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The Voice of Hawaii Kai

# Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello HK Lions,

Congratulations to IPP Lion Ellsworth Fujii for a year well done as president. Lion Ells' term had started out with uncertainty because of covid restrictions, but ended on a high note with the return of some in-person meetings and a re-invented, successful Father's Day

Breakfast. He showed us how to be flexible and adapt. Thank you, Ells, for your leadership and support throughout the year.

I would be remiss if I did not also give a big shout out to the breakfast planners, members, CISs, and family for working so hard to make the breakfast happen. Lion Ken keeps reminding me that I owe him big time as he sparked the breakfast idea, and I acknowledge that I do. But I also owe all of you for your commitment to the club and for your part in generating the income we need in order to continue to fund our projects for this fiscal year.

I am eagerly looking forward to the results of the club assessment that Lion Ken started in June. Lions International says, "Your Club Your Way," so your input is vital to helping define our goals and shape our club. Just because we complete the assessment does not mean that we can't continue to evolve during the year. I will remain open to hearing from you (call, text, email) about anything and everything, but especially about whether you think I've done something wrong or am headed in the wrong direction. For your planning purposes, until otherwise decided, we will continue to meet on the first Thursday, in person if possible, and on the third Thursday we will have a speaker which may be in person or by zoom, depending on the speaker. Lion Eric Kwick already has a list of great ideas for us.

There are a couple of things I have in mind for this year, and I hope the assessment validates my thoughts. First, we have lost a few members this past year, and we need to grow our club with energetic, volunteer-oriented, community-minded people. You are such a person, so at least one friend must be like-minded. You never know who might be interested; some people are reluctant to ask, so you have to ask first (and often more than once). Start by inviting them to a project or meeting and refer them to our website, Instagram, or Facebook to see the kinds of projects we've done.

Second, my hope is that we develop at least one (more would be better!) brand new project for our club. My ask of you is to keep your ears and eyes open for possibilities. See what is going on in your neighborhood, read about what other organizations (not limited to Lions clubs) are doing elsewhere, and make a suggestion! Remember, no suggestion is bad; it may be start off like the grain of sand in the oyster but it can grow into something achievable and fantastic.

Don't be surprised if you don't see a President's column every month. Ells has been writing deep, thought-provoking columns and I am not going to measure up. Unless I have something worth saying (in the old days, people would throw out the paper after reading it, but with electronic storage, things hang around forever), I am going to skip the column. But don't worry, I won't disappear completely from the bulletin.

Looking forward to a fun-filled, productive year with all of you! Please come to meetings and projects. And even if you feel you can't fully participate in a project, come and "supervise" and enjoy the fellowship.

Lion Frances

## Safe Sidewalks Project



HK Lions at Pepeekeo Street.

*Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi*

On June 11, 2022, nine Hawaii Kai Lions and one CIS met at Hahaione Elementary School to repair the sidewalk cracks on Pepeekeo Street surrounding the school. This project was a reschedule from April 16, 2022, which was cancelled due to rain. Scott Goto, from the City's Division of Road Maintenance's Malama O Ka Aina (MOKA) community volunteer program, was present and demonstrated how to mix and apply the concrete-like material to the cracks. Thereafter, the Lions split up into two groups, working on opposite sides of Pepeekeo Street until 10:15 a.m. A total of 20 sites/sidewalk cracks were patched.

Lions participating in this event included Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi and CIS Anthony Nakamura, Walter Kuroiwa, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, Appan Subramanian, and Allen Umeda.

This project was mentioned on the KHON2 6:00 p.m. news that night, which included pictures of the Lions and CIS hard at work. This story is also posted online (<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/hawaii-kai-lions-club-patches-up-pothole-ridden-street/>), and on KHON's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Since there were still areas needing to be patched on this street, a future date for repairs will be scheduled with the City. Thereafter, other streets in Hawaii Kai may be scheduled for later in the year or next year. Mahalo to those Lions who showed up to mix the concrete-like material (had to be the right consistency) and literally got down on their hands and knees to patch the cracks. Great job everyone!

## State Hearing and Vision Screening



Dr. Ede at the bill signing ceremony.

*Submitted by Dr. Roger Ede*

On June 15, 2022 Governor David Ige signed House Bill 987, HD 1 SD1 into law. This new law amends an existing statute (section 321-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes) to increase the early identification of children with hearing or vision loss, by establishing consistent protocols for hearing and vision screening and follow-up, screener training, and data collection.

The Department of Health, which initiated the bill, Children with Special Needs Branch, Department of Education partners, as well as a host of community organizations involved with hearing and vision screening helped shepherd the bill through the past two legislative sessions.

On behalf of District 50 Lions, Lion Dr. Shannon Ching and Lion Dr. Roger Ede were present at the State Capitol to witness the signing of the bill. This measure is welcomed by health care professionals and lay volunteer organizations who advocate for the early identification and detection of hearing and vision disorders in children. Members of our state legislature agreed that early identification of hearing and vision loss, with appropriate follow-up services, is critical for the development of children's language, communication and life skills needed for learning in school.

The new law directs the Department of Health to set recommended standards for:

1. Protocols for evidence-based hearing and vision screening, including ages or grades for screening;
2. Screening tools, instruments, passing and referral criteria based on national guidelines and best practices;
3. Referrals, track referrals and follow-up of children who do not pass screening;
4. Training, certification and qualifications of personnel who conduct hearing and vision screenings other than licensed health care professionals; and
5. Data and reporting on hearing and vision screening, referrals and follow-up.

Also, "within available resources, the program shall include consultation with and education of students, parents, and health and education personnel about hearing and vision screening, treatment, and services."

The Department of Health is now in the process of gathering those current best practices and nationwide models to implement screening standards for the State of Hawaii.

District 50 Lions have participated for many years in Hearing and Vision Screening and our Hawaii Kai Lions has helped to lead the way in this effort. "Proud to be a Lion, Dedicated to the Service of others."

## Message From DG Gary Nip



Fellow Lions, Companions in Service (CIS) and Leos.

I MUA District 50. I MUA is the Hawaiian word to move forward. In the last two years, we have lived in Covid-19 lockdown, social distancing and “you’re on mute.” Lions we have not seen in person or virtually, may conclude that their service is not needed and there is no reason to remain a Lion. This is not true. We cannot let this happen.

Vaccinations and the removal of restrictions, signals a new normal of living with Covid-19 much like the flu. Moving forward could be improving our club documents, policies and procedures safely from home. Moving forward could be returning to projects like hearing and vision screening in our schools with safety protocols. Moving forward could be in-person meetings with virtual options for those at risk.

On April 28 to 30, 2022, DG Mitch Tam got us started by having the first in-person District Convention since 2019. Today some Lions Clubs are slowly and safely starting to meet in person. Please mark your calendars for the following District 50 events (aka Cabinet Meetings):

7/23/22 (Saturday) noon to 4pm LIONS SUMMER FUN at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center 1640 Lanakila Ave Honolulu, HI 96817

10/22/22 (Saturday) 9am ZOOM to reduce costs and maintain our virtual skills

1/28/23 (Saturday) 9am WINTER FORUM at Kilauea Military Camp Island of Hawaii

4/27-29/23 (Thursday-Saturday) Cabinet meeting and District Convention at Ala Moana Hotel 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814

Our District Goals for 2022-2023 is to increase the % of clubs reporting service, achieve a positive membership growth, train club officers and zone chairpersons and support our Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF). Did you know HLF funds District 50 humanitarian activities like vision and hearing each year (\$20,000 to \$30,000) and yet less than 4% of our members donate? Please donate to our HLF.

What can we look forward to in Lions year 2022-2023?

- Global Membership Approach (GMA) launching world-wide on 7/1/22.
- New and exciting service opportunities.
- Leadership training for the future.
- Expanded awards and recognition including my DG “Maika’i (Job Well Done) coin.
- Continuing the popular monthly best practices Zoom meeting by PDG Cecelia Izuo and health seminars by Lion Dr Jim Yamashita
- Sharing Club Bulletins
- Enhancing our D50 website
- Lions Can Cook-Book
- Return of holiday Zoom socials.
- Socials for Lions under age 40 and those under 40 at heart

EVERY Lion matters. EVERY Lion can contribute. EVERY Lion is needed to move us forward. I MUA District 50.

Lion Gary Nip District Governor 2022-2023 District 50 - Hawaii

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 7/7	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting Agenda: Father's Day Breakfast	1 Keahole St., Kalele Kai Cabana	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 7/9	8:15-11:30am	Keawawa Wetland Volunteer Workday	6888 Hawaii Kai Drive, Honolulu, HI 96825, next to Oahu Club	Work Shirt	Allen Umeda
Thursday, 7/14	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	1 Keahole St., Kalele Kai Cabana	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 7/21	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting	1 Keahole St., Kalele Kai Cabana	Club Shirt	N/A

**Kalele Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings**

Aloha everyone!

Take a deep breath and get ready for in-person meetings again. They will be held at 1 Keahole Place, Hawaii Kai. (Kalele Kai Condominiums). Please arrive between 6.45 PM and 7.00PM. Someone will be at the Main entrance "IN" to open the gate. Once in, you can enter the Clubhouse ("Cabana") area via Gate 1 or 2. Gate 1 opens normally from the outside; but with Gate 2, you have to reach over and inside the gate to release the latch. There is generous parking, but in case everyone shows up in separate cars there is even more parking next door at the Safeway mall, immediately adjacent to the condo complex. Remember the meetings start at 7 P.M. and anyone arriving after that time please park at the Safeway lot, and, at the main "IN" gate call 808-384-7415 for the gate to be opened. Please email me if you have any questions.

Lion Appan

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
7/12 Keith Kogachi 7/14 Sandy Gomes 7/17 CIS Sharon Aoki 7/19 Bunny Lee 7/26 Joel Leo	7/9 Ed & Sandra Lee	7/1/1985 Walter Kuroiwa 7/1/2016 Kendrick S. Chang 7/1/2017 Ellsworth Fujii 7/1/2017 Nancy Rocheleau	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged  Total	44 1 8 3 3  56

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2021-2022			
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2 <sup>nd</sup> VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Ellsworth Fujii	Directors	David Iwana
Zone Chair	Ellsworth Fujii	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Silvia Ardila	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
Region 5 Zone 2		3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Zone II	David Iwana	Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Service Chair	Kendrick S. Chang
HLF Trustee		Lion Tamer	Tom Ono		Alvin Hayashibara