



## ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU QUICK FACTS

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Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

The Rotary Club of Honolulu (RCOH) was founded 10 years later in 1915 and was the first Rotary club in Hawai'i. Today there are 54 Rotary Clubs on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, O`ahu, Kaua`i and Lana`i, including 2 E-Clubs. The RCOH is the largest club, with 140 members.

Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Our motto is Service Above Self and our guiding principles are as follows:

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The RCOH has a very long history of both local and international service, offering many ways for a member to give back to the community. Below are just a few of the projects completed throughout our history.

### **Local Projects:**

- Converted five cabins, dubbed "Rotary Village" at Camp Erdman to be ADA compliant. Repaired and repainted Rotary Village. Replaced louver windows and roofs
- Improved the outdoor meeting area, garden, and tables at the YWCA Fernhurst Residence in Makiki
- Developed family libraries and monthly reading and crafts programs at Mayor Wright and Kuhio Park Terrace
- Planted ulu trees, and built and filled planting beds at Palama Settlement
- Participated in building, painting, furnishing, and landscaping at Kahauiki Village
- Renovated a plantation house in Lana`i City for use as Lana`i's first domestic violence shelter
- Lead Club in the creation of Centennial Park in central Waikiki, celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Hawai'i, the Rotary Foundation, and a century of Waikiki history
- Renovated auditorium/gymnasium of the Boys' and Girls' Club Spalding Clubhouse -- our Centennial Project
- Interior renovations at Youth Outreach Drop-in Center (YO! House); gutters, landscaping; added fence
- Extensive renovations at Lanakila Rehab Center Adult Day Care facility
- Extensive renovations of cabins at Kokokahi YWCA
- Renovated program space for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii Charles C. Spalding McCully Clubhouse
- Renovated Atherton YMCA Teen Room
- Renovated family and elder program spaces at Catholic Charities Hawaii
- Constructed 3 offices at the Bobby Benson Center
- Built and installed bookshelves at the China Gateway Plaza
- Built tent structures at the Girl Scout Camp at Paumalu
- Past projects also were done at Institute for Human Services, Kahi Mohala, US Vets, Abilities Unlimited, HUGS playhouse, Women's Shelter in Kailua, and many others.

**International Projects:** Annually, RCOH members participate in one or more international projects.

- 25 Rotarians travelled to Thailand to build a school/community activities center and teach the children English.
- RCOH members travelled to the Philippines to rebuild a school devastated by Typhoon Yolanda.
- Our Centennial year, we collaborated with Kyoto, Pusan, Shimbashi and Taipei Rotary Clubs (our sister clubs) to build a middle school for 1500 children in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 29 participants built a medical clinic in Myanmar.
- 20 participants made their way to the poor fishing village of Japitan near the town of Barili on Cebu Island to make improvements to the local school.
- 27 Rotarians and friends conducted a service project in Nepal, in partnership with Child Protection Centers and Services International, to complete a habilitation center for street kids.
- Rotarians and University of Hawaii, Manoa students built new classrooms, added recreation areas, installed a security fence, and upgraded old buildings at an elementary school on Cebu Island in the Philippines.
- 33 Rotarians and friends traveled to Chiangmai, Thailand to do a humanitarian service project in the small outlying town of Lamphun. The group also did sight-seeing around Chiangmai and Chiang Rai, Thailand. This was followed by touring Luang Prabang, Laos, Sapa, Hanoi and Halong Bay, Vietnam.
- Supported YMCA partners with funding to improve the youth workcamp in Dumaguete City, Philippines.
- Supported partner agency ANAK (Aide Aux Enfant d'Indonesie) with capstone funding to finish the construction of a girl's dormitory in Singajara, Bali, Indonesia.
- Supporting partner agency ANAK (Aide Aux Enfant d'Indonesie) with funding and labor to complete a Mini Organic Farm to teach agriculture skills and economically support the dormitory, and provide conversational English and MD Office skill training for the secondary school students.

**How do I become a member and what are my obligations as a member of RCOH?**

1. Complete and submit a membership application
2. Attend as many Tuesday Rotary meetings as possible
3. Attend new member orientation training sessions and Hui Ho'owali events
4. Pay membership costs
5. Participate in a committee and/or service project(s)
6. Give an annual contribution of any size to the Club Foundations or Rotary International Foundation

**Membership Costs:**

- Annual Costs (as of July 1, 2023):
  - \$680.00 per year, \$170 quarterly – General Member
  - \$480.00 per year, \$120 quarterly – Young Professional Member (under 45 years old)
  - \$480.00 per year, \$120 quarterly – Spouse member
  - \$480.00 per year, \$120 quarterly – Non-Resident Member

#### **CLUB LEADERSHIP (2023 - 2024)**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Joanna Amberger</b>
<b>President Elect:</b>	<b>Tom Coyne</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Kathie Cooke</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gwen Yamamoto</b>
<b>Past President:</b>	<b>Lyla Berg</b>
<b>Club Trainer:</b>	<b>Rich Proctor</b>
<b>Administrator:</b>	<b>Dawn Martin</b>