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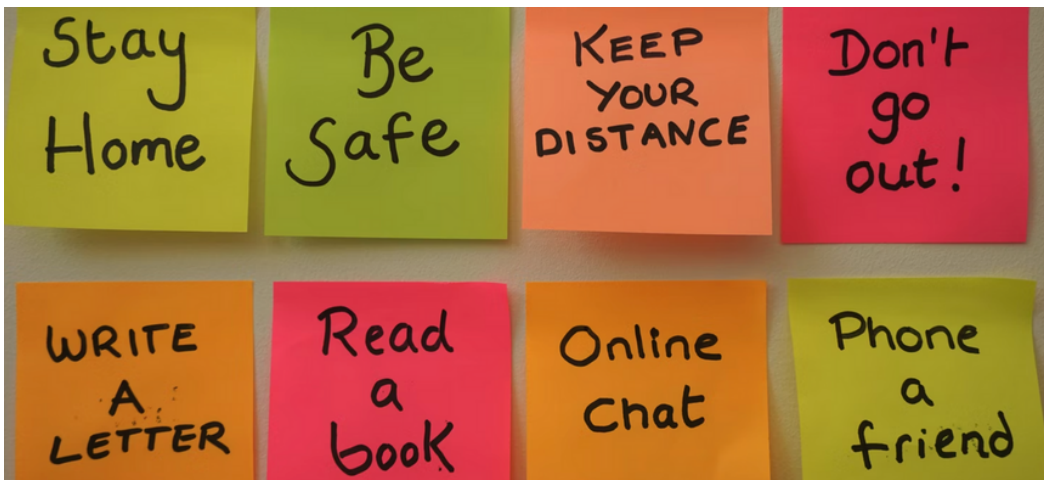
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA

Pearl City Lions,

Do you remember the message from Past President Jerry Nagatani on March 19, 2020?



In summary, Lion Jerry stated that the Pearl City Lions Club (PCLC) and all of District 50 cancelled all activities and projects due to the onset of COVID-19 based on CDC guidelines. He also mentioned that the PCLC would begin video conferencing for meetings and communications would be by email/phone. He concluded his message by stating: "...we as Lions know how to join hands and with the support and cooperation of all, we will get through this situation and see better days ahead. For the medical community, let us pray and give them our moral support to keep us healthy and safe."



THAT WAS IN THE PAST. You all should congratulate yourselves and give "Hi Five's all around!" Yahoo!, YOU did it! - continued

2022-2023 OFFICERS

President Tad Tsuruma

1VP Raymond Nii

2VP Lance Soma

3VP Gabriel Balais

Secretary

Brian Akimoto

Treasurer

PDG Chris Tamura

Tail Twister

Vaughn Miyauchi

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Director 1-year

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Director 2-year

Jerry Nagatani

Director 2-year

Alice Kudo

Immediate Past President

Guy Inouye

Membership Chair

Guy Inouye

Incoming

Membership Members

Wayne Morinaga

Glenn Yokoyama

Bulletin Editor

John Gephart

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

We all PERSEVERED!! It has been a very long time 2 YEARS and 3 MONTHS, and yes, Pearl City Lions have persevered. We had a lot of “Firsts” at our Retreat meeting. I am happy to say that since COVID struck in 2020, this is our “Very First” in person club “Retreat” meeting on June 11, 2022, at the Pearl Country Club. It was a huge success, with a great in person turnout of eighteen members with one guest, even adding one more member via zoom, thanks to President Guy who made this all possible.



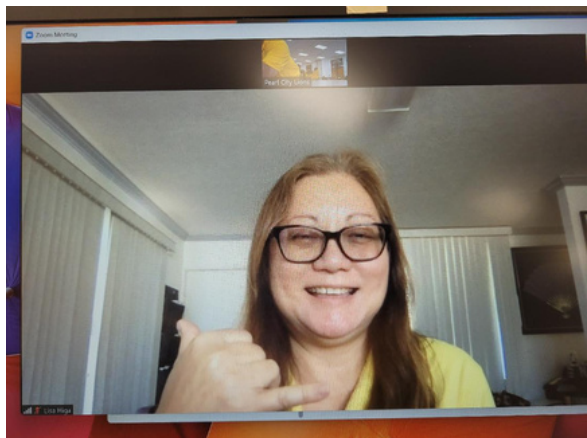
Masks were discretionary. Everyone was so considerate of others and wore masks. Thank you. We had one member per table and the tables were arranged in a semi-circle, thanks to Lion Vaughn thinking, so everyone could see each other and the dry-erase board to the front of the class.

We started off the meeting with name introductions and are proud to be a Pearl City Lion, dedicated to the service of others.. I introduced my theme and goals which were “Back to Basics”, and “What my big picture” for my term. I then proceeded to have all lions stand up and shake out their wrists for a couple of seconds. Then, we sat down and conducted our first “in retreat” lions project; each member writing a thank you card to someone in our community for their services during our pandemic. This was done in a couple of minutes and cards collected. Great job! - continued



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

I pulled out my Duncan yo-yo and proceeded to demonstrate to our members that the yo-yo was like our club. Everyone was laughing. I said, one does not forget how to use a yo-yo, no matter how old you are or how long it has been. As I thrust the yo-yo up and down, the yo-yo continues to spin, this represents our club having its up and downs but will continue on; it will.



At this time, I had zoom attendee, Lion Lisa Higa, say a few words about the education committee, and the Leos.



We continued on with my agenda having our VP's, Secretary , and Treasurer give a short speech on what they considered important to them. This went well. Next, after the break 1st VP gave a short overview with discussion about our PCLC Constitution and By-Laws. I talked about what the "in person" dinner meeting format would be like.

Guess what, time fly's. It was about 9:20a so we took a short break. Members gathered around the back tables where we had memorabilia items from PCLC past which included convention books, pins, and other items. Members had time to talk to each other.



After returning from the break, I discussed an overview of what the business of our D50 Convention was all about. PDG Chris elaborated on HLF (Hawaii Lions Foundation), thank you.

We then proceeded to have discussions with other committee chairs and members with their thoughts for this year. - continued



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

We then brainstormed about various events, projects, speakers, club visitations, and club activities and some key dates.



It was now 11:15a when we concluded our retreat. It went so fast. Thank you, Lion Alice and Lion Linda for bringing the snacks and bento lunches. I provided the water. We'll be working on items brought up from the retreat.

From my perspective, I feel our lions had a very productive retreat, good discussion among each other, and just great camaraderie. I'm looking ahead to the future when we can be together more.

Thank you,
President Elect
Tad Tsuruma



PCLC 2022 Retreat Attendees (Missing: Photographer Lion Paul Kudo)

Pearl City Lions Club

2022 - 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1VP Raymond Nii

Aloha Committee: Cindy Tamanaha

Attendance Committee: Lisa Yasuda

Bulletin/Publicity Committees: John Gephart

Constitution Committee: Raymond Nii

Convention Committee: Glenn Yokoyama

Finance Committee: Chris Tamura, Lance Soma

Fundraising Committee: Raymond Nii, Lance Soma, Gabby Balais

Great Aloha Run: Committee Raymond Nii

Membership Committee: Guy Inouye

Program Committee: Brandon Elefante, Clarence Nishihara, Gregg Takayama

Sports/Recreation Committee: Glenn Yokoyama

2VP Lance Soma

Education/Leo Committee: Lisa Higa

Health/Social Services Committee: Shelly Oshiro, Charlenee Caraang

Holiday Basket Committee: OPEN

Sight and Hearing Committee: Tad and Linda Tsuruma, Alice Kudo

3VP Gabby Balais

Charter/Installation Committee: Guy Inouye

Christmas Meeting Committee: OPEN

CIS Luncheon Committee: Linda Tsuruma

Environmental Committee: Gabby Balais

International Committee: Vaughn Miyauchi

REMINDER!

Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit your membership dues for the new fiscal year is:

July 1, 2022

Dues are as follows:

Regular member - \$94

Additional family member - \$72

Life member - \$51

Student - \$32

Please make checks payable to "Pearl City Lions Club" and mail to:
P.O. Box 48, Pearl City, HI 96782

If you have any questions, please email Lion Chris:
ctamura@hawaii.rr.com

Club Policies

The Board will also be reviewing the club's policies at its next Board meeting. They are available on the shared drive:
tinyurl.com/nspcy2hw

If you have any suggested changes to the Club Policies (July 2019) that you would like the Board to consider, please email Lion Raymond:
raymondnii808@gmail.com



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE BY 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**

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY LION GUY INOUE



Thank you, Pearl City Lions Club officers, members, Leo Advisors, Leos, for your service and opportunity to serve as your President. I am confident that our Club will only grow and prosper with your continued participation and service due to our outstanding membership and leadership. Although our meetings were virtual, our services and projects throughout the past year were numerous and I am sure that the recipients of your dedicated service were and are very much appreciated. I am very happy to have passed the gavel to our next Lion President Tad Tsuruma who I know will do an outstanding job, and equally assured that our Officers, Board members, Lions and Leos will continue to provide excellent support as we strive to continue to “serve”. Let us not forget to support each Pearl City Lion and our community, but to reach out and give our six new Lions your support.

We welcome Lion John Gephart as our new newsletter editor, as it will continue to be informative, heartwarming and list dates of events. Please share the good news to all and encourage them to read our monthly newsletter.

In closing, once again, Thank you very much for your service and the opportunity to have been your Pearl City Lions Club President. Mahalo, sincerely Lion Guy

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

RECYCLING DONATION (JUNE 16, 2022) BY LION ALICE KUDO

We had 6 bags of recyclables donated by Ms. Gaza and took it to the recycling center fronting Don Q. We thought we had an early enough start but got there and to our surprise, the line had already reached the end of the container . . . YIKES! Was the only thought I had. Unloaded our bags and it seemed like the line was not moving so went up front and lo and behold, firefighters from Kaneohe unloading 2 truckloads of recyclables . . . double YIKES!!!



AND, the line seemed to be at a standstill so waited at the front to get whatever empty barrels to help the customers waiting to move up. It was funny because some of the customers thought we were part of the working crew and came to ask us questions about their recyclables . . . LOL !

Where there's a need, there's Lion Vaughn . . . yahoo!! We thank the firefighters because they capitalized on most of the barrels, but as soon as their containers started getting weighed in, they helped most of us waiting in line to empty our bags and then we saw progress . . . yes, MOVE IT, MOVE IT, MOVE IT. We thank Ms. Gaza for her awesome donations (cash and the recyclables) and allowing us another day of some excitement in our lives.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

STORM DRAIN PROJECT (JUNE 4, 2022) BY LION ALICE KUDO



We are always excited when we are able to get out and about in the community and do a project and this was one of the fast ones that did not require too much 'muscle power'- yahoo! My speed.

We had 3 drivers with 2 - 3 members going to different areas of Waiau. Each group had several streets assigned to them and used all the medallions to complete the project. Lions Vaughn, Linda and Diane worked on Hoomaika, Hoono, Hoomailani and Komo Mai Drive. They each took turns measuring, wire brushing, applying caulking and applying the medallions. The only incident they encountered was losing a measuring tape (in the storm drain of all places . . . as the medallion states 'no dumping drains to ocean . . . LOL).

Lions Gabby and Jerry completed their assigned streets and headed back to our gathering spot only to find Lion Tom just showing up for the project. Lion Gabby graciously took Lion Tom on a 'spot check' of all the streets to see if any storm drains were missed . . . inspector Tom . . . yeah!!!! Its interesting how each group had something funny or interesting happen to them - our group found a bunch of \$\$\$ clipped to a clothes pin laying right on the street- looked like the bills might have gotten wet and someone hung them out to dry but the wind took it to the street. Tried to see if it belonged to one of the homeowners but instead ended up taking it in to PC HPD.

This was a fast BUT, meaningful project with a great environmental message for the local residents. Hope to see more of you next time . . . you'll never know what adventures await you.



OVERVIEW OF THE STORM DRAIN MARKING PROJECT BY LION GABBY

"To empower and provide guidance on minimizing our impact on water quality in order to protect public health and the environment.' This is the mission statement of the City and County of Honolulu's Storm Water Quality Branch (SWQB). The Storm Drain Marking project was developed by the SWQB to get community members involved in raising awareness to not dump trash, debris and pollutants into storm drains and basins as that water eventually gets drained out into our oceans. The work consists of placing storm drain medallions at various storm drains and basins located around the island. The Pearl City Lions volunteered to take part in this project by placing 60 medallions in various areas around the Waiau Neighborhood Park as directed by the SWQB. It felt good to get back into doing this project, as it had been nearly three years since our club has done the Storm Drain Marking. Thank you to all the Lions that helped out on this bright, beautiful and productive day... Dianne Siperly, Vaughn Miyauchi, Linda Tsuruma, Alice Kudo, Brandon Elefante, Brian Akimoto, Tom Fujita, Jerry Nagatani & Gabriel Balais.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR (JUNE 25, 2022) BY LION LARRY VERAY

Hawaii Department of Health sponsored Project Vision in a Health and Wellness Fair at Pearl City Community Church on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The objective of the Health Fair was to reach out to the lower income community and provide Vision Testing and Free Glasses, Vaccinations and to assist families and help them fill out SNAP Food Stamp applications. Although there was a low turnout of the public, the Lions did bring in residents off the street with their creative sign waving. Five Pearl City Lions: Vaughn Miyauchi, Jerry Nagatani, Jocelyn Lansangan, Diane Siperly and Larry Veray performed sign waving and communications with residents walking by the event. A lot of Lions energy was observed, in particular from our young Lion Jocelyn. I attempted to get our photos to KHON for the evening news but I did not make the cut off time of 3 PM for the news crews and experiencing an internet outage.



PC Lions Vaughn, Jerry, Jocelyn, Larry. Centered is Clay Kimoto fr. Pearl City Community Church



PC Lion Vaughn



PC Lions: Jocelyn, Larry, Diane



Lions Jocelyn & Diane



Lions Jerry & Jocelyn



Lion Larry & Vision Team

LEGACY SIGN (JUNE 2022) BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI

The plants at the Pearl City sign were not being watered enough so Lions Jerry Nagatani and I checked if the batteries were still good. The batteries were expired so they were replaced. The time clock was reset. A few of the areas were not being watered so the holes were enlarged. In the meantime, it started to rain, and we got drenched. We plan to go back to replace some of the waterlines.

KINDNESS REPAID BY LION IRA TAGAWA



Several years ago, Past District Governor Blaine Hanagami from Akaka Falls Lions Club visited us and shared this meaningful quote by Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." It's certainly something that we should all live by. It reminds me of a trip CIS Marilyn and I took to Japan when we visited a relative in Tokyo.

Our family often visited our Kawamoto relatives. They always gave us warm welcomes and cordial hospitality. One evening, Marilyn and I decided to take a walk around the neighborhood. We stopped at a small eating place in a tent on a sidewalk, where we enjoyed beer and yakitori. A distinguished looking gentleman was seated nearby, and

we started a conversation with him. We noticed that he was treated like a king by those around him. Only later did we notice that his small finger was missing, the sign of a yakuza! We told him that we were visiting from Hawaii, and that we were staying with a relative nearby. When I showed him our relative's business card, he was really surprised. It turned out that this yakuza was raised by our relatives with a lot of love and kindness. The yakuza had fond memories of his childhood, and still had the utmost respect for our relatives. From that point on, he treated us like royalty, insisting that we take a taxi with him to a fancy restaurant where he treated us to an elaborate meal. He must have wanted to return the warmth and affection he received from our Tokyo relatives during his childhood. We later found out from our relatives that there are good and bad yakuza, like there are good and bad people in every family.

This experience was a lesson that we must treat all people with kindness and respect. We do this in the projects our club conducts. We show compassion to the needy. People remember what we do to serve our community. The kids who had vision problems and can now see 20/20 are grateful for our vision screenings. People appreciate us eradicating graffiti, opala and ugly weeds. Folks in nursing homes make good use of our hygienic care packages. The thousands of eyeglasses we clean and ship to developing countries gives people the gift of sight. We boost academic performance by providing students with school supplies. We give rousing rah rahs to runners in the Great Aloha Run. Our hearty breakfasts, plant and bake sales at our Valentine's Breakfast bring our neighbors together. Many people still remember Lions building bus stops. We do much more.

The pandemic has reduced our community involvement, but we now have to step up and make ourselves more visible. Look around and see how we can make a difference. Chair a project or social activity. It's up to you to do what it takes for people to remember our acts of kindness.

A Poem from Al DeMello

Some members keep their organization strong,
While others join and just belong.

Some dig right in, some serve with pride,
Some go along just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share,
While some sit back and just don't care.

On meeting days some always show,
But then -- there are those who never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best, some build some make,
Some NEVER give, but always take,
Some lag behind, some let things go,
Some never HELP THEIR ORGANIZATION GROW.

Some drag, some pull, some don't some do.

WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU?



New Member Spotlight

JOCELYN LANSANGAN

SPONSOR: LION BRANDON ELEFANTE

Jocelyn Lansangan graduated from Aiea High School in 2009 where she served as LEO Club President and District 50 LEO Club Vice President, and was also named LEO Club Member of the Year. She briefly



served with the Halawa Lions Club while getting her bachelor's degree in communication at Hawaii Pacific University. Jocelyn now works at Oahu Publications Inc. for nearly eight years, and prior to that she was the marketing coordinator for Cades Schutte LLP. Her interests include spending time with her 4-year-old daughter Zoey, writing, reading, playing tennis and singing karaoke. The reason why I want to be a Lion is because I live to serve. I've always had this mentality of wanting to help people from as early as I can remember. I've always heeded the words of Gandhi close to my heart, to "be the change I seek in the world." To become a Pearl City Lions Club member would be such an opportunity and a true honor to do just that.

PEARL CITY LIONS INFO

For District 50 news: www.hawaiilions.org

For Pearl City Lions web news: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pearlcityhi/

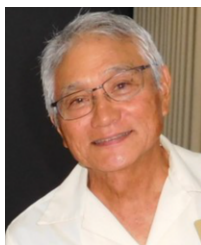
For Pearl City Lions pictures: pearlcitylionsclubphotogallery.shutterfly.com

Facebook: facebook.com/pearlcitylionsclub

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Secretary's Board Bits by Brian Akimoto

- Approved sign waving service project during Health and Wellness Fair at PC Community Church on June 25, 2022, from 9am-3pm.
- Approved membership of Jocelyn Lansangan.
- Accepted resignations of Lions Lara Nitta and Heather McMahon.
- Received monetary donation and recyclable cans/bottles from Ms Gaza, who has been supporting PCLC for many years.
- Approved donation to PCHS 50th Anniversary Celebration



Did You Know?....

That our Pearl City Lions Club has members experienced in roofing, construction, travels, etc. We have members who work in IT, one school principal, three teachers, four in politics, one eye doctor, four accountants, one real estate agent, and much, much more.

To take advantage of the knowledge and experiences, you must participate in activities/projects, attend meetings, and talk to our members. When you are stuck with a problem, try learning about this resource, you may find the answers you need to get unstuck.

Our Lions volunteers are always willing to help you. They are just like your family, if you are willing to get to know them, share with them, and ask them for help. Join us at our meetings, activities and/or projects to get to know your fellow Pearl City Lions!!!

Tail Twister Says by Vaughn Miyauchi

Tailtwister says: "We are starting to learn about each other through experiences in our lives. It is very interesting to find out how we all spent our Memorial Day and Father's Day. In July we will start to go back to in-person general membership meetings. We would like you to join us for our meeting on July 13th. Please join us at Pearl Country Club at 6:30pm.

Since July 4th will already have passed we would like you to share how you spent your 4th of July and bring an American flag. Those who remember to bring a flag will receive a gift and those who forget will be fined.

Our Joker game will continue at this meeting. The present amount of our fundraising is \$1,196.00, with 21 cards of which one is the joker. As usual, 1/2 goes to the administration fund and the other half goes to the person who picks the joker."



BLOOD DONATION BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI



Hi Lions! Our blood donor team were busy this month! Lions Brandon Elefante and Charlenee Caraang will try donating in August. Lion Gerald Hirata tried on June 17, but unfortunately could not donate and will try later in the month. Lion Tom Fujita donated on June 6 and plans to donate on June 27. He says he is at 40 pints. Congratulations! Lion Clarence Nishihara donated on June 4 and is at 78 blood donations. Wow! Thank you, Pearl City Lions blood donation team!



To make an appointment, visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770. Use the Pearl City Lions Club code: 2743.

DISTRICT 50 LEADERSHIP

District Governor - Gary Nip

1st Vice District Governor - CJ Kalopodes

2nd Vice District Governor Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Immediate Past District Governor Mitch Tam

Honorary District Governor Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary Jeff Ching

Cabinet Treasurer Lester Nip

Sergeant at Arms Sean Benito

Past International Director Maurice Kahawaii

Region IV Zone 2 Chair Brian Nitta

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Chairperson PDG Angie Haramoto

PDG Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip



July Birthdays

John Gephart

Lance Soma

Glenn Yokoyama



July Anniversaries

Gerald Hirata & CIS Gail

Barry Villamil & CIS Mary-Elizabeth

FROM THE EDITOR

Aloha Pearl City Lions! Thank you for welcoming me as your 2022-2023 Pearl City Lions Club Bulletin Editor! I am really excited and have big shoes to fill so I am asking for your help and support this coming year. I am looking forward to a great year and getting to know everyone better through pictures and articles that you will be sharing. I hope you enjoyed this first issue and can't wait to see what this year will bring. Mahalo! -Lion John Gephart



Please submit articles and pictures to me by July 29th!

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Lions Clubs International

General Membership Meeting

IN PERSON


Pearl Country Club
 July 13, 2022 @ 6:30PM
SEE YOU ALL THERE!



Upcoming Events

7/13: GMM @ Pearl Country Club 6:30pm
 7/20: Board Meeting @ PCCC 7:00pm
 7/23: D50 Cabinet Meeting, Lanakila MPSC
 7/27: GMM Location TBD, 6:30pm
 8/10: GMM
 8/17: Board Meeting
 8/24: GMM

JULY 2022

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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 GMM @ Pearl Country Club 630pm IN PERSON	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting @ PCCC, 7pm	21	22	23 D50 Cabinet Mtg. (Lanakila MPSC) 12-4pm
24 /31	25	26	27 GMM Location TBD, 630pm	28	29	30

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