

Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

The Coffee Press

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Mele Kalikimaka!

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Our meeting this week is our annual Christmas Party!

We will be exchanging our "Secret Santa" gifts, as well as whatever surprises our club President has in store for us!

This is our most looked forward to meeting of the year, where we can just relax, have some fun, get to know each other, and celebrate the Christmas Season.

I wonder if Santa will visit us?



From the Archives..a favorite picture of Santa (aka Chuck Owens) and Cliff Kopp.

The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am
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Christmas Message from Club President

Mele Kalikimaka my fellow Kona Sunrise Rotarians!

Nancy and I wish each of you the warmest holiday greetings this Christmas Season. Christmas memories seem to flow in for all of us, both good and not so good.

One of my favorite memories is when I was stationed with the Army in Darmstadt, West Germany in 1981. We were Christmas Eve caroling for the Soldiers at our barracks with my baby daughter all bundled up for the cold with us. Big feathery flakes of snow were falling, the air was still and

peaceful amongst the Cold War challenges at that time. Many smiles were seen with our singing. Perfect Christmas memory!

Do you have a favorite memory of Christmas?

I hope and pray for peace for our world in the coming year. Our Rotary community service and focus on peacebuilding exemplifies that hope.

Mahalo for all you do.

Vernon Lowrey
President, Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise



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Club International Service News

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

On Thursday, December 12, 2024 I had the privilege of sitting in on the first Zoom call between two Interactor groups, one at a high school in Prishtina, Kosovo and the other at Kealakehe High School in Kona. The groups are connected to Rotary Clubs (Rotary Club of Prishtina International and Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise) which have been officially “twinned” for more than a year.

The interaction was highly active on both sides. Their group is overseen by Arben Hoti, a member of the Prishtina Rotary group. Each club shared some of the projects they are doing. For example, the Prishtina Interactors (40 strong) shared Gender Equality Week, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Canine Welfare Week. The Kona Interactors (100 strong, overseen by Christian Rossman) shared

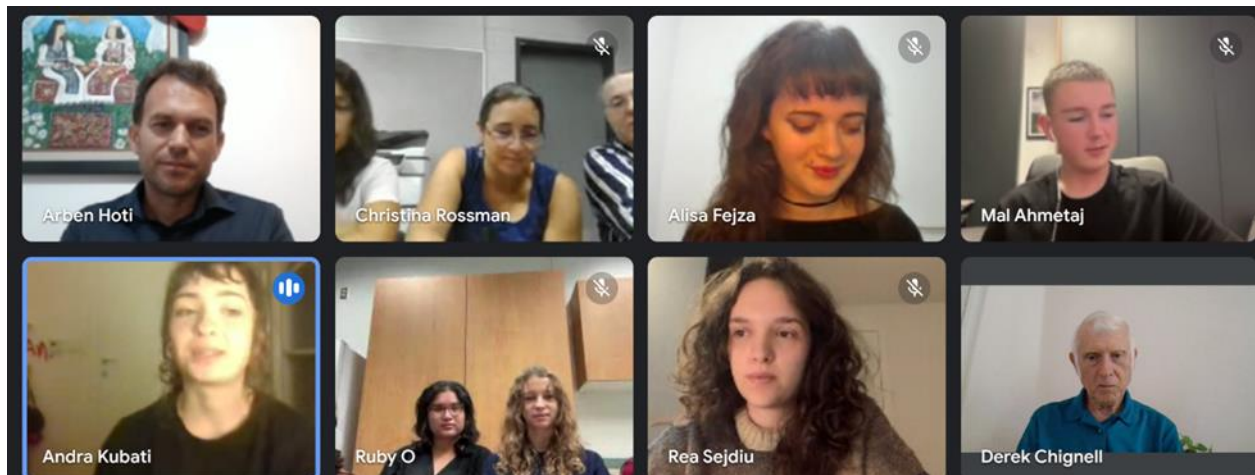
some of their projects, including Help to Maui, End Polio Now, and support of an Orphanage in India.

The individual members (14 online) also shared their motivations for involvement in their Interactor groups. There was an inspiring enthusiasm for helping their fellow human beings in practical ways.

This was just the first meeting (about 45 minutes long). The two groups committed to meeting again, and also decided they would work on some joint projects in the future. It was so impressive to see these talented young people express their commitment to helping the community in which they live. This undoubtedly is the future of Rotary!

Derek Chignell

International Chair, Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise



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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Meet N Eat 4:30 Kealakehe Intermediate School	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Regular Meeting Papa Kona 7:00 am Speaker Barbara Kossow	12	13 Dave & Trudy Bateman 	14 Christmas Parade
15	16	17	18 CHRISTMAS PARTY Papa Kona 7:00 am	19	20	21
22	23 DING DONG DINNER DITCH	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

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Club and Community News



Paul Harris
Founder of
Rotary

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DING DONG DINNER DITCH!!

We are in need of four vehicles to deliver the Ding Dong Dinner Ditch Meals on December 23rd - along with a passenger so that there are two people doing the deliveries. We will meet at Three Ring Ranch at 5:00 to pack the boxes, then head out for deliveries as soon as they are ready.



Stephanie
Urchick
Rotary
International
President
2024 - 2025

If you can't join us for the deliveries, please come by 3RR after 6 to enjoy some social time right before Christmas!



of the year. Representing the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise were Vernon & Nancy Lowrey along with Mike & Bev Fraser.



We also participated in the Christmas Parade on Saturday December 14th.



Ted Faigle
District 5000
Governor
2024 - 2025



Mele Kalikimaka



Scott Unger
West Hawai'i
Assistant
Governor
2024 - 2025



The meeting room at Ola Brew was packed on Friday December 13th, with many people from our community there to honor Franz Weber as the 2024 Community Peacebuilder

“If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is peace in the home,



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