businesses. But my passion for music is what truly drives me! I'm a looping musician, which means I create music through a combination of instrument and vocal loops. I have a deep appreciation for all types of music, including R&B, Hip-Hop, Rap, Rock, Alternative, Indie, Country and Hawaiian.

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Body-N-Soul**

**Body-N-Soul** is a Hilo-based, five-piece band featuring vocalist Sherri Fox; former Rotarian Doug Espejo on guitar and vocals; Bruce "Doc" Miyashiro on keys & vocals; Tim DeSilva on bass & vocals; and Bruce David on drums, percussion & vocals. The band has been playing together for over a decade, and their musical playlist includes a variety of songs that will make you get up and dance.
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And yes, thrilled to have completed the Go Big 260, a round-the-island 260+ mile run, to support the Hawai’i Wildlife Fund!
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Konrad Ikel Assistant Governor, Oahu Waikiki Area - District 5000
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Mahalo to Rotary in Hawai’i District Conference Planning Committee for a job well done!

Lori Williams, Co-Chair District Conference 2023
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Aloha fellow Rotarians,

It has been a great year for Hawaii Rotary. DG Randy Hart, the district leadership team and all the club leaders have provided exceptional service. They have strengthened Rotary in Hawaii. A sincere thanks to each of you.

We are challenged in the coming year to Create Hope in the World. The opportunities are endless. Create is to take action, and Rotarians are people of action. The actions we take throughout the year are a positive contribution to our communities and the world. Simple actions are often the best, changing one life at a time.

Hope is a forward thinking concept. Today will be better than yesterday. People of action will help others find hope, they will find ways to deliver on the promise of a better future.

A major initiative this year will be to create hope and a better life for the Micronesian populations that live on our islands. These recent immigrants are challenged in so many ways and Rotary can, and should, help. Service projects, conducted by every club across Hawaii, will make a difference. An international project on one of the island groups will make an impact that can be sustained in the future. Rotary, and Rotarians, are at their best when helping others.

Thanks for all you do as a volunteer Rotarian. I look forward to working alongside you. Together, we will make our communities and the world a better place.

Mahalo for creating hope in the world,
Mark Merriam
2023-24 Leadership Team

With club charter year and club president

**Hawaii East**
Assistant Governor
Beverly Heikes

- Hilo - 1920 - Jeremiah Leonard
- South Hilo - 1956 - Zeda Medina
- Hilo Bay - 1988 - Bryan Lindsay
- Volcano - 2001 - Lynda Gretz
- Pahoa Sunset - 2009 - Susie Osborne
- International Peace WE Rotary - 2014
  Bill Shaw

**Hawaii West**
Assistant Governor
Nestorino Domingo

- Kona - 1948 - Brian Asbjornson
- North Hawaii - 1954 - Kimo Becker
- Kona Mauka - 1967 - Eric Curtis
- Kona Sunrise - 2009 - Vernon Lawrey

**Kauai**

- Kauai - 1937 - Ryan Fussell
- West Kauai - 1944 - Michael Foye
- Kapaa - 1985 - Josie Cortez
- Poipu Beach - 1987 - Cyrus Tumbaga
- Hanalei Bay - 1994 - Jay Brahmst

**Maui Valley**
Assistant Governor
Wendy Hornack

- Maui - 1937 - Heather Mueller
- Kahului - 1955 - Kauwela Bisquera
- Lahaina - 1965 - Joe Park
- Kilei-Wailea - 1978 - Jay Satenstein
- Wailuku - 1985 - Mark Unemori
- Upcountry Maui - 1995
  Michael Luque
- Lahaina Sunrise - 2001 - Ann Neizman
- Eco Club of Maui - 2009
  Maile Tsurusato

**Maui Coast**
Assistant Governor
Al Weiland

**Public Image Chair**
Joshua Laguna

**Public Image Chair**
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Laine Kohama

**DG 2022-23**
Randy Hart

**DG 2024-25**
Ted Faigle

**DG 2025-26**
Nancy Cabral

**Treasurer**
Richard Proctor
2023-24 Club Leadership

**Oahu Waikiki**
Assistant Governor
Konrad Ihei
Honolulu - 1915 - Joanna Amberger
Waikiki - 1939 - Nathan Graves
Kalani - 1972 - David Arita
Honolulu Sunset - 1995
Jonathan Okabe
Eco Rotary Kakako - 2019
Jacob Roberts

**Oahu Central**
Assistant Governor
Joshua Laguna
Wahiawa-Waialua - 1937
Marie Abatayo
Pearl Harbor - 1950 - Stephen Dyer
Pearlridge - 1980 - Dick Mosko
Mililani Sunrise - 1996 - Kathy Lum
Hickam Pearl Harbor - 2017
Joshua Laguna

**Oahu Downtown**
Assistant Governor
Dave Mozdren
West Honolulu - 1950 - Glen Suzuki
Metropolitan Honolulu - 1986
Sean Kettley
Honolulu Sunrise - 1990 - Jerry Denton
Downtown Honolulu - 1997
Valerie Wong
Honolulu Pau Hana - 2008
Caroline Davis

**Oahu East**
Assistant Governor
Ryan Kawamoto
East Honolulu - 1959
Cheryl Holderott
Diamond Head Kaimuki - 2001
Andres Gonzales
Kahala Sunrise - 2007 - Kelley Tom
E-Club of Hawaii - 2013 - Geri Bertoli

**Oahu Windward**
Assistant Governor
Anke Flohr
Windward Oahu - 1953
Kathy Filbeck
Kaneohe - 1965 - Alita Charron
Hawaii Kai - 1973
Matthew McKeever
Windward Sunrise - 2006
Gaspar Colon

**Oahu West**
Assistant Governor
Arlene Estrella
Waianae Coast - 1969
Craig Alvarado
West Pearl Harbor - 1971
Uipula Walpole
Kapolei - 1994 - Joni Henderson
Kapolei Sunrise - 2009 - Lani Berghstrom
Ewa Beach - 2018 - Elaine Gascon

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