



**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK  
ROTARY AT HOME**

**ROTARY NEWS**

**2020 Rotary International Convention canceled because of growing coronavirus concerns**

We regret to announce that the Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020, in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been canceled in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

We are sorry that we will not see you in Honolulu this year, but this decision is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved.

At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact RI Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we work diligently to inform all attendees.

**REGISTRATION REFUND >**

Here is some additional information about refunds and cancellations:

- Everyone who registered for the convention or the Rotaract, Youth Exchange Officers, and Rotary and the United Nations preconvention events will receive a full refund. You can help expedite the process by canceling your registrations online using your My Rotary account.
- All exhibitors will also receive full refunds. You do not need to take any action at this time.
- Those who had already canceled their registrations will receive full refunds, including refunds of the \$50 cancellation fee.
- Those who reserved accommodations within Rotary's hotel block will be able to cancel their reservations without being charged a fee. We'll provide more information soon.
- Contact your airline or travel agency to cancel your flight reservation. Many airlines are updating their policies on flight cancellations and changes because of the travel restrictions that many countries have put in place.
- The Host Organization Committee will determine how to handle reimbursement of host-ticketed events and will contact attendees directly.

In the weeks leading up to this decision, we monitored developments closely and followed the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As a result, several Rotary events and training meetings around the world were canceled as a safety precaution. Unfortunately, as COVID-19 continues to spread rapidly, we made the difficult decision to cancel our annual convention as well, to protect the health and safety of attendees, Rotary staff, and the Honolulu community.

We will post more details as they become available.

Read the latest information on how Rotary is responding to the impact the COVID-19 outbreak is having on operations, events, and members.



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**WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS**

**WE BUILD COMMUNITIES**

**WE SERVE ABOVE SELF**

**WE CURE DISEASE**

**WE BUILD MINDS**

**WE BUILD PEACE**

**WE BRING HOPE**

**WE SAVE LIVES**

**Rotary** 

Dear fellow Rotary members and friends,

The COVID-19 coronavirus is affecting every aspect of our lives in real time, and this puts Rotary members in an unfamiliar place.

As #PeopleofAction, we are most comfortable when we are fully engaged in the world – moving freely, meeting openly, and offering helping hands. These are very difficult times for people who, like us, are at our best when we are learning, growing, and serving—together.

We are also leaders in our communities, and these times call for leadership. In many ways, this also is our time. We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate to offer immediate help to people in need at a rapid pace. These are precisely the skills needed all over the world today. The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. Rotary has the unique ability to help improve those efforts in every community and every country.

Using all the technology we have at our disposal, we as Rotarians can continue to reach out and collaborate on big projects with Rotary clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. There are a number of examples where Rotary clubs are helping health authorities communicate best practices or provide needed equipment or support that have been shared with our leaders around the world.

As Rotary's president and president-elect, we have been thinking of these issues very seriously in regard to upcoming Rotary events. As you may be aware, we have made the difficult decision to cancel two Rotary Presidential Conferences honoring our relationship with the United Nations - one in Paris, another in Rome. In the near term, we recommend that Rotary districts and clubs cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials.

We know that clubs and districts are seizing the opportunity to become leaders in their communities and are making better use of technology in this time of need. For example, a Rotary e-club in Italy held a live online session about COVID-19 awareness, a Taiwan club worked with companies and a pharmacy association to donate 1,600 bottles of hand sanitizer to the city of Ji-Long, and Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka helped upgrade software and hardware for the health promotion bureau to assist its social messaging.

We cannot know quite yet what path this virus will take. We know we can play a role to help “flatten the curve,” reducing the number of cases in the short term to allow our health systems to address this issue. If the collective global effort helps bring the situation under control, then we hope to re-embrace our core values at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Our time together will have greater meaning and purpose than ever.

Please know that we are taking a close, continuing look at our plans for the convention in June to make sure all attendees' safety will be protected. We are following the lead of the world's most trusted sources, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for their guidance. We want you to be able to make decisions about what is best for you and your families in terms of attending this year's event.

In the meantime, this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate that Rotary Connects the World in innovative ways. We should be closely following the advice of the WHO and local health authorities. Again, this includes canceling Rotary club events and meetings in the short term to reduce unnecessary interactions that could cause infections. We can put a greater emphasis on the work we do in our communities by helping our less fortunate neighbors cope with the effects of isolation and fear, or by supporting our health authorities to address this situation.

We are dealing with this situation in real time. Please visit our COVID-19 response page at <http://on.rotary.org/covid-19> for ongoing updates.

This is an unprecedented challenge for nearly all of us. But it is also an opportunity for Rotary members to find new, meaningful ways to lead individuals and communities to connect and do good in the world.

We have never been prouder to be part of an organization that does so much to protect and strengthen our communities, at home and across the globe.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney  
2019-2020, President, Rotary International

Holger Knaack  
2020-21, President, Rotary International

## WEEKLY REPORT — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

Dear District 5000 Rotarian,

Hope all are managing as best as can. These are trying times and challenges us to look for opportunities to continue the business of Rotary and take care of our families, friends and beneficiaries.

Covered in this email:

- 1) eclub meeting options
- 2) Membership webinar March 23, 3pm on new club models and flexible meeting options.
- 3) Spring Assembly information about webinars. Your health and safety is of the utmost importance and Rotary has been closely monitoring the situation and following health officials' guidance. As much as we love to see each other, we will be conducting our Spring Training via webinars and not in-person. The tentative schedule is below.

1) Missing Rotary? There are opportunities to meet online with eclubs. In our District, we have 2 eclubs that you may want to check out, as well as the first eclub in Rotary :

\*WE Rotary meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 3pm HST. Next Monday, however, they have a special online meeting and Kat Huber will be talking about the Coronavirus. Their web address is: <http://rotaryclubdistrict5000hawaii.org/>

\*The Rotary eclub of Hawaii will be meeting online. Please go to their website for <http://www.rotaryclubhawaii.org/e-meetings> for information.

\*The first eclub to form is the Rotary eclub One and they offer articles to read at your own pace to count as a make-up meeting. To qualify as a makeup, you spend at least 30 minutes on their website reading the articles. There's their URL: <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

2) Ever think about having meetings with families attending or doing projects instead of going to a meeting? If you would like to find out more about flexibility and new club models, join us for a Membership webinar. Guest Presenter is Julie Aubry, Rotary International Regional Membership Officer. Find out about club flexibility with real examples that other club are using and see how this might work for your club or a new one that you want to start.

Time: Mar 23, 2020 03:00 PM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting : <https://zoom.us/j/633971853>

One tap mobile : +16699006833,,633971853#

Dial by your location : +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 633 971 853

3) Spring Training Assembly tentative webinar schedule, 9am to noon:

Apr 4 - Youth Svc, Community Svc, Vocational Svc, education/literacy

Apr 11- International Svc, Grant Management, climate change/environment

Apr 18-Public Image, Online Resources, Disease prevention/health

May 2- Membership, Club Service, Club Trainer, Peace initiatives

May 9-Rotary 101, Foundation 101, homelessness

May 16-Secretary, Treasurer Basics, Leadership Opportunities, Mental health/suicide prevention

Zoom webinar codes will be posted on the [rotaryd5000.org](http://rotaryd5000.org) website and will be sent out shortly. You can listen in on just the ones that interest you or do them all. I guaranty you that you will get a ton of great information and ideas.

The community issues are the ones from the survey of what you are passionate about. If you haven't taken the survey, here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2788RD>

Or QR code:

Take care everyone and thank you for your continued efforts to do good in the world. They need us more than ever! Kina'ole! That's what Rotarians do.

DGE Naomi Masuno

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