

# NY RESOLUTIONS

Today, resolving to change and improve yourself and your life is an almost unavoidable part of the transition to a new year. Though it's a pretty well documented fact that most New Year's resolutions fail, we keep making them—and we're not alone. The custom of making New Year's resolutions is most common in the West, but it happens all over the world.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

# NEW YEARS QUOTES

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

**Helen Keller**

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

**Benjamin Franklin**

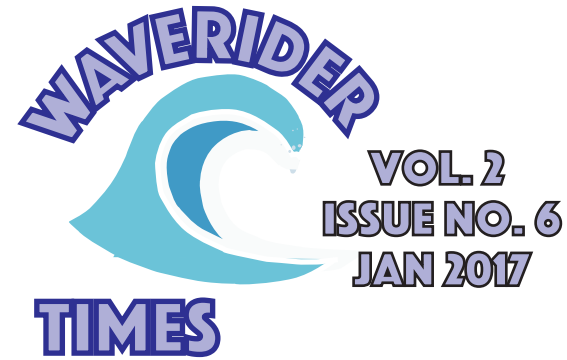
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# TOP 6 SONGS OF JANUARY 2017

1. Drake featuring WizKid and Kyla – One Dance.
2. Justin Timberlake – Can't Stop the Feeling
3. The Chainsmokers – Don't Let Me Down
4. Calvin Harris -This Is What You Came For
5. Sia – Cheap Thrills

# TOP MOVIE RELEASES OF JANUARY 2017

1. Hidden Figures
2. Rogue One: A Star Wars..
3. Moana
4. Sing
5. Underworld: Blood Wars

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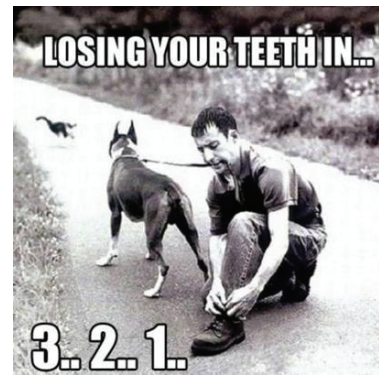
**UH Hilo Decision on the Spot**  
 2/1/2017, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
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**Valentine's Dance on Friday,**  
 February 10th from 6-10pm in the  
 Kealakehe High School Gym.  
 Tickets for all attendees are \$5, \$8  
 at the door.

**No School - Presidents' Day**  
 When>2/20/2017

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## INTERNET MEMES JAN 2017



## EVENTS IN KONA

**January 28, 2017**  
**13th ANNUAL KONA SURF FILM**  
**FEST - KAILUA-KONA**  
 King Kamehameha Beach Hotel

**February 4, 2017**  
**ANNUAL WAIMEA CHERRY**  
**BLOSSOM HERITAGE FESTIVAL-**  
**WAIMEA**

**February 17-19, 2017**  
**HEIVA I HAWAI'I 2017 -**  
**KAILUA-KONA**  
 Kekuaoakalani Gym

**February 19, 2017**  
**MONTHLY "KOKUA KAILUA"**  
**VILLAGE STROLL**

## DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Amanda S. - No, because I know I'll never stick to them. I think they're okay if people stick to them for more than a day, but people shouldn't need to wait till one day to make changes in their life. If they really want the change to happen, they can do it any time.

Rawley L. - Read more. I would like to read 10 pages of a book every day.

Nina N. - This year, I'll be more focused and have more of a positive outlook when it comes to dealing with situations. I think this can improve my mental and emotional health if I apply this resolution everyday. This can also make me more successful in school and basically in life.

Jacob B. - My New Year's resolution is to fix myself and all of my work and improve on everything i know

Mina C. - My New Year's resolution is to be the best person I can be. I am also working on getting my license and a truck this year.

Juan B. - Yes I have made new Year's Resolution for the year of 2017 and My New year Resolutions were to... Get in shape, Become a states champion in wrestling, buy my own car, get a drivers permit, Get a job over the summer, graduate 9th grade with a 3.8 G.P.A and above, and help my parents have a easier life at home. I think making new year resolutions is good because it helps people set goals for themselves.

Mr. Shelor. - To play more and better music, to enjoy life in the moment, to have great relationships with all those around me. I think resolutions are just like goal-setting. Is good to have goals.



## KEALAKEHE JROTC RECEIVES HONOR UNIT WITH THE DISTINCTION OF GOLD STAR

By Josh Evangelista

On November 16, 2016 your Kealakehe JROTC achieved their goal of receiving a gold star. This star means that they are a Honor Unit with the Distinction and was able to be obtained by a yearly inspection called JPA. With the help from all the cadets and LT Colonel Furtado and First Sergeant Starnes the Waverider Battalion worked long and hard to achieve this goal. "The Gold Star," the highest star any JROTC could win in this inspection.

It has been 7 years since the Kealakehe JROTC Battalion had this honor of being called a Honor Unit with distinction. In order to be able to wear this "gold star" the battalion had to go through many different tasks in different areas. The inspection covered over 100 items ranging from, training, certification, lesson plan, curriculum, supply, and admin functions school district support.

The inspection consisted of U.S soldiers coming and inspecting the cadets. They asked each cadet three questions about the JROTC program. Uniforms were also checked to make sure all uniforms were in the right order. They were checked to make sure they were properly worn to having ribbons in the right place. After our inspection our Color Guard was tested and scored on.

Your Kealakehe JROTC is on a great road to success and a big first step was achieving "The Gold Star." In the upcoming year of 2017 the program is already preparing to go out and show why they were able to achieve this by doing parades and serving your community. Congratulations to your Kealakehe JROTC for becoming a Honor Unit with Distinction.

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