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Aloha Energizers!

The month of May is unassigned on the Rotary International Calendar. This is done to give all Rotarians time to think about what has been accomplished over the past year and to make plans for the upcoming year.



Presidents-elect are encouraged to meet with their boards to finalize some of the essential elements of club operations including budgeting, weekly program planning and local and international use of Rotary Foundation district grants. The latter is a very important part of the new Foundation funding process that requires clubs to submit plans for specific projects so that the District Foundation Committee can create the spending plan that will be sent to the Rotary Foundation for approval and subsequent release of funds. This year's deadline for local district grants is August 1 and September 30 for Global grants.

May is also the month of District Conferences and our district is no exception. This year we gather again from May 1 to 4 at the beautiful Turtle Bay Resort on O'ahu's scenic North Shore under the theme *Forever Young* to showcase the accomplishments of our clubs, enjoy fellowship and have fun! I hope you will join us!

May also leads us into the final month of the Rotary year and the International Convention which this year is in Sydney, Australia. It will be a fun event with stimulating plenaries, engaging seminars and just plain fun! If you have never before been to an international convention now is the time. More than anything else, the annual convention brings home the international aspect of Rotary and reminds us that we are all part of a worldwide organization that has significantly benefitted the world through Service Above Self!

*Aloha*  
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