

LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

Upcoming Cabinet Meetings

Sat Jan. 28, 2023 9 a.m.

<u>Winter Forum</u> Kilauea Military Camp, Island of Hawaii

Apr. 27 - 29, 2023

<u>Cabinet Meeting & District</u>
<u>Convention</u>
Ala Moana Hotel

Club Charter Anniversaries

Nov. 12th

Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club - 2021

Nov. 15th

West Kauai Lions Club - 1937

Nov. 18th

Kahaluu Lions Club - 1965

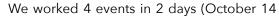
Clubs Featured in this Issue

Kapolei City
Waimea High School Leos
West Kauai

District Governor's Message

A message from CIS Joyce Nip:

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





& 15) in Hilo. The highlight of our trip was the induction of 4 new young Lions into the cyber club. I see such promise in our future leaders and am even more determined to help them attend major Lions functions. Kudos to PDG Blayne Hanagami and Region VII Lions. It was so heartwarming to work the food distribution drive through for 300+ families. The Food Basket and Lions worked to put smiles on many faces. The Panaewa zoo hosted approximately 120 3rd and 4th graders of Pahoa Elementary School to a scavenger hunt, inspirational musical performance by Wilbur Sargunaraj the "Simple Superstar", and bento lunch. I saw children singing, dancing and laughing throughout the day. This was a much needed relief for children who were stymied for 2 years by the Covid pandemic. The evening culminated with a Zone social where we met new Lions and old friends. It was a weekend filled with many memories emblazed in our hearts. I MUA.

Thank you Lions, CIS and Leos for your warm welcoming hearts and commitment to serve our communities. Hau'oli La Ho'omaikai'i Happy Thanksgiving.

Joyce Nip CIS of Lion Gary Nip District Governor 2022-2023

I MUA District 50 because "Together We Can" Lion Gary Nip District Governor 2022-2023

Spotlight on Lion Robert K. Y. Lee



Lion Bob was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the 104th International Convention held in Montreal, Canada, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

He is a graduate Civil

Engineer from the University of Hawaii - Manoa and a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor with over 50 years of experience. Lion Bob is President Emeritus of a small consulting and surveying company and has completed numerous projects in the Seychelles, Diego Garcia, the Philippines, Guam and the islands of Micronesia, Samoa and Hawaii.

A member of the Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club since 1990, he has held many offices within the association, including club secretary and president, zone and region chairperson, district membership, extension, and retention chairperson, and served as district governor in 2018 -2019. Lion Bob served as Host Committee chairperson of the 98th Lions International Convention held in Honolulu in 2015, and served just recently as Host Committee chairperson for the Lions International Board of Director's meeting held in Waikoloa, Island of Hawaii, in April, 2022. He is also past chairperson of the Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii, and past president and trustee of the Hawaii Lions Foundation.

Often asked about his reason for becoming a Lion, Lion Bob tells the story of a precocious five-year old boy struggling in kindergarten to the great consternation of his parents and teachers. The young boy continued to struggle until one day a vision screening revealed acute astigmatism in both eyes that severely affected his ability to see and read. A pair of eyeglasses made a profound impact on that youngster's life, because that young boy was Bob and it explains his motivation and passion as a Lion and his reason to become a "Knight of the Blind". And why Lion Bob is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Campaign 100 Major Sponsor.

While many Lions assume his greatest "aha" moment as a Lion was chairing the highly successful 2015 International Convention, Lion Bob lists the opening of the current Eye Bank at the Kuakini Physician's Tower as his greatest accomplishment to date. In the spring of 2010, he was approached to take over as Chair of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation. The existing facility had just lost its lease and needed to relocate within 9 months, as the building had been sold by the owner. Understanding the importance of the Eye Bank, Lion Bob accepted the challenge and committed his full attention to the task. He undertook the mission of getting the new laboratory and office space designed, permitted, built and approved within record time. The new facility was opened and operational with a week to spare. The processing of that first cornea in the new laboratory was a true "aha" moment for Lion Bob, one he will never forget.

During his tenure as District Governor, Lion Bob was instrumental in restarting a youth diabetes camp in collaboration with the Hawaii Chapter of the American Diabetes Association; conducting the first LCI approved Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in the District; and chartering the first District-wide Cyber Club. For his efforts, he received the LCI District Excellence Award, LCIF Chairperson's Medal and the District Governor's Extension Award.

Continued on page 3

2022-2023 District 50 Leadership

District Governor
Gary Nip
First Vice District Governor
C.J. Kalopodes

Second Vice District Governor

Lori Inouve-Yamashita

Immediate Past District
Governor

Mitch Tam

Cabinet SecretaryJeff 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 December issue by Nov. 25, 2022 to: d50leoliona2022.2023@gmail.com

For someone who initially never wanted to be even a District Governor, Lion Bob's quest for higher office only began after his tenure as Host Committee chair in 2015. His passion and pride as a Lion were sparked by what he had seen and felt on the International level, and realized that he could have an impact on and improve the lives of hundreds of millions of people served by Lions, far beyond the shores of Hawaii.

In recognition of his service to the association, Lion Bob has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, an International Leadership Award, the LCIF Chairperson's Award, the Founder's Membership Growth Award and over a dozen International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He and Lion Pamela are both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

Lion Bob is truly grateful to all those Lions and friends who have encouraged and mentored him along his Lions journey, and for the support and endorsement from all the Lions of Hawaii. He and Pamela realize just how lucky they are to represent the Lions of Hawaii and the other 1.4 million members of our amazing association.

Next month: Spotlight on Cabinet Secretary Jeff Ching.

D50 Hawaii Lions 2022-2023 Humanitarian Award

The District 50 Hawaii Lions Humanitarian Award is bestowed by the District Governor to a non-Lion having demonstrated humanitarian accomplishments above and beyond their professional and civic duties. Only Lions club members may nominate individuals for this award. Only non-Lions are eligible candidates.

Please download the form here:
D50 Hawaii Lions Humanitarian Award Nomination Form

Mail or email nomination form: Lion James Yamashita

Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023

The Humanitarian Committee:

Lion James Yamashita, Chair - Manoa, PDG Roy Nishida - East Kauai, Lion Virgina Padayhag - Leeward Oahu, Lion John Schaumburg - Lanai City, Lion Lisa Puaa - Mauna Kahalawai Branch, Lion Ronald Keith - Crescent City



Lion David Iwana

Global Leadership Team Coordinator

District 50 is again sponsoring a local Lions Leadership Institute for only our District members, to help Lions build their personal leadership skills. This in-person Institute will be in a positive learning environment and provide for Lion networking, idea sharing and much more! The Institute is for those who want to serve at the Club, Zone, and District levels, or those who just wish to grow in Lionism. This year the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be conducted at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center in Honolulu on February 18-20, 2023.

Lion Tony Tassillio

Global Membership Team Coordinator

Aloha D-50 Lions. First and foremost thanks for being a Lion in the great State of Hawaii. As of the start of October 2022 we were down 13 Lions. Over the last 10 days I have spoken with 87% of our Clubs in D-50 (Prexy, Secretary, or IPP). Most clubs are meeting live and doing what needs to be done - Serving!! No grief. No grumble. We are all in this together. Please ask your family member, your co-worker, your friend to come serve. We are the best service organization in the world. So please just ask 2 awesome people you know. Congratulations to all the new Proud Lions.

Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui

Global Service Team Coordinator

D50 Service activities completed = 1057

Volunteer hours = 13,698

People served = 359,707

Lions Club Reporting: 25/46 = 54%

Leo Club reporting: 3/27 (Kaimuki, Mililani,

Roosevelt) = 11%.

Leo Club reporting adds to Lions Club reporting for a total of 38% of Lions and Leo Clubs reporting service projects. Our goal is 55% so we have more to do. Executive Assistant Lion Gavin Hall can work with your Leo Club to report their service. 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. Service reporting is important.

Lions 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 3rd Cabinet meeting at KMC on January 28, 2023.

National Diabetes Month

Photos & article submitted by Lion Chris Chow

With November being National Diabetes month, the Diabetes Awareness Committee would like to highlight District 50 Lions' engagement in our global cause of diabetes. With diabetes included as one of Lions International's 5 global causes, Lions serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed with this chronic condition.

American Diabetes Association's Camp He Ola Ke Keiki

The American Diabetes Association held Camp He Ola Ke Keiki, a camp designed to support type 1 diabetic keiki and their families in a safe and nurturing environment from October 6th to the 9th at Camp Erdman. This year's camp was the first camp held in-person since 2019 and hosted 42 members of our community who live with and support children living with diabetes. The

purpose of Camp He Ola Ke Keiki is to give children with diabetes the opportunity to form life-long bonds with other kids living with diabetes and to improve their diabetes management skills. This two-fold goal was certainly fulfilled at Camp He Ola Ke Keiki! Children participated in at least 4 hours of physical activity every day, engaging in activities like hiking, swimming and even navigating a ropes course.

District 50 Lions supported this year's camp through assisting with the registration check in and check out processes along with financial contributions. Because of support from District 50 Lions and HLF, all fees for participating families were waived. Mahalo to HLF and District 50 Lions for your support.



Pictured above are activities from this year's camp. Top right photo: (left to right) Lion Ken Furukawa, 1st VDG Lori Yamashita and Lion Dr. Jim Yamashita staffing the camp's registration table. Bottom left photo: (left to right) Lion Dr. Jim Yamashita, Lion Ken Furukawa, 1st VDG Lori Yamashita and Lion Chris Chow.

Spotlight on the Hawaii Leos of District 50

Waimea High School

Photos & article submitted by Lion Charles Ortiz



The Waimea High School Leo Club is sponsored by the West Kauai Lions Club. They have started to meet regularly and are engaged in a number of service projects. The Leos are active with beach clean up projects at both Kekaha Beach and Salt Pond Beach.

Kekaha Beach Park is the best for watching the sunset, surfers, fishing, the islands of Niihau and 50Lehua can be seen from here, whales during season, and beach combing. This beach marks the start of the longest stretch of white sand beach in the state.



Salt Pond Beach Park has a number of protected shallow pools offering great snorkeling. Tide pools are a great place to discover additional Hawaiian marine life. In the area are natural wetlands and while salt forms naturally here, salt beds are constricted. Salt Pond is named for the natural wetlands that Hawaiians used to produce salt for cooking and medicinal purposes. Salt Pond Beach Park lies adjacent to the only natural salt ponds on Kauai.

More on D50 Leos: Click on this link to view a video of their 2022 D50 Leo Conference that was held on Hawaii Island https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceJdRZhAl54

Health & Wellness Committee

Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a presentation on

Diabetes

with
Lion Dr. James Yamashita

GAT's Best Practices Webinar

A monthly webinar presented by PDG Cecelia Izuo

Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii

FVDG C.J. Kalopodes' report on the 2022 USA Canada Forum held in Calgary, Canada

West Kauai

The 13th World Deaf Golf Championships

October 15 - 22, 2022 Photos & article submitted by Lion Charles Ortiz



Lion Kay Hill, 2022 - 2023
Zone Chairperson. The 13th
World Deaf Golf
Championships October 15
- 22, 2022 was held on
Kauai. This is the first time
this tournament was held in
Hawaii and it is a privilege
for it being on Kauai.

During the first Zone Advisory Committee meeting this past August, Beth and son Pono Tokioka attended the meeting. They asked for assistance from the Lions clubs on Kauai with primarily the golf course. The Kauai clubs stepped up and assisted with the tournament. The chairperson was Helen Cooney, secretary from the East Kauai Lions Club.

The World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) is a nonprofit organization aiming to promote the sport of golf among deaf and hard of hearing golfers in the



The in-processing location.

world and to oversee the World Deaf Golf Championship.

The participants included more than 114 hard of hearing golfers from 14 different countries, who competed in a 72 hole stroke play tournament over 12 divisions.

There was awesome participation from the Lions in the zone. There were many Lions helping out with the tournament. The zones assisting were West Kauai, East Kauai, Kapaa, Koloa, Kauai North Shore and Kauai from Region 1 Zone 1.

Kapolei City

New Pin for Kapolei City Lions Club

Photos & article submitted by Lion Puna Nouchi



Lion Lee wearing the new pin

Our Kapolei City Lions Club has a new pin designed by Lion Lee Nouchi for our upcoming 20th year charter on October 31st, 2023. The pin has a teal colored 'Oahu (teal is one of the main colors for Kapolei High School), and Kapolei City is

the sparkly, yellow area. We have about 60 pins available to sell. If you want to order a pin, please contact Lion Puna Nouchi.

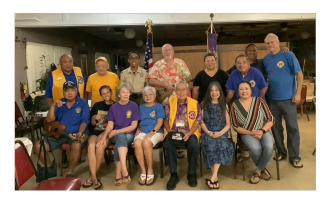


The cost of the pin is \$5.00 plus postage. Please make your check payable to Lions Club of Kapolei City.

West Kauai

News From the West Kauai Lions Club

Photos & article submitted by Lion Charles Ortiz



The West Kauai Lions Club's general membership meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Wong's Chinese Restaurant in Hanapepe. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month. We had two prospective members attending the meeting. There are at least two other prospective Lions.

Active Lions - PDG Thomas (Tomo) Mitsunaga a member of Lanai City Lions Club since 1949. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He lives on Kauai with his daughter and her family. He continues to attend our meetings. Lion Naoko Ho not far behind is 92 years young and also attends our club meetings and projects regularly.

Kauai Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2022 at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe.

Thanksgiving "Turkey Shoot" social has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th. This is a potluck dinner.

Tentative Activities: Christmas Caroling at Waimea Hofgaard Park in Waimea on December 7th; Salvation Army Bell Ringing; Waimea Light Parade on December 17th.

On December 21st we will have our **Christmas Social** at Wong's in Hanapepe.

Vision Screening at Kekaha Elementary School was held on Monday, October 17th. Kekaha

Elementary School was established in 1888, and is set on 7.2 acres, two blocks north of the ocean on Kekaha Road. Kekaha is a rural plantation community that serves



civilian and military families from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Barking Sands, the Kekaha areas through Pakala. Three hundred something



preschool to fifth graders were tested. There were some that didn't pass the vision screening and are being referred for

further testing and should glasses be needed be provided. There were also school staff that requested to be tested. Not all were able to pass. They were suggested to followup with a primary

care, ophthalmologist, or optometrist for further testing and evaluation by a medical professional.

West Kauai teamed up with Project Vision to perform vision screening on student and staff at Kekaha Elementary School.





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:

Lions Bud & Berta Jenkins

Mililani Lions Club

Awarded on 8/27/22. They were instrumental in the creation of the successful



Leaders for Life (L4L) Branch Club. The L4L Branch Club continues to add new members, perform a variety of community projects and even serve on District committees.



Lion George Tamashiro Mililani Lions Club

Honored as the sole remaining Charter member. The Mililani Lions Club celebrated their 50th Charter Anniversary on 8/27/22 where Charter member Lion

George was presented several appreciation gifts to include the DG Maika'i (Job Well Done) coin.

Lion Dan Motohiro Pali Lions Club

Recognized on 8/28/22 by Lion President Gary Hiramatsu for "keeping the club going." Lion Dan serves as the Club Treasurer for many years. (He is also the



treasurer for the Hawaii Lions Foundation and has chaired the District 50 Finance committee.)

Lion Maurice Torigoe Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions Club

Awarded on 9/2/22 for doing a lot for the club. Lion President Lyn Liu said he takes home and stores the club's shaved ice machine, transports the machine to fairs,



donates the ice and makes shaved ice for fundraising. The funds raised covers the costs of the community Christmas parade which will be in person this year after two years of Covid shutdown.



Tony Wong
Calgary Chinese Culture Center

On 9/14/22 he gave free tours to Lions attending the USA Canada Lions Leadership forum held in Calgary, Ontario, Canada. Lions from various locations were

impressed with Mr. Wong's knowledge and storytelling skills. The tour was so popular, Mr. Wong added two additional sessions.

Lion Clyde Takahata Hilo Lions Club

10/14/22 Prexy Russell Hiyashi noted after our club already lost 2 club Treasurers this current year, Lion Clyde volunteered to be our Treasurer for the rest of the year. He is the most reliable and



respected member among our membership, participating in almost every meeting and projects throughout the past 3 years he has been a Lion.

Read more stories in the next Leo Liona

District 50 - Hawai'i · Region II · Zone 2 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 Central Oahu Event Center/Mango Street Grill 6:45 p.m.

featuring

District Governor Gary Nip

(Annual Zone Visit)

and

International Director Robert Lee

(Discussion on The International Board)

\$25 for dinner and event expenses

Email your RSVP by Friday, November 4, 2022:

- Mililani, L4L, Oahu Central and all others: Lion Pam
- Wahiawa: Lion Rene

Any cancellation must be made by the RSVP deadline. Thereafter, please submit a check payable to Region II, Zone 2 for \$25

Donations of door prizes are welcome.

Message from Lion Ellsworth, Chair: We are looking for Lion and Leo volunteers to help wave signs, collect canned food and donations. Thank you to those who have already notified Ellsworth that you will be helping at the State Capitol. Others, please contact Ellsworth if you or your members would like to volunteer. (808) 347-0933

Saturday November 19, 2022 Lions Clubs of Howciff Fall FOOd Drive FASTA SUPS - FRUIS & VERIS - REE CAMED MEAS - PASTA, CHILL, CORNED BEFFINSH

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.



Formore info call Ellsworth Fujii@ 808347-0933

Find out more about the Lions, visit HAWAIILIONS.ORG





Hawaii Lions in partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hawaii Lions Fall Food Drive Saturday, November 19, 2022 / 9am-12pm HAWAI`I STATE CAPITOL drive through at 235 South Beretania Street

Visit hawaiilions.org for additional food collection locations & times

In partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank, hundreds of Hawaii Lions & youth Leo Club volunteers throughout the State will staff the collection site and will be accepting canned goods **ONLY** which include the Hawaii Foodbank's most wanted foods:

Meats & Tuna ● Soups ● Fruits & Vegetables ● Rice Canned Meals – Pasta, Chili, Corned Beef Hash

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.

The Hawaii Foodbank continually needs to have its inventory replenished. Canned foods are the **MOST WANTED** items that supply the Hawaii Foodbank food pantries, feeding programs, homeless & abuse shelters, rehabilitation centers and soup kitchens.

Hawaii Foodbank, through its network of island food banks and their local food pantries and meal programs, is providing food assistance to more than 123,000 households encompassing 287,000 Islanders—or one in six island residents—including 82,420 keiki and over 46,000 kupuna.

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

https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/VFD/HawaiiLions1 or text VFD195 to 71777 (message and data rates may apply).

The International Association of Lions Clubs, known for their motto of "We Serve," is prominently evident with the Hawai'i Lions Clubs throughout our communities. Not only do Hawai'i Lions collect, clean and distribute thousands of eyeglasses each year, they also perform vision and hearing screenings to thousands of children in our elementary and pre-schools throughout our state. In addition to being advocates for the blind and visually impaired, Hawai'i Lions statewide bring about many positive changes in our communities by implementing and completing projects that help to improve and support a variety of efforts to sustain the livelihood of these communities. The efforts of the Hawai'i Lions are undaunted during these difficult times.

For more info: Contact **Ellsworth Fujii**, (808) 347-0933

Hawaii Lions Member and Chairman of the Food Drive

Find out more about the Hawaii Lions and becoming a member by visiting the website www.hawaiilions.org







Saturday, November 26, 2022 - 10am

Floats, Trolleys, Classic Cars, Marching Bands, Queens & Princesses Local Business & Church Organizations and more! Over 1000 festive marchers!

ROUTE: Kamiloiki Park to Koko Marina Center along Lunalilo Home Road
Entertainment & Events to follow at Koko Marina Center

hawaiikailions.org









Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions Club

Presents:

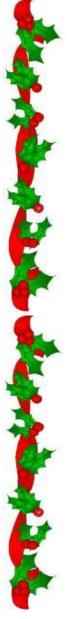
65th Annual CHRISTMAS Parade

Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

popular costume characters, SANTA CLAUS, and goodies for children! The St. Louis High School & Kaimuki High School marching bands,

Featuring:

Street, continues on the makai side of Beretania St., turns left/makai on Isenberg St., and ends at the Old Stadium Park. The parade route: Starts from Kuhio Elementary School, proceeds along the mauka side of S. King





PARADE ROUTE

Starts at Boys & Girls Club parking lot...
Right (R) on Fort Weaver, R-Kuhina,
R-Hanakahi R-North Road, R-Fort Weaver,
End at Boys & Girls Club Parking lot.

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022 10:00AM













Registration Deadlines:

Early Bird: December 31, 2022 (\$35) Regular : January 31, 2023 (\$45)

DOWNLOAD THE PROMO PACK FROM THE CONVENTION WEBSITE

WWW.HAWAIILIONSCONVENTION.COM

