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**Club Goals 2017-2018**

1. MEMBERSHIP
  - A. Keep recruiting great new members
  - B. Have a new growth of 5 to 10 members
  - C. Target some specific professions
2. COMMUNITY SERVICE
 

How many projects do we do a year? We currently do 12 projects a year. Is that too much or not enough? Our goal is for 14 projects this year.
3. VOCATIONAL SERVICE
 

Let's have more site visits this year and let's promote vocational awareness.
4. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
 

"Beyond the Four Walls" Humanitarian and Employment Programs for At-Risk Girls and Young Women in Nepal
4. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

**End Polio Now**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Stacie & Jon Dahl	16 Years
Jose & Raghel Santiago	25 Years

**Rotary Anniversaries**

<b>16 Years</b>	Cheryl Holdcroft	2002
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**January Birthdays**

<b>JAN 09</b>	Holly DeGeal
<b>JAN 10</b>	Lisa Graf
	Harold Meltzer
	Gregory Ogin
<b>JAN 17</b>	Dani Knapp
<b>JAN 20</b>	Ron Hansen
	Clayton Leonard
<b>JAN 24</b>	David Rees-Thomas

**Greeters**

**Door Prize**

<b>JAN 04</b>	Kimber DeVerse	Renee Kraft
<b>JAN 11</b>	Tom Fine	Dani Knapp
<b>JAN 18</b>	DARK	Tournament
<b>JAN 25</b>	M. Goldman-Manker	Ken Kjer
<b>FEB 01</b>	Lisa Graf	Linda Jane Kelley
<b>FEB 08</b>	Becca Hamar	Lynn Jenks
<b>FEB 15</b>	Ron Hansen	David Huitt



**ROTARY CLUB OF KONA  
THE COFFEE BLOSSOM**

*January 04, 2018*

Rotary Club of Kona  
[www.rotaryclubofkona.com](http://www.rotaryclubofkona.com)  
12:00 Every Thursday  
Lava Java - Upstairs  
Coconut Grove Marketplace



**Upcoming Speakers**

<b>JAN 04</b>	<b>Donna Whitaker</b> <i>Executive Officer; Humane Society</i>
<b>JAN 11</b>	<i>Ron Hansen</i> <i>Aviation</i>
<b>JAN 18</b>	<i>DARK</i> <i>Golf Tournament</i>
<b>JAN 25</b>	<i>TBD</i>



**CHAMPIONSHIP**

*at Hualalai*

**January 16 – 20, 2018**

**Presidents Message**

*Hermann Heimgartner, President 2018*

Aloha Everyone,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Years. As we are in a new year, I want to thank the members in our wonderful club for all of your contributions. The first six months of my presidency have been fantastic, and everyone has helped to make it so. We have many stories from 2017, and a new year gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to Rotary, our fellow Rotarians, our community, and all the people that we help around the world.

The theme of my Rotary year is "Making A Difference." We have been making a difference, and we will strive to do even more in 2018. When we individually make our goals for 2018, then take a little bit of extra time to think about your goals as a Rotarian. Make a goal and make it happen. It can be something "little" like attending more of our meetings or a "big" goal like stepping up into a leadership position in our club. Or a financial giving goal to the foundation. Or a goal to take part in more service projects, such as volunteering for shift(s) at the MEC.

I look forward to seeing everyone again this week, and I'm very excited for the second half of my presidency!

*Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary. Keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean our spirits humble and our thinking straight.*

*~Amen~*

Ian H. S. Risley  
*Rotary International President*

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In Rotary, our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.

In the years since, the idea of diversity in Rotary has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better able to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in Rotary: not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future.

One of the most pressing aspects of diversity to address in our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any Rotary event, it becomes immediately obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high, and we are bringing in new members all the time – yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of Rotary service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable Rotary leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable members today.

We also cannot discuss diversity in Rotary without addressing the issue of gender. It is difficult to imagine that just three decades ago, women could not join Rotary. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. Far too many people continue to think of Rotary as an organization only for men, and that idea has had a detrimental effect on both our public image and our membership growth. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of Rotary's membership. While this is certainly a great improvement, we have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in Rotary as men.

Whatever brought each of us to Rotary, we stay because we find value in Rotary membership and believe that our service has value to the world. By building clubs that reflect that world in all its diversity, we will build even more enduring value in Rotary: Making a Difference.

Nalani Flinn  
*District Governor*

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Aloha Fellow Rotarians,

I trust you had an awesome holiday celebration with family and friends and you are now ready to get back to work with the remaining months of “Navigating to Change Lives.” I want to mention a few things that are noteworthy and the first is about our District Membership standing in the zone ending November 2017.

Per our Regional Membership Development Manager Nicole Jones, “District 5000 has experienced the highest net growth so far with a 3.33% net growth” which reflects an increase of 57 new members. However, we do know retention of members in December and June tend to drop as clubs are reviewing members that have stopped coming. May I suggest finding ways to re-engage those who are thinking of leaving through projects, friendship, personal contact and restructuring club dues for financial support. Reach out to them and ask if there is anything you can do. Maybe that is all they need, someone who cares.

I would like to give my heartfelt aloha and mahalo to those who participated in the “Ride So They Can Walk” Polio Plus fundraiser by riding their bikes to help raise awareness of this crippling disease AND those who chose to be creative in doing other fundraisers around the state. I thank you and ask that you continue the fight to meet our District goal of raising \$300K. I believe we can do it!

As you read our January Newsletter, you will find stories of fellow Rotarians sharing their vocational skills around our state. Use this month to promote Vocational Service to friends and family by inviting them to join our organization. The Kahauiki Village Transitional Housing project that Rotary partnered with the City & State is a good example of volunteers and businesses coming together for the one purpose of “service above self” and providing families who are working but can't afford the housing market, a “second chance”. To the countless clubs, Rotarians, family and friends, I thank you for supplying the units with household items, for painting, cleaning and giving of your time each week. The families moved in last month and you are part of that success story.

Mahalo,

Nalani



### Salvation Army Community Services *Weekly Events*

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Feed the Homeless  
Every Thursday at 6:00 pm  
Located at the Kailua Pier

If you would like to donate or help the Salvation Army in their efforts to feed the homeless or would like to inquire more information on upcoming activities;

Contact the Kona Salvation Army  
(808)326-2330

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### Articles for Submission

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If you would like to submit an article for publication in next week's newsletter, contact:

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Articles for this publication must be Rotary related or Community event. Articles are subject to space available and should be turned in by no later than Sunday in order to catch the next release

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