

## Lions International Script

### Lions Clubs International

 Began as the dream of Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones.



 He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large. Jones' own group along with similar groups around the country held an organizational meeting on

 June 7, 1917 at the Las Salle Hotel in Chicago.

 The new group took the name of one of the groups invited "Association of Lions Clubs."



 Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when

 Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, USA.

 It was there that she challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." In 1990 Lions launched their most aggressive sight preservation effort to date,

 SightFirst. The more than \$143.6 million plus program prevented and restored vision to over 24 million people. The journey to preserve sight continues with

 SightFirst Phase II. This initiative will continue and expand the fight to combat preventable blindness as the rapid increase in life expectancy, and growing threats to sight with diabetes threaten millions with vision loss



 Broadening its role in international understanding, the Association helped the

 United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations section in

 1945, and continues to hold consultative status today.

 Each year, at a ceremony during the Lions Day with the United Nations, an award is presented to the grand prizewinner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest,

 itself a significant program, which draws over 350,000 entries annually.



 Another significant event in the Association's history occurred in



🦁 To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

🦁 To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

🦁 Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself. To Hold friendship as an end and not a means.

🦁 To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

🦁 Always bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

🦁 To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

🦁 To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



🦁 The Lions Motto is "We Serve." It was adopted at the 1954 International Convention, after being selected from more than 6,000 suggestions from members worldwide.

🦁 The Slogan Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety spelling out the word "LIONS", was adopted at the 1919 International Convention.



🦁 Purple and

🦁 gold were chosen when the association was founded in 1917. The purple represents loyalty to country, friends, and to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to others. Often, a dark blue is used in place of the purple.



🦁 The current Lion emblem was adopted at the 1919 convention.

-  Today, Lions worldwide are recognized by it. It consists of a gold Letter "L" on a circular purple (or blue) field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two lion profiles at either side facing away from the center.
-  The Lions face both past and future - showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future. The word "LIONS" appears at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" at the bottom.
-  The corporate powers of the Association are vested in the International Board.
-  It has the general management and control of the business, property and funds of the Association. It prepares and approves the Association budget and exercises general control and supervision over all offices. The International Board meets (4) times a year.
-  An Executive Committee consisting of the International President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President, Immediate Past President and one International Director act for and on behalf of the Board, in the interim, between Board Sessions.
-  The President executes policies and administers operation of the Association in a manner which will further the purpose and objectives of Lions Clubs International.
-  The Executive Administrator administers the Headquarters and Staff, both inside and outside the International Office in a manner which assists the President to fulfill the purposes and objectives of Lions Clubs International.
-  The District Governor elected by delegates at the Annual District Convention is responsible for all operations and activities of the District.
-  The Vice District Governor is also elected at the Annual District Convention. His or her role is to assist the district governor in the programs and activities of the district.
-  The Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer provide support to the District Governor. Districts are divided into regions.
-  Region chairs are appointed by the District Governor. He or she is responsible for the zones which comprises the region.
-  The zone chair is responsible for the clubs in his or her Zone. He or She provides the link between the District Organization and Clubs.
-  An Advisory Committee are made up of the Presidents and Secretaries of each club. This committee provides input for the betterment of the zone, region and district.

 The individual Lions club is the most important unit of your association. As an individual, you belong to the club. It is the club that belongs to the association.

 This means that when it comes time to elect international officers and directors, or to amend or change the International Constitution and By-laws it is the club that casts the necessary votes through its authorized delegates.

 The International Headquarters, with a staff of approximately

 290 full time employees, is located at 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. Although branch offices exist worldwide, the International Headquarters serves as the association's central administrative and information source. Many services are provided to Lions through this office including issuing charters to new clubs, providing brochures, activity guides and newsletters to members and maintaining all association records.

## District 50 Hawaii Lions Script



The birth of Lionism in Hawaii started with the Pan Pacific Lions Club.

Alexander or "Pop"

Ford, as he was affectionately called,

strongly desired to form an interracial service club in Hawaii. He introduced Long Beach Lions Charles M. Lewis and Royal S. Milligan to an

assembled group of approximately 100 men on May 11, 1926. Lions Lewis and Milligan extended invitation to those present to join the Association of Lions Clubs. They emphasized that the Association was a large organization with members in most United States cities. This provided a great networking opportunity for businessmen. Fifty prospective members actually signed up to join that night.

The fifty men represented a variety of races. They included Hawaiians, Japanese, Caucasians, Chinese, Blacks, and Filipinos as well as other racial mixes. However,

there was a provision in the constitution of Lions Clubs that limited membership to "white" males.

In order for this club to be established,

the Lions Association needed to redefine its membership requirements.



This needed to take place at the Lions Annual Convention.... So,

Lobbying needed to be done.



Colbert Kurokawa campaigned for two months.

As he visited the 21 clubs, he spoke about the benefits of eliminating the membership's race restriction of the Association of Lions Clubs.

Doors would be wide open for the association to become an international organization.

At the San Francisco Convention in 1926,

the delegates unanimously voted to strike the word "white" from its constitution. This paved the way for the Lions Clubs to become an international organization.

The Pan-Pacific Lions Club received its official charter on October 11, 1926 and was assigned to District 4 with the California and Nevada Clubs.

👤 The first president of the club was John C. Lane, former mayor of Honolulu of Hawaiian ancestry. The Pan-Pacific Lions Club became the first racially mixed Lions Club. In December of 1933, The Pan-Pacific Lions Club changed their name to the Lions Club of Honolulu.

👤 In Hawaii, Lionism took on like a wildfire.

👤 The Big Island became the host of a Lions Club on May 21, 1932 when Hilo Lions Club was chartered.

👤 The Kona Lions Club and Hamakua Lions Clubs were chartered on October 13, 1934.

👤 The Lions organization then spread to Maui with the chartering of the Maui Lions Club on February 22, 1936

👤 The island of Lanai was the next island to house our organization with the chartering of the Lanai City Lions Club on November 22, 1937.

👤 On January 14, 1938 our organization spread to the island of Kauai with the chartering of the West Kauai Lions Club.

👤 Molokai became the 6<sup>th</sup> major island to house the organization with the chartering of the Molokai Lions Club on March 15, 1939.



👤 Due to the remoteness of the islands from the mainland and the tremendous growth of clubs in Hawaii.

👤 On October 1, 1936, the islanders were given the status of having its own district. Lions Horace Leavitt and D. Ransom Sherretx were instrumental in the success of that endeavor as they garnered their support at the 1936 Lions Convention in Providence, Rhode Island. Lion Leslie Eichelberger was named as temporary District Governor until the first District 50 election was held on March 22 - 23rd in Honolulu.

👤 Lion Nolee R. Smith was elected as the first District Governor of District 50.



👤 Helen Keller's visit to Honolulu

👤 on April 6, 1937

👤 was just a one day stop-over en route to Japan. However, her message along with the lobbying of Lions, inspired the Hawaiian Legislature to address the needs of the blind. \$20,000. was appropriated to finance programs for sight conservation and work with the blind.

🌟 In the 1950's, the first corneal transplantation surgery was performed with tissue imported from the mainland. Dr Forest Pinkerton promoted the concept of having an eye bank in the state of Hawaii. In 1961, Hawaii became a charter member of the Eye Bank Association of America and in 1963, District 50 Hawaii Lions first became involved with eye banking under the name of Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation (HLEF.) Its objectives were to carry out District 50's programs in sight conservation and work with the blind on a statewide basis.

🌟 In 1980, at the District Convention, The Lions came forward with the 1<sup>st</sup> parade of checks to re-establish an eye bank, this time with the intention of procuring tissue for transplantation.

🌟 On August 7, 2004, the Lions of D50 commits itself in the fight against blindness by the dedication of a vision van

🌟 for diabetic retinopathy vision testing



🌟 District 50 sponsors many activities within the state of Hawaii.

🌟 the Hawaii Lions Foundation,

🌟 Lions-Quest and the

🌟 Hawaii International Youth Camp are considered the most significant projects.



🌟 **The Hawaii Lions Foundation** is a non-profit charitable corporation and part of the permanent structure of District 50, Hawaii Lions. Its purpose is to coordinate sight and hearing related activities and any humanitarian programs deemed necessary by District 50 and the Trustees of the Foundation. HLF is composed of a Board of Trustees. One Lion member is elected from each zone on a staggered 3-yr. term along with an elected president. The current president is

\_\_\_\_\_ and this zone's trustee is \_\_\_\_\_. The District Governor and Vice District Governor are ex-officio members with voting privileges.

🌟 **The Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation** is administered by a Board of Directors. It consists on one member from each of the eight regions in the district plus other Lion members or non-Lion members whose professional background may be of benefit to the Eye Bank. These non-member directors are appointed by the board chairperson. The Lions Eye Bank was first organized in 1961, and merged with the Makana Foundation in 1980. The purpose of the Makana

Foundation is to solicit and register potential organ donors. Since its inception, the Eye Bank has provided the gift of sight through its distribution of over 2,800 corneal and sclera tissues to patient in Hawaii and around the world. (Count as of July, 2005)

📍 **Amblyopic Screening** is supported by the clubs in the District. Lion members visit public and private schools providing vision screening to students.

📍 **Lions Eye Health Program** provides educational information on diabetes blood sugar and glaucoma awareness.

📍 **Schools Un-insured and Under-insured funding** is for students whose families cannot afford medical services and/or prosthetic devices for vision and hearing.

📍 The primary objective of Diabetes Awareness program is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through education, early detection and treatment, and by supporting research of the disease.

📍 Hawaii Lions Foundation, through the Hearing Conservation Committee, has provided financial assistance to the Emergency Sign Language, Emergency Interpreter Services Program and other special hearing projects. HLF also collects used hearing aids that are repaired and "recycled" to those in need.

📍 **Used eye glasses** are collected, cleaned and packaged by clubs throughout the District. These glasses are then shipped to needy areas of the world to provide vision correction to those who cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses.

📍 A Onishi plaque from the HLF is given to individuals, organizations or clubs in recognition of their gracious gift of \$1,000.00 or more. Onishi Pins is a HLF fundraising effort that honors the past HLF President Shizuo Onishi.

📍 The **Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest** is sponsored by Lions Clubs throughout the District. Its purpose is to instill in students of grades K through 6, the importance and the value of the "Gift of Sight."

📍 A \$500.00 scholarship is offered annually to a University of Hawaii Medical School student studying the emphasis of sight and hearing.

📍 The District 50 long range planning committee as well as the HLF worked together to purchase and refurbish a small bus for clubs to use with their vision screening programs. Clubs may schedule the use of the van with the Foundation's coordinator.

🏆 Drug Abuse Prevention: Lions-Quest is a new committee under the umbrella of the Foundation.



🏆 In 1971, then District Governor Paul Fernandez, recognizing the need for Drug Education in the schools, appointed Pali Lion Kayo Chung as chairperson of the drug Education Committee on his cabinet. Lion Kayo traveled from school to school promoting prevention of drug abuse.

🏆 In 1986, the Hawaii Department of Education approved of and adopted the District 50 Drug awareness program in schools at the intermediate and high school levels. The Lions-Quest program is a character development and drug abuse prevention program. It teaches the students life skills, character development, citizenship skills and service learning.

🏆 Today more than 500 teachers have been trained to utilize Lions Quest in their classroom.



🏆 The third major activity of the District is the Hawaii International Youth Camp. It is a summer camp. Annually,

🏆 approximately 24-30 youths from various countries participate in the youth camp.

🏆 The purpose of the camp is to emphasize the importance of peace to young people throughout the world. The youths spend about a week with a host family as well as 2-3 weeks with each other. The Camp experience focuses on both understanding the world's multi-cultural heritage and Hawaii's beauty, land people, customs, traditions and government. The current camp director is \_\_\_\_\_.



🏆 District 50 has made some noteworthy contributions to Lions Clubs International.

🏆 They include the removal of their race restriction in 1926, as well as the composition of the

🏆 Lions Pledge by Lion Tom Shields of the Honolulu Lions Club. The District has also contributed eight fine leaders as International Directors. They include:

🏆 Henry A. Nye, of the Honolulu Lions Club,

🏆 Oren E. Long, also from the Honolulu Lions Club,

🏆 Val U. Marciel, from the Koolaupoko Lions Club,

- 🏆 Shizuo Onishi, of the Aiea Lions Club,
- 🏆 Paul Fernandez, from the Moanalua Lions Club,
- 🏆 Kiyoshi (K-Fat) Hiramatsu, from the East Manoa Lions Club ,
- 🏆 Herbert Watanabe, of the Waiakea Lions Club,
- 🏆 Melvin Nakamura from the Manoa-Waioli Lions Club, and
- 🏆 Maurice Kahawaii from the Kona Lions Club.



🏆 District 50 encompasses the State of Hawaii.

🏆 The district is divided into 8 regions

🏆 with 1-2 zones per region and with 3-8 clubs per zone.

The current District Governor is \_\_\_\_\_

The current Vice District Governor is \_\_\_\_\_

There are \_\_\_\_\_ clubs throughout the state of Hawaii.

Lions sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Leo clubs. and \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness club(s)

This club belongs to Region \_\_\_\_\_, Zone \_\_\_\_\_

The Region Chairperson of this region is \_\_\_\_\_

The Zone Chairperson of this zone is \_\_\_\_\_



🏆 Lions Pledge: I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principals of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I am PROUD to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.