

# Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

"Peace Through Service"

## The Coffee Press

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**No meeting this week**

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The Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise meets the 2,3,& 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 am Papa Kona Restaurant 75-5770 Alii Drive Kailua Kona HI. For additional information contact Vernon Lowrey 573-465-2874 or [konasuniserotary@gmail.com](mailto:konasuniserotary@gmail.com)



**Rotary**  
Club of Kona Sunrise



Please join us at Meet N Eat at the Kealakehe Intermediate School beginning at 5:00.

Extra hands are needed to hand out the meals to the food insecure in our community.

### Club President's Message December 2024

Mele Kalikimaka my fellow Rotarians! I hope you each had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday.

next "Meet and Eat will be Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>."

We continue to have a great Rotary year here in West Hawaii. We have had some wonderful guest speakers at our breakfast meetings in November. We continued to support feeding efforts for the food insecure with our monthly "Meet and Feed" at Kealakehe Intermediate School and providing Thanksgiving turkeys to agencies that needed them (thanks Mike Fraser). The

Club officer elections will be held during our breakfast meeting at Papa Kona on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for someone to step up as our President - Elect for 2025-2026. Please consider this and other club positions. We will not have a Club Board meeting this month.

We will be participating again this year at *(Continued on page 2)*

### RI President's Message December 2024

To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership,

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of *(Continued on page 2)*



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the Kaliua-Kona Christmas Parade on December 14<sup>th</sup> with a "May Peace Prevail on Earth" decorated float. We will start decorating the float at 3:30 PM at the Old Airport parking lot ahead of the staging at 4:00 PM. We need help with both decorating and riding/walking the parade route down Alii Drive.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas Breakfast Party at Papa Kona at 7:00 AM. We will have a Secret Santa gift exchange and a Christmas Trivia contest.

The afternoon of Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> will find us with our annual "Ding Dong Dinner Ditch" at Three Ring Ranch will more details to follow. We will not have regular breakfast meetings on Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nancy and I have been truly blessed with our Rotary Ohana for the past three years. Have a joyful Christmas and fruitful New Year everyone!

Vernon Lowrey  
President, Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise

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camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation.

What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many

satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve.

Talk to enough people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark *The Magic of Rotary* in your club.

Stephanie Urchick  
Rotary International President  
2024 - 2025



Cookies are sweet and full of all sorts of delicious goodness, from nuts to fruit to chocolate. They can be either delightfully crumbly or sinfully chewy.

There's no doubt about it: cookies more than deserve their own day, and that's why National Cookie Day is celebrated around the world in order to pay tribute to these delicious little treats. So grab some flour, butter, and sugar, and let's get to celebrating, shall we?

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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 TBA	12	13 Dave & Trudy Bateman 	14 Christmas Parade
15	16	17	18 <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> 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 will be holding our club elections at the meeting next week. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please let Vernon know. Specifically the club needs to select a President Elect, who would be President in the year 2026 - 2027.



DING DONG DINNER DITCH will take place on Monday December 23rd. We need a member who can pick up the pies and butter at Costco in the afternoon and deliver to Three Ring Ranch - please see Mike if you can help. We are also going to need members for the meal deliveries - two per vehicle. After the meals are delivered, we will be gathering at Three Ring Ranch for food and fun!



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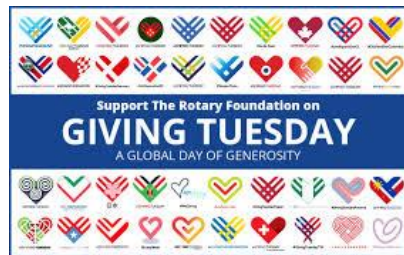


Vernon  
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Sunrise  
President  
2023 - 2025

The Kailua Kona Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 14th, and our club will be entering the parade with our Peace Theme float. This year we plan to have music and lights to enhance our entry - please join us to either help decorate the truck or to walk with us along the route.



Discounted registration fees for the District Conference in Honolulu will expire December 31st. If you haven't already registered, and are planning to attend - make sure you register before the rates go up!



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