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Aloha fellow Hawaii Lions,

As the fiscal year comes to a close, let us reflect and reminisce on all the experiences shared, projects completed, connections made, and communities served! It has been quite the year, and we're glad to start seeing faces in person again, especially with the recent District 50 Convention!

Let us all express appreciation to DG Mitch Tam for all the hard work and effort this year! Make sure to give him a big hug when you see him! Also, make sure to welcome DG-elect Gary Nip and show your support for his upcoming efforts!

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. And where there's a Lion, there's love to share! Looking forward to another year of Lionism, and hope to see everyone's smiling faces at the future Lions projects and events!

Thank you again DG Mitch for the opportunity to continue the Leo Liona and be a part of your team!

On behalf of D50 DG Mitch Tam,
Leo Liona Editor,
Lion Todd

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CELEBRATING CHARTERS AND INSTALLATIONS!

Hawaii Kai Lions Club 49th Charter Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by Frances Lum

47 Lions, CIS, and guests gathered together on April 23, 2022, at Gyotaku Restaurant to celebrate the [Hawaii Kai Lions Club's 49th Charter Anniversary](#) ([view](#)) (←Click for Youtube link). Everyone was happy to re-connect with each other in person. (We now know that everyone owns pants!) What a celebration it was! We were graced with the presence of two of our four remaining Charter members: Lion Bunny Lee and CIS Pat Lee and Lion Rick Yee and CIS Lyn Yee. Special guests included Immediate Past District Governor Garrett Ogawa, Kaiser High School Leo Advisor Gordon Chun and his wife, Cheryl Iwasaki-Chun, and Hibiscus Lions Club President Albert Kim along with members of the Hibiscus Club.

The celebration started with its usual tradition: an opening song by Lion Bunny, the flag pledge by Lion Rick, the Lions' pledge by Lion Cynthia Chun, and the invocation was delivered by Lion Stanley Ito. The Club also honored its four Charter members: Lions Delwin Ching, Richard Okamoto, Bunny, and Rick. Thank you for starting the Hawaii Kai Lions Club and staying with the Club for 49 years!

When it came to co-emcee, Zone chair, and Hawaii Kai Club President Ellsworth Fujii's speech, however, he surprised us with new award categories before presenting the Lion of the Year award. The new categories were "Go To" award which went to Lion Alvin Hayashibara (you go to Lion Alvin for all your design and printing needs); "Hidden Gem" award to Lion Yolisa Ishibashi (took on responsibility starting in the first month as a Lion and attends many projects); "Jedi of Environmental Projects" award to Lion Allen Umeda (for coordinating all our environmental projects -- there were many during the pandemic -- and being a faithful partner at Keawawa Wetlands), and the "Go That Extra Mile" award to Lion Cynthia (for participating in all the projects, feeding us, and keeping Lion Ells in line). Lion Ells also added a new twist to an old tradition by recognizing two Lions of the Year: Lion Silvia Ardila for helping to achieve Lion Ells' goal to enhance the Club's web presence and social media and to Lion Frances Lum for updating the constitution and by-laws (which isn't quite finished), but mostly for giving him unsolicited advice. Congratulations are also due to Lion David Iwana, who was selected as the Club's Melvin Jones Fellow!

Finally, the Club's new officers were installed by IPDG Garrett Ogawa who bestowed "gifts" appropriate for the position. For example, he gave Lion Tom Ono, who will be the Club's Lion Tamer, a bag since Lion Tom will have to carry around supplies, and to the Membership Chair Lion Kendrick Chang, zip ties which can be used to retain members (by tying them to the clubhouse).

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## **Joint Installation – Honolulu, Kalakaua, and Moanalua Lions Clubs**

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese

The Honolulu Lions, Kalakaua Lions, and Moanalua Lions held a joint Installation on June 4 at The Old Spaghetti Factory! The installing officer was DG Elect Gary Nip! See photos on the next page.

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## **“MEANT TO BE”**

Submitted by Lion June Ching

On June 5, 2022 Waikiki 2000 Lions celebrated their Charter, Installation of Officers and Induction of new member at the Red Lobster Waikiki. The Honorable District Governor-Elect Gary Nip was the Installing and Inducting Officer.

Foremost, Congratulations to President Jackie Cabebe and her in-coming leadership team for being at the helm of W2K for 2022-23. A year serving their community looks promising.

Recruiting and retaining members for Lions is a key goal. DGE Gary Nip inducted the newest Lion cub Helen Curlow for W2K and thanked her sponsor Lion Jackie. Lion Curlow proudly pledged to uphold Lions Code of ethics and serve our community. She shared that she is a Leo Lion; as a high school student at Kaiser HS, she was a Leo. With her best friend as President of the Leo Club, and she fondly recalls participating in eyeglass recycling projects, park clean ups, and judging costumes at the Halloween Parade among other activities.

After college and now pursuing her career as a financial advisor for Edward Jones, Helen has come full circle becoming a Lion. At the induction ceremony she pledged to be a “Knight of the Blind” to perpetuate Helen Keller’s wish for Lions to help the blind. Our new Lion shared that as a young naturalized American citizen, she selected her first name for Helen Keller, the Miracle Worker, who she admired. Reflecting on this auspicious occasion, Helen Curlow said,

“Becoming a Lion was Meant To Be.”



### **W2K RECOGNITIONS**

Being the 27<sup>th</sup> Charter of Waikiki 2000 Lions Club, President Jackie Cabebe and DGE Gary Nip recognized our charter Lions: PDG Shannon Ching (36 years), Lion Ralph Steensen (41 years), and Lion Albert Yoza (27 years). Also receiving chevrons were Lion Robert Cooper (26 years), Lion Linda Morneau (26 years), and Lion Anna Canencia Emerson(10 years).

W2K also presented Lion Reverend Tad Iwata with his Proud Lion Award and a copy of the 86<sup>th</sup> D50 Convention Souvenir booklet which highlighted members who achieved the Proud Lion status. Lion Tad’s sponsor is Lion Lynda Asato who has been instrumental in mentoring him as a Lion.

Kudos to Lion June Ching for being W2K’s recipient of the D50 Hawaii DG Gary Nip 2022-23 MAIKA’I Job well done! Medal. It is humbling to represent W2K.

Thank you to Lion Eloise Balais for coordinating the Lei-making project at the meeting. She created kit making packets for interested members, demonstrated how to make the leis, and assisted members requesting help. Mahalo to CIS Joyce Nip for helping W2K with the project. (And also, for sharing her homemade cookies with the attendees.)

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## WE SERVE!

### Akaka Falls Lions Club – Hawaii Island Adult Care Courtyard

Submitted by Lion Clyde Yoshida



Kupuna who attend Hawaii Island Adult Care (HIAC) are now enjoying the use of their beautifully landscaped courtyard. Under the leadership of project chair Lion Clyde Yoshida, 42 members of the Akaka Falls LC put in 170 work hours over a period of four months, working on five separate Saturdays.

The Lions worked hard digging, weeding, and spreading weed block and 180 bags of wood chips. The kupuna, as well as the HIAC Board of Directors were truly appreciative of the landscaping and extended a heartfelt “Mahalo” to the Akaka Falls LC.

Shown in the photos are Lions Jeanne Beers, Alison Akamine, Len Shimabukuro and Clyde Yoshida.



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## **Palolo & Hibiscus Lions Cleaning Used Eyeglasses Together**

Submitted by Lion Jeff Ching

Lions Club International (LCI) has been a long-time promoter of vision care, including childhood screenings, diabetes awareness initiatives and the well-known used eyeglasses recycling program.

As time passes, eyesight needs change and new eyeglasses are purchased. But, what do you do with the old prescription eyeglasses? Donating your old pair costs you nothing, but they can be of benefit to another person.

Used eyeglasses are collected, sorted, washed and evaluated for prescription strength through a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. They then travel with eye doctors on mission trips where youth and adults in foreign countries receive an eye exam and a recycled pair of eyeglasses that match their prescription needs.

The 28<sup>th</sup> of May was a bright sunny Saturday when a group of Palolo & Hibiscus Lions came together at Ala Wai District Park for service project of cleaning used eyeglasses. Each of the 385 glasses were washed, rinsed, wiped dry and packed.

Afterward a time for fellowship and snacked were enjoyed by all. This was the first time in some years the Hibiscus Lions joined the Palolo Lions in a joint service project.



## **Wahiawa Elementary Beautified**

Taken from Pineapple Press Volume 82, Number 12

Article by PDG Jack Kampfer



On Saturday morning, May 14, six Lions came out to help beautify Wahiawa Elementary School:

Jack Kampfer  
Lyn Lurbe  
Larry Meacham (shown above)  
Rachel Salbedo  
Prexy Kimi Sarroca-Shimabukuro  
And Secretary Tony Sarroca

In addition, Lion Peter Cho was present in the person of his donated gas-fueled power washer. It saw great use in cleaning the school's sidewalks since the washer the school had did not work well.

We sanded, primed, and painted 300 benches. That was probably a quarter of a mile worth of benches.

We were not the only volunteers to show up. Some alumnae, including our former Lion member Lani Nedbalek (on the left) also pitched in.

The school served up some great sandwich fixings, cookies and drinks after everyone completed their tasks.

The school is now looking sharp for a new year.

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# MAHALO

This will be my last issue for the time being as the Leo Liona Editor. A big thank you goes out to PDG Nadine Nishioka for giving me the initial opportunity and guidance to take on this committee and the following PDGs for giving me opportunities to continue collecting and sharing district stories.

Thank you to all who have supported and contributed to the Leo Liona. The Leo Liona is nothing without the District 50 Lions...so the successes and stories are a reflection of how great our district is. Please continue to support the Leo Liona during the next District 50 terms to follow!

Lion Todd Kawamoto  
Leo Liona Editor

