



# LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

## Upcoming Cabinet Meetings

**Sat Oct. 22, 2022 9 a.m.**

Zoom Meeting

**Sat Jan. 28, 2023 9 a.m.**

Winter Forum

Kilauea Military Camp,  
Island of Hawaii

**Apr. 27 - 29, 2023**

Cabinet Meeting & District

Convention

Ala Moana Hotel

## Club Charter Anniversaries

**Oct. 19th**

Hibiscus Lions Club - 1987

**Oct. 31st**

Kapolei City Lions Club - 2003

## Clubs Featured in this Issue

Ko'olauloa Moku

West Kauai

*Together We Can*  
And together WE WILL.

## District Governor's Message



Aloha District 50 - Hawaii Lions, Companions in Service (CIS) and Leos,

Google awareness events in October and you may find "World No Alcohol Day" on October 2 followed by "National Vodka Day" on October 4. "Global Handwashing Day" is on October 15 which probably never existed prior to Covid-19. Here is one day I can associate with, "National Nut Day" on October 22.

All kidding aside, October is Vision Month. At the 2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum in Calgary, Canada, I learned you should name the visually impaired person so (s)he knows you are talking to him/her. Visually impaired persons want to be involved and active. Don't grab blind people; ask them if they need help. Be careful not to kick or walk into their white canes.

October is also Halloween. District 50 FUN raising Zoom event is back with our first event to celebrate Halloween. Lions on all islands can connect free via Zoom for FUN, fellowship and prizes. Mahalo to CIS Peggy Oyama, Lions Thelma Aiwohi, Puna Nouchi, Aimee Matsuura and Mark Despault for planning and conducting this event. See elsewhere in this Leo Liona for specific information.

***I MUA District 50 because "Together We Can"***

**Lion Gary Nip**

**District Governor 2022-2023**

## 2022-2023 District 50 Leadership

### District Governor

Gary Nip

### First Vice District Governor

C.J. Kalopodes

### Second Vice District Governor

Lori Inouye-Yamashita

### Immediate Past District

#### Governor

Mitch Tam

### Cabinet Secretary

Jeff Ching

### Cabinet Treasurer

Lester Nip

### Sergeant at Arms

Sean Benito

### International Director

Robert Lee

### Past International Director

Maurice Kahawaii

### Board of Governors

PDG Angie Haramoto,

Chairperson

PDG Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip

## Submissions

Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the November issue by Oct. 25, 2022 to:  
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Zoom Information will be emailed.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 SIGN IN AT 6:30 PM GAME STARTS AT 7PM**

Must be PRESENT/PAST Lion member to join games.

Thank you to our sponsors: The Kahala Hotel & Resort, SCP Hilo Hotel, Aloha Gas, Kalapawai Cafe, Lion Thelma Aiwohi, Lion Puna Nouchi, Lion Aimee Matsuura, Lion Mark Despault, CIS Peggy Oyama

## The Fourth Monday

GAT's Best Practices with PDG Cecelia Izuo

Zoom Webinar

Mon, Oct. 24th @ 6:30 p.m.

"How to build your Lions club's website"





# Global Action Team

October 2022

## Lion David Iwana

### Global Leadership Team Coordinator

The ultimate in training is the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) planned for the 2023 President's Day weekend, 2/18-20/2023. ALLI trains future leaders for the Zone and District level. Accommodations and airfare are included for neighbor island candidates, on a limited basis. In 2019 we conducted our 1<sup>st</sup> ALLI in Honolulu and we plan to do it again in 2023. Price is approximately \$125 and usually includes most meals. Some Lions clubs assist their members with this registration fee. The Candidate Invitation/Information and Application will be available by the next October Cabinet Meeting.

## Lion Tony Tassillio

### Global Membership Team Coordinator

Lion President Shasta Yamada notes we can be more welcoming to younger members by mentoring young Lions and encouraging them to take on leadership roles. Lions club could benefit from a youth board similar to other nonprofits like Make A Wish. Having their voices and ideas heard would make younger Lions take more pride in being a Lion and recruit more friends and family members. Lions under 40 At Heart events every quarter helps build camaraderie. Younger members may be intimidated joining a club where most members are much older. Seeing more Lions their age in leadership roles may give them the confidence to grow. We need more Lion and Leo combined service events so that Leos get to know the Lions and want to become members when they graduate.

## I MUA District 50

*Together We Can*

## Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui

### Global Service Team Coordinator

Region level new project award. Clubs who do a new project during July 1 to November 30, 2022 should notify their Zone Chair. ZCs to decide which club is deserving of recognition and a \$25 check or Amazon gift card. Not later than December 31, 2022 Zone Chairs to notify GST Lion Dr Cedric Mitsui of your region winner. All winners will be announced at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting at KMC on January 28, 2023.

Service reporting is important. Any Leo club that did not report service in MyLion last fiscal year and does report service during July 1 through December 31, 2022 will receive a \$25 check or Amazon gift card.

## Spotlight on Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita



Second Vice District Governor Lori Inouye-Yamashita was born and raised in Honolulu. She graduated from Roosevelt High School, the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Lion Lori has

achieved numerous awards and honors throughout her career while working at the Kapiolani Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente. She taught medical students and resident physicians from University of Hawaii School of Medicine, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, Cedar Sinai Medical Center, USC Medical Center and Tripler Army Medical Center. She retired last year and continues to teach CPR/AED with the AED Institute.

Lion Lori has led a life of service to her community beginning at the age of 12 as a summer volunteer at Kuakini Medical Center and the Queens Medical Center. She has spent many years volunteering with the Hongwanji Mission School, Girl Scouts, Punahou School Band, Great Aloha Run, Keiki Run and the Honolulu Marathon. In 2014, while marching with her Girl Scout troop in the Manoa Lions Christmas Parade, she was asked to join the Lions. In 2015, she and her husband, Lion Dr. James Yamashita joined the Manoa Lions Club. Their three daughters and son-in-law joined soon after.

Within the Lions organization, Lion Lori has assumed many leadership roles. She has undergone training with the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. She has received her Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate from the LCI Lions University and has been a D50 instructor for orientations and trainings since 2019. She has also been an instructor for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. In 2023, Lion Lori will be an instructor for the D50 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. She has received the D50 District Governor's Appreciation Award and the LCI President's Appreciation Award. Lion Lori is proud to be a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has enjoyed attending worldwide conventions and the USA-Canada forums.

SVDG Lori says, "I joined Lions because of the fellowship within Lions, the satisfaction of helping others and like the Girl Scout Law, 'try to make the world a better place,' 'Together We Can' and so much more."

*Next month, Spotlight on International Director Robert Lee.*



### *Together We Can*

WE LIVE, WE GIVE AND WE SERVE AS ONE.  
Because we know that together we are more.  
Together, there are no limits.





## District Governor Maika'i Coin

Article and photos by Lion Gary Nip

District Governor (DG) Gary Nip has a limited special DG Maika'i (Job Well Done) coin to recognize those who go beyond.

Here are some of the recipients and their outstanding achievements:



### **Lion Shasta Yamada Koko Head Lions Club**

Awarded on 7/5/22 for co-chairing the successful 2022 District 50 Convention and Lions under 40 socials.

### **Lion Kobey Arai Leaders for Life Branch Club**

Awarded on 7/23/22 at the Lions Summer Fun Event for updating the District 50 website in a timely and technically sound manner.



### **Lion Wendell Hosea Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club**

Presented on 7/23/22 for successfully championing the changes to the Hawaii Lions Foundation Constitution and By Laws at the District 50 Convention in Kona.



### **Leo Jade Custer Moanalua Leo Club**

On 7/23/22 as the Leo District Secretary, she was recognized for being a great communicator and for taking action on many

District initiatives.



### **Lion Candace Aglutay Kapolei City Lions Club**

Recognized on 7/23/22 for her efforts to have the Kapolei Walmart

designated the Vision Center of the year from more than 3000 stores across the United States.

### **Lion Winston Watarai Mililani Lions Club & D50 Leo Committee Chair**

Awarded on 7/25/22 for outstanding service to Leo Clubs in Hawaii.



### **Lion Guy Hashimoto Moanalua Lions Club**

Presented on 8/17/22 for being ALWAYS WILLING to do anything for our projects. He has dressed up as Spam, noodles, Baby Shark, Paw Patrol (both Chase and Skye), Pikachu, Minion, Santa, Easter Bunny, Gilligan. He is always ready to have fun and serve at the same time per Lion Kathy Higa.

*Read more stories in the next Leo Liona*

## Lions Were Busy in September 2022

Article and photos by Lion Gary Nip

**8/31/22** Kid Sight Zoom with Lion Dr. Edward Cordes. Mahalo Sight Chair Lion Berta Jenkins (Mililani Lions Club) for coordinating and getting several Hawaii Lions certified to do vision screening. I MUA



District 50 Directories (hard copy) have been issued. Mahalo to Executive Assistant Lion Gavin Hall (Koko Head Lions Club) for coordinating the printing and distribution. PDF copy was sent by Lion Cabinet Secretary Jeff Ching (Palolo Lions Club) on **9/5/22**. I MUA

**9/6/22** Diabetes Chair Lion Chris Chow (Waikiki 2000 Lions Club) presented \$5,000 check on behalf of District 50 to the American Diabetes Association. Our donation allowed registered campers at the Diabetes Camp He Ola Ke Keiki to not have to worry about payment. I MUA

**9/8/22** District 50 Lions marched in a parade to honor our hometown heroes the Little League Baseball Champions. Mahalo to Lion

President Ernest Carvalho (Chinatown Lions Club) for arranging our participation. I MUA



**9/15-17/22** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Calgary Canada. Several D50 Lions received their Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees. District 50 was recognized as having the best attendance by %. (There were 1137 in attendance) I MUA



**9/23/22** Hunger Action Day Food Drive with Rotary and Kiwanis. See article on page 7.



## Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis Joint Food Drive

September 23, 2022

Submitted by D50 Hunger Awareness Chair, Ellsworth Fujii

On Friday, September 23, 2022, the Lions were joined by the Rotarians and Kiwanis at the State Capitol for a joint food drive. The joint service initiative was established in 2021 when the organizations realized that collaboration is needed since resources are scarce and that a joint global service initiative could make a far greater impact in our communities than a single act. DG Gary proposed the joint food drive idea to the local service organizations after reading that September 23 is Hunger Action Day - a nationwide initiative to take action and raise awareness about hunger in our communities.

Again, the Lions displayed their Lion Pride and represented the district well. Although our food collection was not as much as we expected, we collected over \$700 in donations.

A BIG thank you to Lion Arlene Shimokawa (Kapahulu-Moiliili) who helped with planning the



food drive, Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha) for coordinating the media coverage, Lion Danny Tengan (Cyber) who delivered the pallets and Gaylord bins, Lion Eric Kwick (Hawaii Kai) who brought the tents, chairs,

and table, and Shasta Yamada (Koko Head) for leading the sign making. And, to all the Lions who waved signs and collected canned goods and donations in the hot daytime sun.



**Don't forget our Saturday, November 19  
Lions Food Drive at the State Capitol.**



## D50 Decorates Honolulu Hale for the Holidays

Article and photo by PDG Garrett Ogawa

Late breaking news. On 9/27/22, District 50 received the good news that our Lions AND our Leos have been assigned TWO spaces near Honolulu Hale to present our holiday decorations. We will need another 20 by 20 foot fence for the Leo exhibit and any suggestions for decorations. Notify PDG Garrett with your ideas. Set up is planned for the weekend after Thanksgiving. Last year's exhibit is shown in the photo to the left.



## West Kauai

## Children's Peace Garden

September 10, 2022

Submitted by Lion Charles Ortiz

West Kauai Lions Club performs many community service projects throughout the Lion year. One of the projects is to maintain the Children's Peace Garden on the Storybook Theatre of Hawaii (SBTH) grounds. On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 25 Leos from the Waimea High School Leo Club and five Lions from West Kauai cleaned up the garden and parking lot.

The purpose of The Storybook Theatre of Hawaii (SBTH) is to enable Hawaii's school children to experience



Waimea High School Leos, West Kauai Lions, & Mark Jeffers



Lion Naoko



Lion Mark

and participate in the performing and media arts. SBTH also perpetuates the cultural values and heritage of the peoples of Hawaii and the Pacific.

Distinguished Oahu-based sculptor, Kim Duffett, has created the first-ever

sculpture honoring the life and work of the late

celebrated Storybook Theatre in Hanapepe, the hometown of Sen. Matsunaga.

The sculpture of Sparky and a young friend entitled "Walking in the Garden of Peace" encapsulates the forward-thinking philosophy behind Matsunaga's work as a

U.S. Senator Spark M. Matsunaga (D) and his visionary efforts in creating a world of peace. The sculpture, 1.20% x life-size, is permanently installed in a children's peace garden at Kauai's



Lion Charles

politician and civil leader. Duffett imagined this garden to be a manifestation of Sparky's work and his dream, describing the process in creating a garden that represents the utopian vision of what

Matsunaga believed could bring the world together.



## West Kauai

### Active & Serving

September 24, 2022

Submitted by Lion Charles Ortiz



The In/Out Social was held on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Wong's Chinese Restaurant. This was a full meeting which included introduction of prospective Lions Vince Palacio and Jay Ford, Lion Chris Anderson from Colorado, Lion Sandi Sterker from Koloa Lions Club and CIS Sarah Paiste. Although the year has just started, there have been many projects accomplished from July 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting also included messages from Immediate Past President Kay Hill on the accomplishments during the previous Lion year and Club President Lion Charles Ortiz provided information on what is in store during the current Lion year.

The Hanapepe Salvation Army Kokua Soup Kitchen whose mission is feeding those in need of food is assisted by West Kauai Lions with the preparation of dinner, serving of dinner, and cleaning up on the fifth Monday of the month. We also assist as needed with

landscaping and other projects at the Hanapepe Salvation Army. Pictured below are those assisting on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> feeding.



West Kauai Lions also sponsor the Waimea High School Leo Club. This year is an active year for the Leos under faculty advisor and Lion Julia Hirano. School recently started and during the first meeting there were over 30 new members signing up. The Leos have initiated plans to have a retreat during the Winter break, their own fundraisers, projects, and assisting West Kauai with their projects.





## Ko'olauloa Moku

### Hyundai Hometown Hero Finalist

Article by Lion Ella Siroskey Photo by Lihia Noori

Lion Dotty Kelly-Paddock is one of five finalists in the Hometown Heroes' contest sponsored by Hyundai Hawaii and Hawaii News Now (KHNL/KGMB). Voting ended on September 25th and the winner will be announced on or about October 21, 2022.

Lion Dotty, a retired teacher, has dedicated time, money, sweat and tears to bring really good things to our community. She chartered the new Ko'olauloa Moku Lions Club and served as the club's first President. Being a rural community, Hauula misses out on a lot of the services being so far from Honolulu. She fights for the underserved North Windward communities. She is relentless in obtaining services and funding for numerous worthwhile initiatives such as Citizen Emergency Response Training, H.E.L.P. classes, financial planning credit courses, informational seminars and computer training. She is currently planning for the Ko'olauloa Community Resilience Hub.

A panel of qualified judges selected five nominees who create a better Hawaii and exemplifies the aloha spirit. Good luck Lion Dotty Kelly-Paddock.

## Hawaii Lions Foundation

[www.hawaiilionsfoundation.org](http://www.hawaiilionsfoundation.org)

*The purpose of the Foundation is to support the Lions clubs of District 50 Hawaii in serving their local communities as they carry out essential sight, hearing and other humanitarian projects.*

*The Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii and Makana Foundation (LEBH) remains the primary focus and the major activity of HLF.*



**The Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii** is dedicated to providing high-quality ophthalmic tissue for sight restoration throughout the Hawaiian Islands. **The Makana Foundation** is a donor education program that encourages people to become organ donors.

#### Ways To Support Our Work:

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<https://smile.amazon.com/>  
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**Saturday November 19, 2022**  
**Lions Clubs of Hawaii**  
**Fall Food Drive**  
**MEATS & TUNA • SOUPS • FRUITS & VEGGIES • RICE**  
**CANNED MEALS – PASTA, CHILI, CORNED BEEF HASH**  
**CANNED FOOD & MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED - NO PERISHABLES**

*Many families in Hawaii have difficulty putting food on their table; it is especially a challenge when good people are struggling to make ends meet. You can be part of the Lions effort by making a difference, helping those that really need help.*



*Monetary donations will be accepted and very much appreciated at the drop off area. Please make your **tax deductible** check payable to **HAWAII FOODBANK**. Cash is also welcomed. Every \$10 dollars donated, enables the Hawaii Foodbank to distribute food for 25 meals.*



**Hawai'i State Capitol**  
**Fronting Beretania Street**  
**9:00am–12:00pm**

**District 50 Hawaii Lions**  
<https://www.hawaiilions.org/>