



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 50 HAWAII LIONS



DISTRICT GOVERNOR MITCH TAM
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Aloha District 50-Hawaii Lions, and Leo Club members,

Welcome to the Post-Pandemic era. As we continue to make progress on curbing the COVID and Delta virus, by continuing to wear masks, getting vaccinated, and proper social distancing when appropriate, I look forward to leading our district, clubs and members, back to serving our communities, safely, and completely, to be best of our ability.

I want to take this time to send my Mahalo to Immediate Past District Governor Lion Garrett Ogawa, for the excellent progress he made, during this unprecedented time, and especially to his Cabinet, and Lions members, who made 2020-2021 an unbelievable year. The bar has been set high, and I look forward to leading you to meeting and exceeding expectations.

I also want to Thank the Lions Club of Kona members, as well as my CIS, and daughter-often referred to as the First Family- Lions Cheryl Tam, and Michelle Tam for your continued sacrifice and support. Know that without all of your support, we will not be able to accomplish the goals I have set, in serving our State of Hawaii.

As many of you have already heard, our goal this year is centered around two subjects.

1- Membership growth via retention, new memberships, new clubs chartered, and youth membership. When we focus on these 5 area's of growth, we will continue what IPDG Garrett started, with positive membership, which will provide us with more hands to serve.

2- Diabetes awareness: Lions are committed to Vision, as the Knights of the Blind. Diabetes affects so many residents in Hawaii, and is not only the main cause of blindness, but also leads to loss of limbs, organs, and even death. Because we have such a variety of different, delicious foods, residents in Hawaii are at a higher risk in becoming diabetic. Together, we can protect our communities through education.



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This Lions year is also shaping up to be an exciting year. In addition to the Kilauea Military Camp forum on Hawaii Island in February, we are also busy planning the return of the District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention to Kona. It's been over 12 years since the District last met in Kona, and the clubs on Hawaii Island are excited to introduce Kona Coffee to you and the world! In addition, our annual convention to occur in April, will include Lions Clubs International President-Lion Douglas Alexander, who is excited to meet and see all of you Lions and Leo's in person.

So, as we continue to serve safely, I invite you to take a seat in one of our 'au wa'a or fleet of canoes, grab a hoe nanue or paddle, and join us on our voyage of service.

Mahalo nui to our #HawaiiLionsPride and #HawaiiLeosPride

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Lion Mitch Tam
2021-2022 District Governor
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