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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



Fellow Lions:

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and had a moment to reflect on some of the things for which you are grateful. On my grateful list is all of you. Lions club has enriched my life and brought me new friends. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this awesome organization and for your support.

SHOUT OUT to Lion Ells for organizing a very nice Leo induction and installation ceremony which resulted in a great turnout of both Leos and Lions.

And now for a really loud SHOUT OUT to Lion KEN NISHIBUN for once again coordinating the most magnificent Holiday Parade. It is one of the biggest projects we do, involving dozens of community groups, schools, bands, and over a thousand participants, including four-legged friends. Everything went off like clockwork. I am in awe of his organizational skills! The spectators certainly appreciated having the parade back as quite a few shouted thanks to the Lions as we marched.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- NO meetings in December. I'm told that it is a tradition so I'm not breaking it this year.
- December 15 – Holiday dinner at Natsunoya Tea House. Hope to celebrate the holidays with you then!

TO DO:

- Membership Chair Lion Kendrick Chang is planning an open house for potential members for January 19 at Hahaione Elementary School Library (7:00-8:00pm). Please start asking friends, colleagues, children,

grandchildren (as long as they are over 18 years old) to consider attending a project and the open house to learn more about Lions and the club members. So far this year, we have not yet inducted any new members. Please help keep our club strong.

Now that the holidays are upon us and there is more of a tendency to be jolly (and maybe a little tipsy), please be safe. Wishing you all a delightful December!

Frances

Lions Helping Lions



Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii

When President Frances announced the “Lions helping Lions” initiative, I took up the offer and called Eric Kvick. My McLane lawn mower needed some maintenance work and needed to be taken to Kailua. For those who know about this lawn mower, it’s very heavy and doesn’t fit in a car. I told Eric a date and time I need to borrow his truck to drop off the lawn mower. He said ok and his truck was ready for me to use.

Then, when the work was done, I needed to borrow his truck again. A little glitch with this appointment as he needed it in the morning and I thought I had the entire afternoon. Unfortunately, I was called in to work that day so had to change the schedule, but I forgot to tell him. But, Eric being Eric, he said no problem and I was able to pick up my lawn mower the next morning.

Now, my lawn looks a little better and the mower run great. Thank you, Eric!!!

Leo Club Installation Ceremony



Kaiser High School Leo Club Members with DG Gary Nip.

Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii

The Kaiser High School 2022-2023 Leo Officers and new Leos were installed and inducted by DG Gary Nip at the November 19 meeting. DG Gary did a great job explaining how the Lions and Leos have the same mission and should work together. It was great to see so many Leos attend this year's event and to see the Lions and Leos getting to know each other.

We will be inviting the Leos to more projects this year. They already made a big impression by having 10 Leos volunteering at the D50 Statewide Food Drive. And, about the same number of Leos came to pass out candy at the Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade. We already discussed the eyeglass recycling project slated for early next year.

Thank you to Alvin for printing the programs! Glad to see that he recovered so quickly from his back surgery. And, thank you to Cynthia who prepared our delicious dinner. And to Lisa who made those individually wrapped chocolate chip cookies!



President Frances recognized Lion Alvin for his 35+ years of service.

Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade



Hawaii Kai Lions and volunteers preparing for the parade.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

To all Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade Participants and Volunteers:

On behalf of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club and the Koko Marina Center, I would like to extend our heartfelt MAHALO to you and your group's participants for making this another very successful, fun-filled Holiday Parade. Together we emerged from our 2-year COVID hiatus with a ROARING SUCCESS!! It takes a village to coordinate within your own groups, let alone converge with many other parade participants! Yet you do it for every parade!

Special Thank You's go out to this year's Grand Marshall, Mayor Rick Blangiardi. Mahalo also to all of the 60 Police Officers who did such an outstanding job of ensuring the safety of all our participants and spectators alike! Safety has and always will be our number one concern for our Keiki!!

The Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade continues to be one of the largest and best organized community parades and that is a testament to all of you for your spirit of cooperation and volunteerism! The members of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club continue to spend months planning for this much anticipated community event. With approximately 1,200 participants and some 30 vehicles, the logistics can sometimes be quite daunting, however the joy that this parade brings to our community is such a great reward!

We had a number of media outlets at our parade including KHON, KITV, Hawaii News Now, and the Star Advertiser so check their websites and you may catch a glimpse of yourself.

Here is the Star-Advertiser link: [Hawaii Kai Christmas Parade brings holiday cheer \(staradvertiser.com\)](https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/12/12/hawaii-kai-christmas-parade-brings-holiday-cheer/)

Once again, MAHALO, and best wishes for a safe, healthy, and joyous Holiday Season!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Wednesday, 11/30	8:00-10:00am	Vision Screening	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Saturday, 12/3	5:30-9:30am	Livable Hawaii Kai Hui Ka Iwi Explorations Parking Assistance	1298 Mokuhano Street Kalama Valley	Work Shirt	Kendrick Chang
Sunday, 12/4	5:30-9:30am	Livable Hawaii Kai Hui Ka Iwi Explorations Parking Assistance	1298 Mokuhano Street Kalama Valley	Work Shirt	Kendrick Chang
Wednesday, 12/7	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Sunday, 12/11	7:00am-1:00pm	Honolulu Marathon Aid Station w/ Troop & Pack 101	Maunaloa Bay	Work Shirt	Joel Leo
Thursday, 12/15	5:30-9:00pm	Holiday Party	Natsunoya Tea House	Aloha Wear	N/A
Thursday, 1/19	7:00-8:30pm	Membership Meeting — Open House for Prospective Members	Hahaione Elementary School	Club Shirt	Kendrick Chang

Kalele Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings

Aloha everyone!

In-person meetings will be held at 1 Keahole Place, Hawaii Kai. (Kalele Kai Condominiums). Please arrive between 6:45 PM and 7.00 PM. 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 PM 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.

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
12/1 Richard Okamoto 12/2 Jeanne Alices 12/4 Helen Morita 12/7 Dave Iwana 12/23 Cynthia Chun 12/27 Bill Modglin	N/A	N/A	Active	46
			Student	0
			Affiliate	4
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	0
			Total	53

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2021-2022			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Frances Lum	Secretary	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Brian Sheehan	IPP 1 st VP 2 nd VP 3 rd VP Treasurer Lion Tamer	Ellsworth Fujii Ellsworth Fujii Silvia Ardila Yolisa Ishibashi Jeanne Alices Tom Ono	Tail Twister Directors Mem. Dir. Bull. Ed. Service Chair	Patrick Lynch David Iwana Tom Jones Kendrick S. Chang Kendrick S. Chang Alvin Hayashibara
District Governor	Gary Nip				
1 st VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes				
2 nd VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita				
Zone Chair	Richard Kaneko				
Region 5 Zone 2 Zone II HLF Trustee	David Iwana				