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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA

“Time To Remember Our Veterans and Give Thanks”

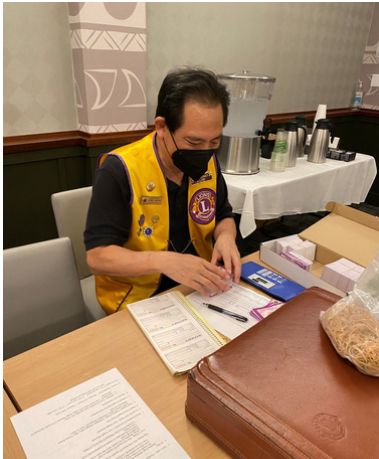
Two, four, six, eight who we appreciate? Of course, it's our very own Pearl City Lions members. Several Veterans, like Lions Roy Uemura, Ira Tagawa, Curtis Lee, and departed Sunny Young served to keep our country safe. Our Lions and Leos had visited the USS Arizona memorial in September to pay homage. November 2nd and 3rd our Lions Vision Team completed screenings for Momilani ES and Waiau ES respectively. We were fortunate to receive our club's new SPOT vision screening camera and printer which made screenings at both Elementary Schools quick and easy. The vision screening data information extracted from the printed quicker.





PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE continued...

At our November 9th th GMM at PCC, Ms. Catherine Orlans’, as our speaker from the Oahu Visitors Bureau, discussed the impacts from increasing visitor count to our State since the relaxation of Covid protocols.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

I began initial preparations for the Amblyopia vision screenings for Pre-K students early in November for various schools since there would be very little time in December because of Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Eight schools were contacted, coordinated and their screening dates were locked in and number of Pre-School students attending.

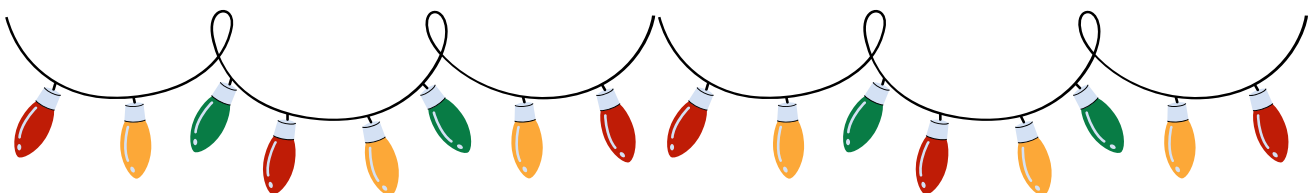
I planned a "Surprise" guest(s) to come to our November 23rd GMM at PCCC. Our Lions who attended were treated to a low light "cabaret" club style setting with lead vocalist and entertainer Dave Ray Toma and backup vocalist bass player Frank Higa. The duo sang the night away with mellow oldies and goodies songs from the past like "Spooky" and a host of "Kalapana" renditions. Our audience members soaked up the music, heads were swaying side to side. Dave even had our members sing along with them at chorus, and even had requests.



This was my way of thanking the Pearl City Lions Club members, since it was Thanksgiving eve, for all their volunteering and service to others. What a way to pass the night!

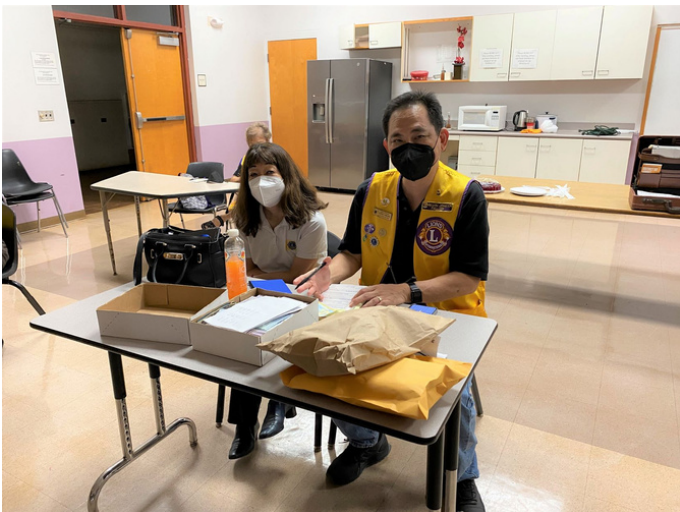
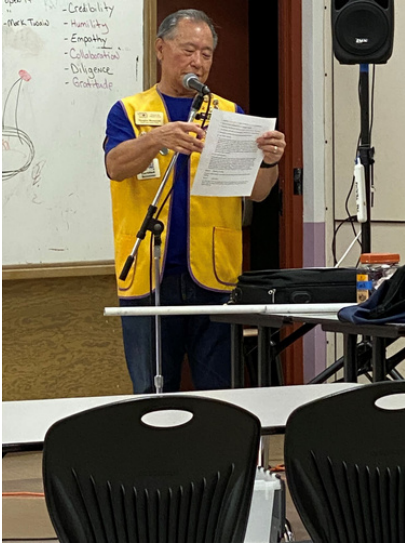
PC Lions stay safe with upcoming holidays.

Thanks,
Lion Tad





More Pictures from 11/23/2022 GMM



*Merry
Christmas!*

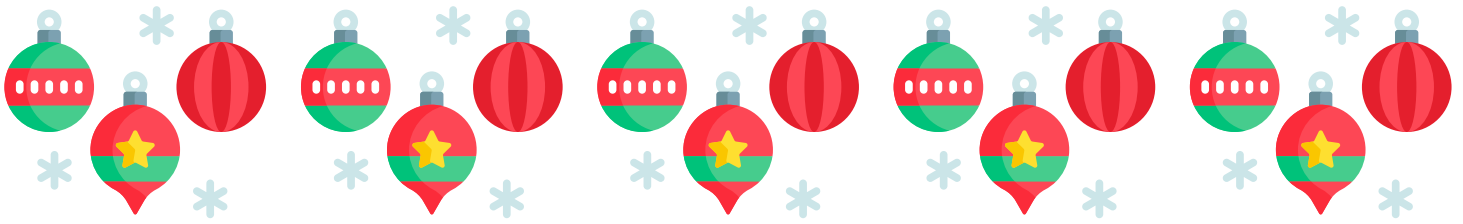


ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S (NOV 5, 2022) BY LION BRIAN AKIMOTO

Pearl City Lions volunteered at the Walk for Alzheimer's on Nov 5, 2022. Members cheered and thanked participants during the Walk. Proceeds from participants benefitted the Alzheimer's Association research for the cure. Taiko drummers created excitement just prior to the start of the walk at 9:00am. About 2,000 walkers consisting of men, women, boys, girls, and babies enjoyed this sunny and pleasant tradewind morning at Magic Island Ala Moana. Since the course was about a mile, many walkers went around twice. Also cheering for walkers were PDG Nadine Nishioka, Dr Jim Yamashita, and 2nd VDG Dr Lori Inouye-Yamashita of Manoa Lions Club. (3 Lions, 7.5 hours)





ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

LEGACY SIGN MAINTENANCE (NOVEMBER 26, '22) BY LION GABBY BALAIS

It was a nice and cool morning on November 26. The Naupaka plant and surrounding grass grew considerably since last time and was in need of some trimming. Lions Vaughn and Baron were the first to arrive onsite, with Vaughn getting a head start on trimming the Naupaka plant and Baron cutting the grass with his weed whacker. Lion Gabby then showed up followed by Lion Jerry who had his hedge trimmer on hand. After cleaning up, there was some time for fellowship and just 'talking story'. We talked about cars and one of the things that came up during our conversation was...Did you know some new cars do not come with spare tires?

Thank you to all the Lions that provided assistance on this project...Jerry Nagatani, Vaughn Miyauchi, Baron Yamashita and Gabriel Balais.



Left: Before Photo of Pearl City Welcome Sign.



Right: Group Photo and Pearl City Welcome Sign after work performed.



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

Instagram:

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**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

December Anniversaries

Charlene Caraang & CIS
Wayne Morinaga & CIS Janice
Antonio Velasco & CIS Farrah

December Birthdays

Jits Fujimura
Daryl Hu
Kenneth Johnson
Xiomara Schiller
Stanley Wachi



Mahalo!

Foodbank Update By Lion Gerald Hirata



Aloha Pearl City Lions. Thank you for your generous donations to the Hawaii Foodbank in November. Lions Larry Veray and Lions Linda and Tad Tsuruma donated 30 pounds of food. Lions Brian Akimoto, Gerald Hirata, Curtis Lee, Wayne Morinaga, Raymond Nii and Lisa Yasuda contributed \$435 in checks. We also collected \$41.82 from anonymous donors. These donations were delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank on November 18 to a very appreciative Laura Kay Rand, Vice President and Chief Impact Officer.

If you intended but missed sending in a donation in November, you'll have another opportunity through December 15, 2022. We'll also gladly accept additional donations if you feel the urge to give more. The Pearl City Lions Club will be contributing \$200 in December.

There are so many people who need assistance through no fault of their own. Let us open our hearts, checkbooks and kokua. Mahalo!

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

Lion Tamer

Paul Kudo

Director 1-year

Stanley Wachi

Director 1-year

Gerald Hirata

Director 2-year

Jerry Nagatani

Director 2-year

Alice Kudo

Immediate Past President

Guy Inouye

Membership Chair

Guy Inouye

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Membership Members

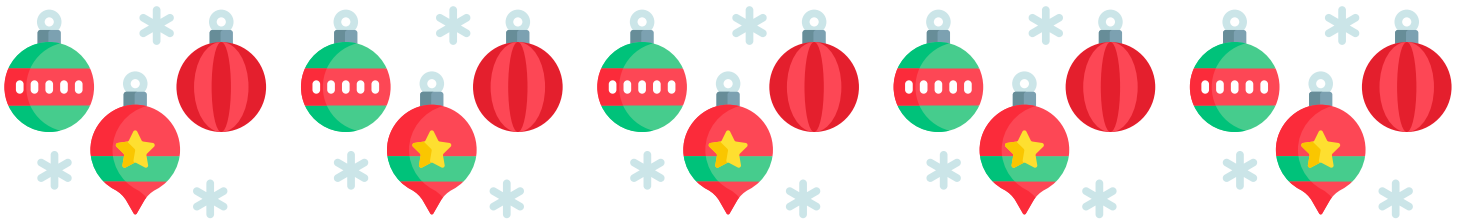
Wayne Morinaga

Glenn Yokoyama

Bulletin Editor

John Gephart





Christmases in Pearl City by Lion Ira Tagawa

It was the wee hours of Christmas eve at Hoolala Street in Pearl City. Some of the residents' homes were nicely decorated with twinkling lights, wreaths, poinsettias and cartoon character boards. All was calm as Lion Leo woke up extra early that morning. Someone had been stealing vegetables and fruits from his yard, and he wanted to catch the culprit. Sure enough, he saw a silhouette of someone helping himself to lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes and tangerines.



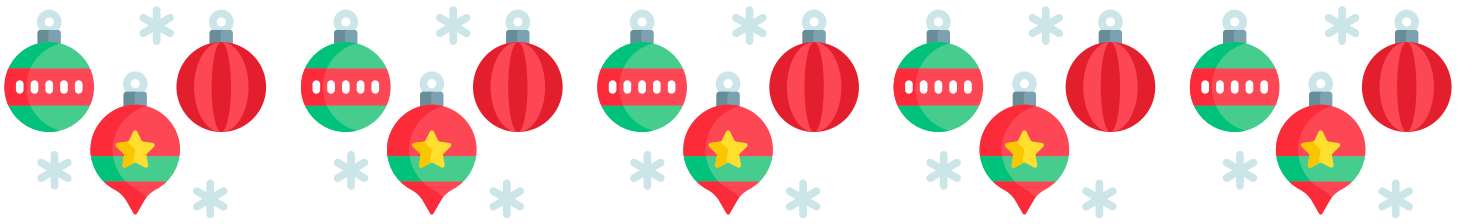
He looked like an ordinary guy, not a thief, so Lion Leo decided not to call the HPD. Lion Leo confronted the man, who had a sad, apologetic look. He explained that he was deeply sorry for helping himself to Lion Leo's prized vegetables. He said that he was a homeless person with 2 kids living in a van up on Waimano Home Road. He had recently lost his wife in an automobile accident when a drunk driver ran a red light. He also lost his job when his boss abandoned the company and left nothing for the employees. He was desperately trying his best to feed his young family.



Lion Leo was a compassionate soul who believed in helping others. He invited the man to a hearty breakfast, packed food for him and said that it was okay to help himself to whatever was growing in the yard. For the next several weeks, the man continued to harvest food from the garden. Always, he left thank you notes with inspirational messages. The notes would always end with the message: "Thank you for your kindness. I will repay you someday. God bless you." The charitable harvests stopped after several weeks. Lion Leo wondered what happened to the family.

Now it was Christmas eve again, a year later. A UPS delivery truck stopped at Lion Leo's residence to drop off several boxes. The boxes contained a bountiful Christmas feast. There was roast turkey, lau lau, ham, poke, sashimi, sushi, steak, tako, pumpkin pie, wine and Christmas gifts. A note attached to the boxes read:

"Dear Leo, when we first met, it was a most difficult time in my life. I was homeless with no savings, and working at odd jobs to feed my 2 kids. Life was hard, but I never gave up hope that someday I would again live a comfortable and happy life and keep my family fed. Thanks to you and other kind and compassionate souls, life got better. Pearl City Lions and strangers brought food for us. I used to pray every day after work at the Pearl City Congregational Church, grateful for the help that I received and hopeful for a brighter future for my kids. I did not attend Sunday church services because I



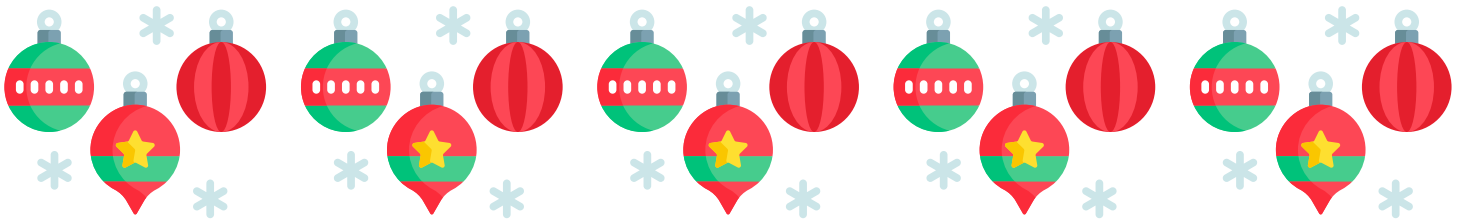
Christmases in Pearl City contined...

did not want anyone to see me in my old clothes. When I prayed in the evenings, I sometimes noticed a distinguished looking gentleman praying too. I avoided him because I was embarrassed. Apparently, he noticed me and found out all about me. He learned about my unfortunate turn of events and my struggles to earn a living. He was also touched that I had a close and loving family, and that my kids were honor students at Momilani Elementary School. It turned out that the gentleman was an executive at First Hawaiian Bank. He moved us into an apartment, gave us a new car, and hired me at the bank. After a few months, I was able to comfortably make ends meet. It was because of this gentleman and you that life is much better for us now. I think of your kind gestures every day. God bless you. With heartfelt gratitude, I wish you and your family a very joyous holidays,”

This is just a fictitious story, but I hope it conveys the true spirit of Christmas, a time for giving and appreciating all the bounties of life.

Merry Christmas to all!





BLOOD DONATION BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI



For the month of November, Lion Tom Fujita donated 2 pints of either plasma or platelets and his blood donation count is now up to 39 pints. Thank you Lion Tom.

At this writing, I am still gathering information for December and have found that Lion Clarence Nishihara has already donated for December and I plan to donate later in December.

Thank you Lions! We are making a difference in the blood shortage!

Merry Christmas to you all!



It's back for a third year. This December, whenever you donate blood, Blood Bank of Hawaii will make your generosity go further by providing a meal to Hawaii Foodbank. Give to two important charities with one donation. Visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770 to schedule an appointment.

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Please provide our Lifesaver Club group code **2743** to the BBH staff when you arrive for your appointment at any location.

Secretary's Board Bits by Lion Brian Akimoto

- Approved \$100 donation for Toy for Tots Collections at Momilani Community Center
- Approved \$200 donation to Hawaii Foodbank
- Accepted resignations of Lions Jane and Mel Asuncion
- Scheduled new member induction of Carol Murakami at Dec 15 GMM



Tail Twister Says by Lion Vaughn Miyauchi

Tailtwister says: "For the December 15 meeting bring a present that is under \$2. Also, be prepared to share something about a Christmas experience. Merry Christmas!"





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: Larry Veray

CIS Luncheon Committee: Linda Tsuruma

Environmental Committee: Gabby Balais

International Committee: Vaughn Miyauchi

New Member Spotlight

CAROL MURAKAMI

SPONSOR: LION ANGELA HO

My name is Carol Murakami. I was born and raised on Oahu. I have been a resident of Pearl City for most of my life.



I am married to my amazing husband "Art" and we have one daughter, Brianna. We are all proud graduates of Pearl City High School! Brianna is currently attending UH Manoa.

I have been in banking my entire career. As a child, I knew I wanted to work in a bank when I grew up. I enjoy working with people and making a difference.

I love spending time with ohana and friends. I find joy in parties, parades, eating and all kinds of crafts.

My mission in life is to share happiness and make a difference.

I want to be a Lion to help make a difference in our community and in the lives of the people we encounter.

Mahalo! I am looking forward to serving beside you and making a difference in our community.





DECEMBER PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB SCHEDULE

Dec 3 -- PCLC Christmas Party (5:30pm-8:30pm)

Dec 4 -- Pearl City Christmas Parade

Dec 15 -- General Membership Meeting at PCC

Dec 21 -- Board Meeting at PCCC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE!

Jan (VARIOUS): Amblyopia

Jan 7: PC Legacy Sign Maint.

Jan 11: GMM at PCC

Jan 14/21/28: Walmart

Valentine's ticket sales

Jan 17: Zone Meeting

Jan 18: Board Meeting/PCCC

Jan 25: GMM at PCCC

Jan 27-28: D50 3rd Cabinet Meeting at KMC (Big Island)

Feb 11: Valentine's Breakfast

Feb 20: Great Aloha Run

April 15: Appreciation CIS Lunch at Gytaku

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Christmas Party PC Highlands El 530p-830p
4 Pearl City Christmas Parade	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 GMM @ PCC 630pm	16	17
18	19	20	21 Board Meeting @ PCCC, 7pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28 NO MEETING	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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PDG Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip

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FROM THE EDITOR



MERRY CHRISTMAS! Aloha Pearl City Lions! Welcome to the December 2022 issue of Perci Roars!!!

Please send in your experiences and help us make this the best newsletter in District 50!

Thank you for all your support with photos and activity/project reports.

Here are my daughters (Sydni and Averi) with "Santa" at a past PCLC Christmas Party!

Take care Pearl City Lions and see you soon!



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



Lions Clubs International



SAVE THE DATE #1 - FEBRUARY 11, 2023



VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER BY LION RAYMOND NII

After a two-year pause due to the pandemic, our Valentine's breakfast fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Pearl City High School Cafeteria. Pre-planning for the event is underway and we will need all hands-on-deck to be able to pull off our largest fundraising project of the year for our club. The breakfast will be an in-person event with dine-in and take-out options. We will be having a full complement of events at the breakfast: Country Store, Plant Sale, Orchid Sale, Pearl City High Robotics Team demonstration, etc. Funds raised during this event will be used to fund our activity service projects throughout the year.

Tickets will be \$8.00 each with each member receiving 30 tickets to sell. To help you with your breakfast ticket sales, Walmart Pearl City has agreed to let us sell tickets on three consecutive Saturdays in January (January 14th, 21st, & 28th). Also, plans are underway to 'walk the neighborhood' with the Boy Scouts from Troop 75 as they also volunteered to help with our ticket sales as well.





SAVE THE DATE #2 - FEBRUARY 20, 2023



GREAT ALOHA RUN BY LION RAYMOND NII

The Great Aloha Run will be held as an in-person race once again on Monday, February 20, 2023 (President's Day). The Pearl City Lions Club will be responsible for setting up, overseeing, breaking down, and cleaning up the 2nd Water Station along the race course (same race course: Aloha Tower to the Aloha Stadium).

We will need your support with the prep work on Sunday morning, February 19th and on race day. Proceeds from this project goes into our activity account which funds our community service projects throughout the year.





SAVE THE DATE #3 - MAY 13, 2023



ANNUAL CHARTER INSTALLATION BANQUET BY LION GUY INOUE

Our annual Pearl City Lions Club Installation Banquet will be held on May 13, 2023, Saturday at the Waialeale Country Club restaurant! Please be sure to reserve the date, since it is one of the highlight events that wraps up our year and installs our incoming officers and directors. We also invite the District Governor and other District officers to help us commemorate a fun and fruitful year. There will also be raffles and other fun activities, not to mention the reputation of the Waialeale restaurant's great food. Please save the date and more information will be available as we approach our important and fun filled Charter Installation Banquet!

Aloha and Mahalo look forward to seeing all of you! Sincerely, Lion Guy



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