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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!**

**DAY-LUM**  
Rotary Club of Hilo Members

**NANCY CABRAL  
SHEILA EVANS  
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







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## 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

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# 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 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!



# Rotary

## Club of Hilo

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**Congratulations to our member  
Governor RANDY HART for a  
fabulous year!**

**Best Wishes to Incoming District  
Governor MARK MERRIAM!**



*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*  
Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor  
State of Hawai'i



A lush green waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff, surrounded by dense tropical vegetation.

# Mahalo!

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## United States Senate

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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 Kakaako'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. Hirono  
United States Senator

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### 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.

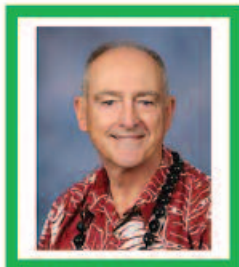
For more than 30 years, Rotary District 5000 and its members have sought out ways to assist and support our local community. Through service projects and community events, Rotarians have made a positive impact in the lives of many individuals and families throughout the state. The annual district conference 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





## 2022-2023 Presidents

**District Governor: Randy Hart**

DG Elect: Mark Merriam (2023-2024)  
DG Nominee: Ted Faigle (2024-2025)  
DG Nominee Designate: Nancy Cabral (2025-2026)  
Chief of Staff: Ted Faigle  
Secretary: Sharon Scheele  
Treasurer: Corey Kawamoto



### Hawaii East AG Doug Adams



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**Hilo Bay Paho Sunset** Mike Carrol  
**S Hilo** Susie Osborne  
**Volcano WE Rotary** Cat Rehberg, Bev Garrett, Dotty Cline



### Hawaii West AG Nestorio Domingo



**Kona** Scott Unger  
**Kona Mauka** Sammy Johnson  
**Kona Sunrise** Dennis Rast  
**North Hawaii** Jim Becker



### Maui Valley AG Mariko Higashi



**Kahului** Della Nakamoto  
**Maui** Heather Mueller  
**Upcountry** Li Hay  
**Eco Maui** Frank Szczepznski  
**Wailuku:** Jennifer Barr



### Maui Coast AG Wendy Hornack



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**Lahaina** Rachel & Joe Miyoshi  
**L Sunrise** John Pluta  
**L Sunset** Kelsey Crowe  
**Lanai** Ingrida Briggs Couto



### Oahu East AG Jamie Apuna



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**E-Club of HI** Geri Bertoli  
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**Eco Kakaako** Jenny Do  
**Honolulu** Lyla Berg  
**Hon Sunset** Jonathan Okabe  
**Waikiki** Adrienne King



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*Mahalo to the 2022-2023 Leadership Team  
 Together We Did It!*





Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
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ROTARY DISTRICT 5000  
District Conference  
May 19 - 21, 2023

Aloha!

I send my warmest greetings to all gathered for your annual conference – “Together We Can” – this year on my home Island of Hawai‘i. I regret that I cannot be with you personally, but I extend my very best wishes to all for a successful event.

Thinking of you, I am reminded of the special report prepared by Johns Hopkins University a few years ago concluding that Rotary International’s mobilization of volunteers for various projects saved benefited communities more than \$800 million in service costs per year. But that level of service to our fellow citizens is measured in more than just dollars, for your volunteer efforts make our world an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

It has been said that Rotary “develops character and brings out the best in the human spirit.” That is certainly true of Rotary District 5000, an organization whose members also convey all of the Aloha Spirit in all that you do for our island home.

Warm aloha,

**Ed Case**

Congressman Ed Case  
(Hawai‘i-First District)

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1102

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,

**JN**

Jill N. Tokuda  
United States Representative  
Second District of Hawaii





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 Office of the Mayor

### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

*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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

MITCHELL D. ROTH  
 Mayor/ County of Hawai'i



# 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 (Décor); 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 Steelquist (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 Nalani Flinn (RI President's Aide); Treena Breyfogle (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 Décor)

**PDG Roz Cooper...**  
quietly, efficiently and  
with fierce determination  
you've been District  
5000's leading Polio  
Warrior. Mahalo to you  
and your team for  
making the Walk to End  
Polio Now a success —  
year after year. We're so  
close!



# 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 E-Club of Hawaii  
Allan Weiland, Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea

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*In loving memory...*

OF MARK HARBISON  
2022-23 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP  
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2023



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DGND Nancy Cabral, Sam Willocks, Chelsea Mack, Sheila Evans,  
Linda Clinton, Rotary Club of Hilo

### Team Coach



Scott Unger, Rotary Club of Kona

### Team Captains

Dodo Mortuary & Crematory, Mitch Dodo, Rotary Club of Hilo  
First Hawaiian Bank & Lara Sonoda, Anna Liu, Alexander Rapoza,  
Jarius Iwasaki, Rotary Club of Hilo

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

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Helene & Harvey Tajiri, Rotary Club of Hilo

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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

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY MAY 19

Time	Event	Location
12:00 - 5:00 pm	Registration	Downstairs Foyer
12:00 - 5:00 pm	House of Friendship	Ho'omalimali
12:00 - 5:00 pm	Silent Auction	Sandalwood
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Kanikapila	Coconut Island
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Wine Fellowship	RWAF Members
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Whisky Fellowship	DRAM Members

## SATURDAY MAY 20

6:30 - 7:00 am	Check-in for Walk to End Polio Now	Liliuokalani Park
7:00 - 7:45 am	Walk Begins & Breakfast On Your Own	Liliuokalani Park
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Downstairs Foyer
7:30 - 9:00 am	House of Friendship Open	Ho'omalimali
7:30 - 9:00 am	Silent Auction Open	Sandalwood
8:30 - 9:00 am	Doors Open	
9:00 - 11:30 am	GENERAL SESSION I Hilo High Color Guard Welcome Presentation of 2022-23 Presidents Leadership Team Recognition Talk Story with Duane Kurisu	Crown Room
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch	Crown Room
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	House of Friendship open	Ho'omalimali
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Silent Auction open	Sandalwood
12:30 - 1:15 pm	GENERAL SESSION II Environment, 7th Area of Focus Speaker - Hiro Nago, EM Hawaii	Crown Room
1:15 - 1:30 pm	District 5000 Foundation Annual Meeting	Crown Room
1:20 - 1:27 pm	Walk to Park for Genki Ball Toss	
1:27 - 1:37 pm	Genki Ball Toss	

Conference attire is casual, except for the Saturday night gala, which is cocktail, evening, dressy aloha attire. For the Friday night Kanikapila, we will be outdoors in a grassy area. Please wear your name badges at all times in the conference areas.

Time	Event	Location
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions Youth Services Earth Sustainability Membership EM Hawaii Genki Balls International Service Girls Empowerment Mental Health Initiative	Palm Room HulaHula Private Rm Sandalwood Crown Room Crown Room Crown Room Crown Room
1:30 - 4:30 pm	House of Friendship Open	Ho'omalimali
1:30 - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction Open	Sandalwood
3:45 - 4:45 pm	Presidents/AG's Reception	HulaHula Private Rm
4:15 - 4:45 pm	PEs/PNs join Presidents	HulaHula Private Rm
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Foundation Reception	By Invitation
5:30 - 6:30 pm	General Reception	Foyer upstairs
6:30 - 10:00 pm	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 Bev Reed Awards of Excellence International Service, Foundation, Membership, Special, and Significant Project Awards Mark Yamanaka & Friends Body-N-Soul	Crown Room

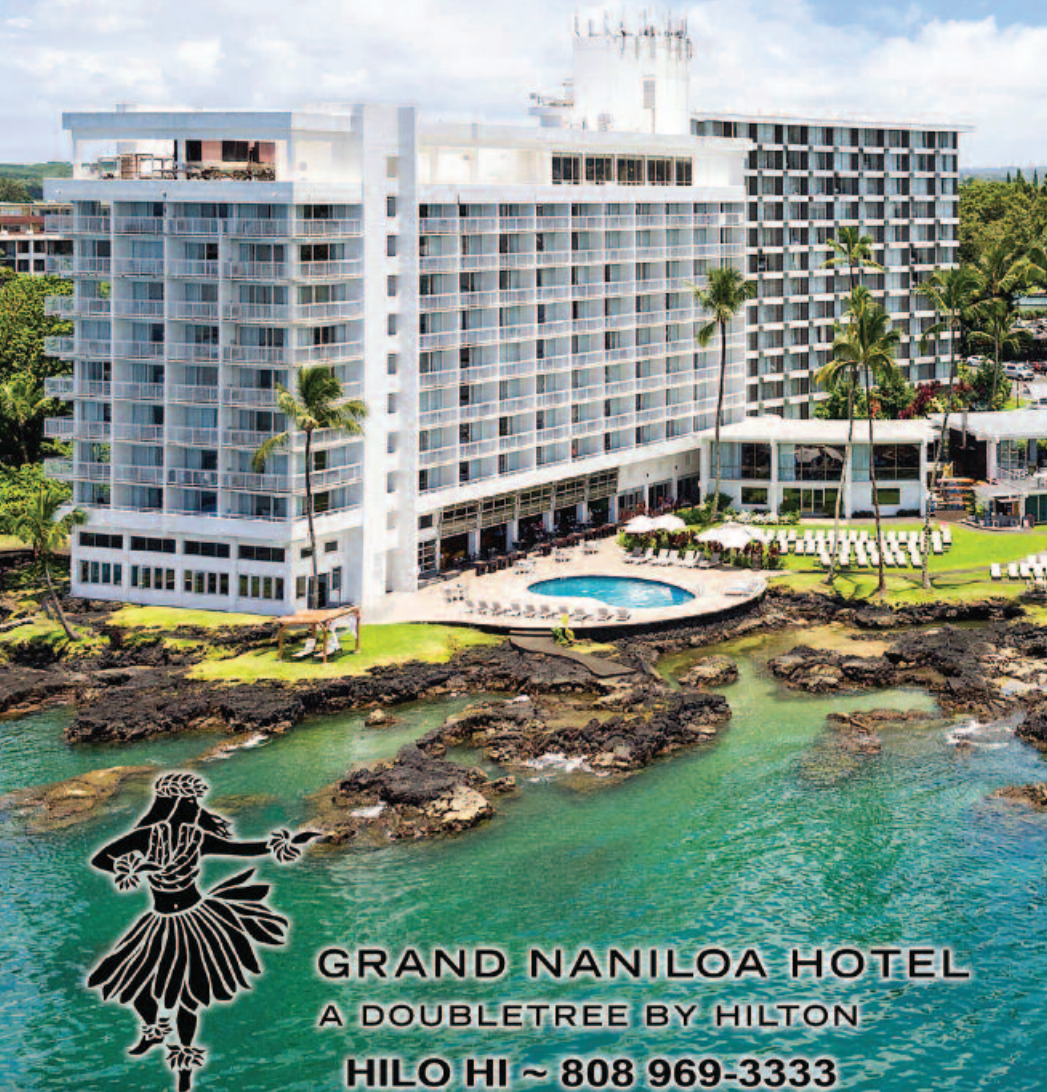
## SUNDAY MAY 21

7:30 - 8:00 am	Interfaith Service	HulaHula Private Rm
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	House of Friendship open	Ho'omalimali
8:00 - 10:00 am	Silent Auction payment and pickup	Sandalwood
8:00 - 10:00 am	Registration 2023 and 2024	Foyer
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Luggage Storage	Palm Lounge
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	GENERAL SESSION IV and BRUNCH (Doors open 8:15 am) 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 Bev Reed • DGE Mark Merriam • Introduction of 2023-24 Team • District Conference 2024 • Clubs of the Year • Hawaii Aloha	Crown Room
1:30 pm	A hui Hou!	



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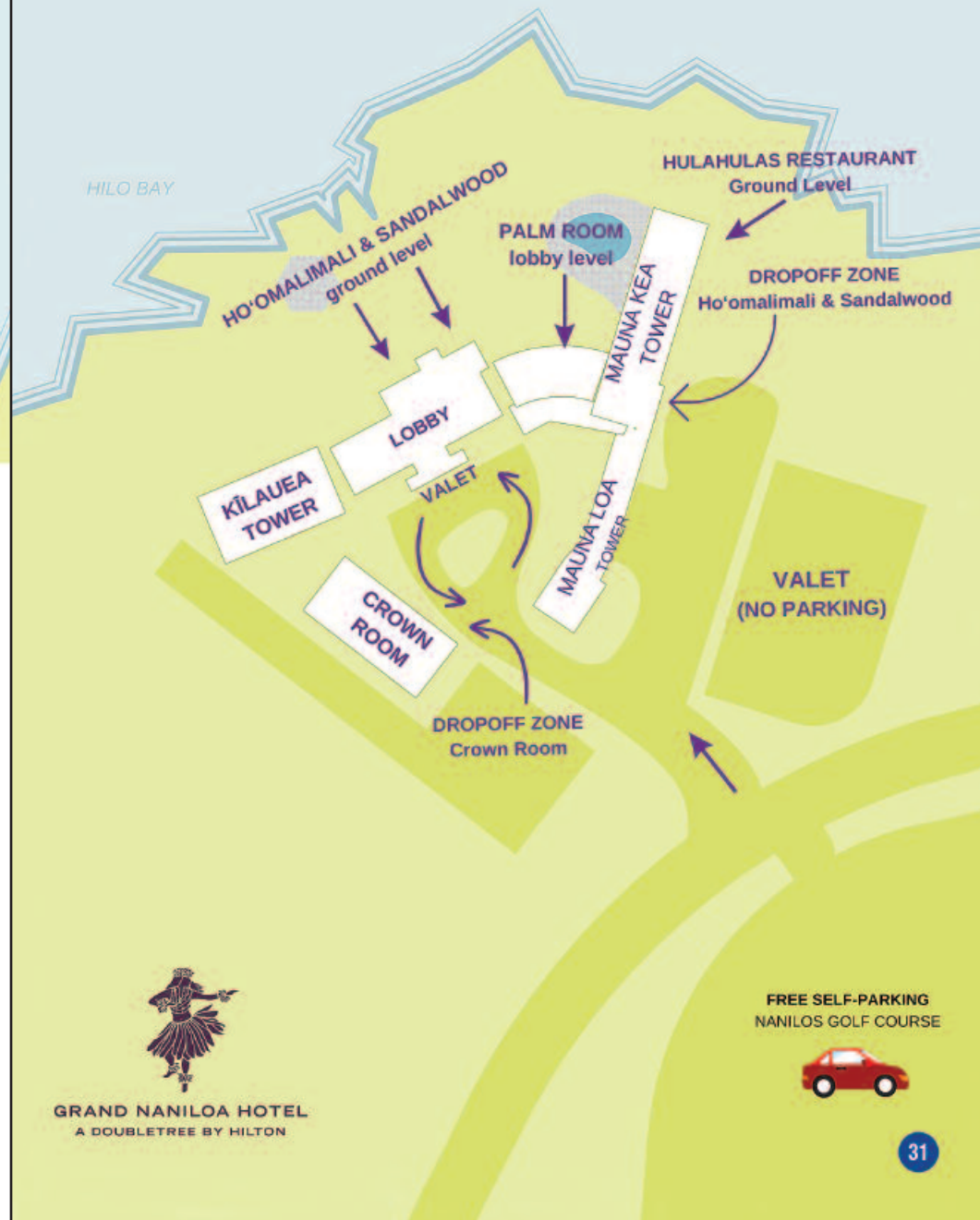
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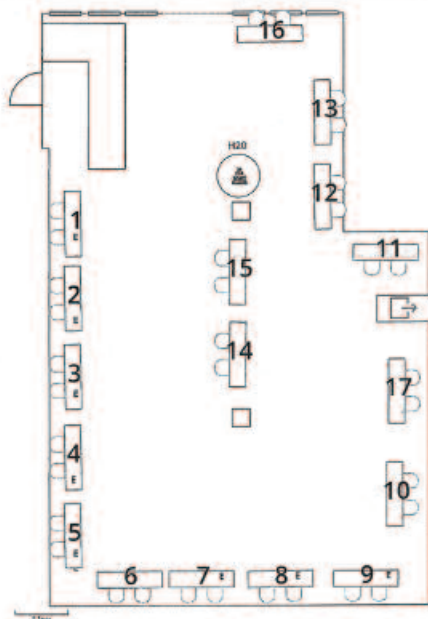


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### Bev Reed

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 aio, 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 Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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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 Kenikeni," 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.



## 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.



## 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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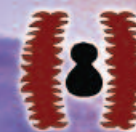
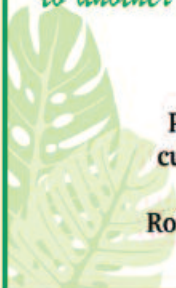
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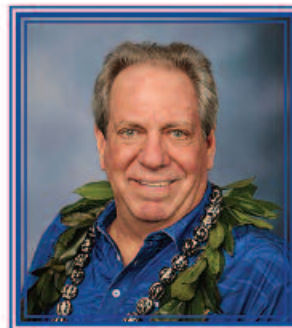
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Aloha fellow Rotarians,

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



**DG 2022-23  
Randy Hart**



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Volcano - 2001 - Lynda Gretz  
Pahoa Sunset - 2009 - Susie Osborne  
International Peace WE Rotary - 2014  
Bill Shaw

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



**Kauai**

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



**Maui Valley**  
Assistant Governor  
**Wendy Hornack**



**Maui Coast**  
Assistant Governor  
**Al Weiland**



**Maui**  
Island Resource Leader  
**Joanne Laird**

Maui - 1937 - Heather Mueller  
Kahului - 1955 - Kauwela Bisquera  
Lahaina - 1965 - Joe Park  
Kihei-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



# 2023-24 Club Leadership



**Oahu Waikiki**  
Assistant Governor  
**Konrad Ikei**

Honolulu - 1915 - Joanna Amberger  
Waikiki - 1939 - Nathan Graves  
Ala Moana - 1972 - David Arita  
Honolulu Sunset - 1995  
Jonathan Okabe  
Eco Rotary Kakaako - 2019  
Jacob Roberts



**Oahu Central**  
Assistant Governor  
**Joshua Laguana**

Wahiawa-Waiialua - 1937  
Marie Abatayo  
Pearl Harbor - 1950 - Stephen Dyer  
Pearlridge - 1980 - Dick Mosko  
Mililani Sunrise - 1996 - Kathy Lum  
Hickam Pearl Harbor - 2017  
Joshua Laguana



**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 Wang  
Honolulu Pau Hana - 2008  
Caroline Davis



**Oahu East**  
Assistant Governor  
**Ryan Kawamoto**

East Honolulu - 1959  
Cheryl Holdcroft  
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  
Uthpala Walpola  
Kapolei - 1994 - Joni Henderson  
Kapolei Sunset - 2009 - Lani Bergstrom  
Ewa Beach - 2018 - Elaine Gascon

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