



LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

Upcoming Cabinet Meetings

Apr. 27 - 29, 2023

Cabinet Meeting & District
Convention
Ala Moana Hotel

Club Charter Anniversaries

Feb. 5

Kailua Kona Lions Club - 1970

Feb. 13

Koolaupoko Lions Club - 1941

Feb. 19

Koloa Lions Club - 1958

Feb. 21

Kalakaua Lions Club - 1951

Feb. 28

Kauai Lions Club - 2016

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Hawaii Kai
Kamehameha
Kapahulu Moiliili
Kapolei City

District Governor's Message

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

Please join me and CIS Joyce at our D50 Convention on April 27 - 29, 2023.

The committee did a great job to reduce cost despite rising costs.

Whereas past Friday fun nights cost \$75, we reduced cost to \$55.

Whereas past Saturday DG Banquets cost \$75, we reduced cost to \$60.

For the first time at recent conventions, CIS Joyce will conduct activities with non-Lion CIS in a separate ballroom so bring your significant other. Local craft kumus will teach you how to make lauhala bracelets, feather flowers or kukui nut tops.

Neighbor island Lions should not get a rental car if you are only going to and from the hotel. Oahu Lions will pick you up. I will pick you up.

Due to post-pandemic higher operating costs, many businesses are saying sorry we can't donate \$ as in past. So we need YOU to attend and please purchase an ad for the convention souvenir book to help us break even. A "yellow page" of business cards will help Lions seek your service.

We received requests to bring our children and grandchildren to the convention. This is a great idea. We need to accommodate Lions who are parents if we want them to participate so we are checking children prices. For example DG Banquet is free for keiki 4 years and under and 1/2 price for 5 to 10 years old. Let us know if you want to bring your children and grandchildren.

Don't delay. The Convention promotion package including registration and ad forms were emailed in October 2022 and posted on the D50 website hawaiiilions.org We need your size so we can order a Lions safety vest for you.

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 Kahawai

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PDG Angie Haramoto,

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ID Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip

Submissions

Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the
March issue by Feb. 25, 2023 to:
d50leoliona2022.2023@gmail.com

GAT's Best Practices

with

PDG Cecelia Izuo

Zoom Webinar Monday, Feb. 27 @ 6:30 p.m.



"Lion Speed Course"

with

Lion Michelle Johnson
Lions Club of Kona

D50 HAWAII LIONS
PRESENTS



VALENTINE'S *Party*

FREE ADMISSION

February 11, Saturday
SIGN IN STARTS AT 6:30PM
GAMES BEGINS AT 7PM

GAMES | PRIZES | FELLOWSHIP

Zoom information will be emailed. Must be past/present/CIS member to join. Email your RSVP with your mailing address, phone number, & club name to mark.rdespault@gmail.com by 2/4/23. SORRY, No late registrations.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2023 9AM-11AM



KAHALA ELEMENTARY
4559 Kilauea Avenue



GOING GREEN

WE NEED YOUR KOKUA!

As Custodians of our Aina, please help us by stopping by and dropping off your E-Waste Recyclables. - M A H A L O!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Computers, printers, scanners - 1 load maximum
1 TV per car
HI-5 Beverage containers
Batteries, AUTO - LEAD ACID ONLY
Canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank
Gently used clothing ONLY
Used eyeglasses & hearing aids
Prom dresses & accessories
Pets- towels, blankets, food

Free towing of unwanted cars
call (808) 291-6151



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**District 50 Hawaii
Lions Clubs**



**Celebrating 97 Years
of Community Service
in Hawaii**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1/22/23

GOING GREEN

E-Waste Recycling

**Saturday February 4, 2023 9am-11am
Kahala Elementary 4559 Kilauea Avenue**

GOING GREEN will provide free recycling of e-waste like computers, monitors, printers, scanners, and a limit of 1 TV per car. You can recycle only lead acid batteries (car/boat batteries), HI-5 plastic and aluminum beverage containers, used eye glasses and hearing aids, usable clothing, prom dresses, women's business apparel and accessories, blankets and towels for pet clinics, and canned goods for the Hawaii Food Bank.

The public can drive through all event's parking lot, and be greeted by cheerful and helpful volunteers who will unload vehicles of donations of recyclable materials, knowing that nothing goes into the landfills. So exciting, gratifying and planning Earth is Happy!

RECYCLABLE ITEMS ACCEPTED

Computers, monitors, printers, scanners • One TV per car • ONLY PLASTIC & ALUMINUM HI-5 beverage containers • BATTERIES -ONLY AUTO & BOAT- LEAD ACID BATTERIES • Usable clothing only for United Cerebral Palsy • Used eye glasses and hearing aids for Hawaii Lions District 50 • Prom dresses, accessories for Bella Project • Canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank • Pet food, towels, blankets for Poi Dogs and ~~Popoki~~ / Oahu SPCA • For Free towing of unwanted cars, call (808) 291-6151

SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS

Metal • Tires • Paint • Microwave Ovens • Cooking Oil • Motor Oil • Ink Cartridges • Toners • Hazardous Fluids
• Cardboard • Paper • Plastics • Wood • Bulky Items • No Household Items, Only Clothing

The Going Green Community Recycling Clean-Up Program started in 2012 which evolved after 8 successful years starting out as Aloha ~~awa~~ Earth Day in 2004, and now in its 18th year of providing FREE RECYCLING EVENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION call **Gavin Hall** (808) 222-8000 or email gavinhall808@gmail.com

Find out more about the Hawaii Lions and becoming a member by visiting the website

www.hawaiilions.org



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

Valentine's Bowling

Join us for an opportunity to win a Valentine's gift basket!

Schofield Bowling Center

557 Burr Place

Saturday, February 4, 2023

1:00 P.M.

(Please let us know in advance if you may run a bit late.)

\$8.00 for two bowling games

\$3.00 for shoe rental

\$3.50 for socks if needed

Food and drinks available at the snack bar

RSVP by Wednesday, February 1, 2023:

Directions: If you don't have a military ID, enter via Lyman gate (the **second** gate to Schofield from Wilikina Drive and Kunia Road). For a visitor's pass, go to the right lane, and present your driver's license, and proof of car insurance, car registration and safety check. Be prepared for your car to be searched before issuance of the visitor's pass (valid for a year). To go through this process, please leave home a half hour earlier than usual. Once on base, take a right at the second traffic light onto Humphreys Road. Then, pass the next intersection (Kolekole Avenue). Immediately after, the bowling center will be on the right hand side.



Global Action Team

February 2023

Lion David Iwana

Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) is scheduled for February 18-20, 2023 at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center in Honolulu. We are still accepting applications. The application form (available on hawaiilions.org) may be emailed, with the registration fee of \$125 (payable to District 50 Hawaii Lions) mailed separately. Submit application and fee to Lion David Iwana.

Lion Tony Tassillio

Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here are some reasons why Lions leave:

- Poor Club leadership
- Lack of proper screening for quality members.
- Improper induction ceremony.
- Inadequate orientation of the new member.
- Non-fulfillment of sponsor's responsibilities.
- Insufficient attention to members (new & old).
- Lack of friendship or fellowship.
- Misjudgment in committee appointments and improper use of talents.
- No meaningful club projects.
- Clubs do not measure up to expectations.
- Boring meetings – too formal and inflexible.
- Wrong meeting time and/or place.

Sound familiar? If we fix these concerns, there is less chance of Lions Leaving. Easier to retain than to recruit.

Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui

Global Service Team Coordinator

As of January 3, 2023:

District 50 Service Activities Completed: 2138

Volunteer Hours: 32,263

People Served: 680,681

Funds Donated: \$60,257

Funds Raised: \$82,046

Lions club Reporting: 39/55=71%

LEO club Reporting: 6/30=20%

(Hilo Crescent City/Kaimuki/Kona/Mililani/
Moanalua/Roosevelt)

TOTAL % Reporting: 44/84 =53%

If all Lions and Leo clubs reported: 64%

Winners of the Region level Best New Club Project:
TBA at KMC

3 Clubs that have done community service
projects in all 5 areas of service:

Honolulu Chinatown, Honolulu Waikiki 2000, and
Mana Loa Nimitz

7 Clubs that have done community service
projects in 4/5 areas of service:

Akaka Falls, East Kauai, Haleakala, Hilo Hawaii
Lions Unlimited, Hilo Waiakea, Honolulu Ala
Moana, and Kahului

8 Clubs that have done community service
projects in 3/5 areas of service:

Honolulu Aloha Pono, Honolulu Hawaii Kai,
Honolulu Kamehameha, Kahaluu, Kapolei City,
Hilo Crescent City, Waikoloa and Kauai

Consider making a donation to the Hawaii
Diabetes Association and the Pediatric Cancer Unit
at Kapiolani Women's and Children's Center if you
need to do a diabetes or pediatric cancer project.

9 Lions and LEO clubs have done projects but not
reported them. Please report your projects or
contact Lion Gavin Hall for help.



Spotlight on Lion David Iwana

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator Lion David Iwana is a proud member of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club since joining in March 2013. He was invited to join this neighborhood club by Lion Ron Goong, after mentioning to a friend, a Lion in another club, that he would like to be involved in a community organization. David was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 1973, earning a degree in Social Science-Psychology. He and his wife CIS Iris have enjoyed their marriage of 42 years, raising their son Brian and daughter Alyse. Recently, they celebrated in Japan with Brian and wife Yirong, the first birthday of granddaughter, Mila.

Lion David started his working career as a teacher with a K-8th grade credential. His next career move was to a commercial insurance broker. He transferred from the California office to Hawaii in 2002, where he retired in 2008.

Once joining the Lions, he immediately assumed leadership responsibilities that of club officerships, including president.

Eventually he was a District 50 Zone Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Hunger Chair. He currently is a Hawaii Lions Foundation trustee and the Global Leadership Team Coordinator. Lion David has been on the faculty of several Lions Leadership Institutes. His most challenging responsibility is organizing a local Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) to be held in February 2023.

With all his life experiences, Lion David feels his best memories are with his family and working in the community alongside fellow Lions. His proudest Lion moment was when he learned, after supporting the club project to install a rescue tube at China Walls, a Honolulu life guard advised that it actually saved a distressed swimmer by keeping him afloat until emergency services arrived.



Hawaii Kai Lions with rescue tubes.

Next month:

*Spotlight on Second Vice District Governor Candidates
Lion Wendell Hosea & Lion Sean Benito*



**ADVANCED LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
ALLI

Feb. 18 - 20, 2023

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center

What Makes a Good, Compelling Photo for Publicity?

Here's a guide to help you photo-bugs level up in producing great visuals for posting on your social media platforms, and for use in our D50 publicity, website, Facebook, and for news media submission.

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos, Public Relations



SHOW ACTION & TELL A STORY: A picture is worth a thousand words, right? That's because a good photo tells a story. Someone is doing something and the beholder of the photo can immediately discern what that is. As an editor of various media, the dreaded "grip and grin" in which a person receives an award or a handshake is a common photo to shoot. However, we'd prefer those who received the award **in action**, performing the feat that earned the honor. Lions are known for their service, so show them in action.

ORIENTATION: Landscape (horizontal) vs. Portrait (vertical):

This all depends on your subject, composition and what medium you wish to display. With the advent of smartphones, it seems natural to shoot photos & videos holding the phone vertically. But for mediums like television or YouTube, news stations require photos & video in landscape/horizontal position so that the subject matter can fill a TV screen. Consider displaying a vertical image, it will have enormous black bars to the left & right of the action, and where the photo is positioned center of screen, the size of the shot would be reduced in size. As for social media platforms such as your club's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram...the orientation doesn't really matter as the mediums adjust to the photo's dimensional size.



On the D50 website when we import service project news postings from Clubs Facebook pages, we use horizontal photos as a featured image. If you're shooting vertical, also include several good-looking horizontal shots.

FROM LCIF PUBLIC RELATIONS - PHOTO TIP GUIDE

STRATEGIZE: Holding a pancake breakfast? Haven't you seen plenty of photos of Lions flipping pancakes? We have and we prefer something different. Find a cute child and pile his plate high with pancakes. Tell him to dig in and zoom close. You might get an instant classic. The point is that you have to plan beforehand. Come up with four or five good ideas on what will constitute a good photo. Don't leave it to chance.

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STAGE A PHOTO: This is connected to props, strategizing and telling a story. You may think obviously staged photos are bad, but magazines use them all the time—with stunning effect. When Sports Illustrated did a story on the prevalence of players of small stature in college basketball they shot the players holding outrageously large basketballs. Less involved but still very much staged, when the sports magazine did a story on a woman in Georgia who started a soccer

team for needy immigrant children, the lead photo was not of the children running around a soccer field. That shows action but it's also indistinct. Instead the magazine showed the woman leaning out of the window of the team's brightly colored bus (a "prop") with the more than 20 players in their luminous yellow and green uniforms (another prop) sitting and standing in front of the bus or poking their heads from the windows. Not a masterpiece but very effective. How does staging translate to a pancake breakfast? Why not get three Lions in the same white oversized chef hats flipping the pancakes in the air in unison and in perfect (or as perfect as you can get) symmetry? Use your imagination. Take reality and dress it up for the camera. Don't just hope you can get a good shot. Make one happen.

FIVE TECHNICAL TIPS:

Get the light right - Early morning or late afternoon are the best times to make sure the sun doesn't darken faces or become too glaring. Otherwise, make sure the sun is not beaming down on your subject's back so his face is not shadowed. Looking into the sun will cause squinting, so keep the sun at an angle.

Hold the camera steady - Brace the camera against your forehead and press the shutter gently. Use a tripod if necessary for more stability. **AIM STRAIGHT!!**

Compose your subject - Forget what the ads say—don't just point and shoot. Take a look at the background and foreground in the viewfinder. What do you see and what do you really want to focus on?



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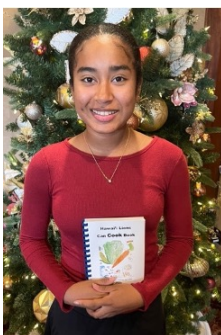
Take lots of photos - In the digital age, there is no excuse to be miserly in shooting pictures. Fire away, even when one shot seems the same as the last (a slight change in facial expression or a sudden movement can ruin or make a picture), and delete the lesser images.



Understand how your camera works - This may seem obvious but too many amateur photographers never rise above the rank of lowly amateur because they fail to understand their basic camera features. Read the camera's manual and become familiar with its settings. Know how to use the fast shutter for action shots, how and when to use the flash and how to activate the night mode (if there is one). If you're sending us the photo by e-mail, please remember to keep the camera setting at its highest resolution.

Lions Can COOK Book

Article and photo submitted by Lion Gary Nip



Purchase District 50 "Hawaii Lions Can COOK Book" for only \$15. The book of over 200 pages of recipes is the initiative of CIS Joyce Nip to showcase the culinary talents of our Hawai'i Lions and CIS. Proceeds will assist younger Lions to attend conventions and USA Canada Leadership forum. Proceeds will also support Hawai'i Lions Foundation.

The cover was designed by Moanalua High School Leo Aviana Nash pictured here.

1000 cookbooks have been sold/distributed in one month. Only 1000 cookbooks left; **there will be no second printing.**

Lions can purchase these books by contacting DG Gary or CIS Joyce.

Hawaii Kai

Lions Membership Open House

January 19, 2023

Submitted by Lion Gary Nip

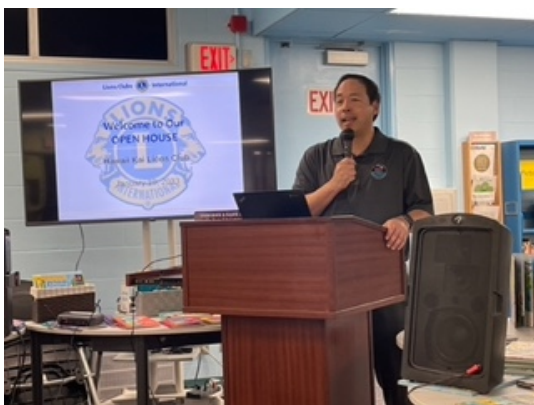
CIS Joyce and I were invited to attend the Hawaii Kai Lions Club Membership Open House at Hahaione Elementary School. Five prospective members joined the event and hopefully will consider attending a second meeting or a future club project.



Membership Chair Lion Kendrick Chang arranged this event where the public was invited to a pizza dinner and to learn about the club.



Prospective members were shown the new built-in office furniture recently completed by the Lions.



Principal Shannon Goo shared words of appreciation to the Hawaii Kai Lions.



Observations of a successful event:

- Hawaii Kai Lions were asked to invite a family member, neighbor, co-worker, church member or someone that may be interested in becoming a member.
- During the event, several members shared information via PowerPoint presentations.
- Time was allotted for socializing.
- The event was communicated to the public via weekly emails by the Parent Coordinators of the neighborhood schools.

What kind of events are your clubs hosting to recruit new members? Share your successful events with the rest of us.

Kamehameha

Kamehameha Lions Club In Action!

Submitted by Lion Arlina Agbayani



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The Pantry is a food distribution service for people in need that is operated by Feeding Hawaii Together, a Hawaii-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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1 Kamehameha Lions Club volunteered at the Community Resource Hub food distribution on Saturday, January 7th at Ke'elikolani Middle School (formerly Central Middle School). They also distributed clothing and hygiene to approximately 250 people. The food drive is held

every first Saturday of the month from 12 pm - 2 pm.

2 Donating food to a Senior Care Home in Honolulu.

3 Dropping off donations at the Palolo Chinese Home. "We Serve". Lions at work.

4 Lion Lyle Apo was recognized by The Pantry as "Super Volunteer". Lion Lyle loves to volunteer and help others. He has no desire in slowing down. Kudos to Lion Lyle for breathing and living "We Serve".



Kapolei City

"EYE" See You! Walmart Kapolei Wellness Day

January 14, 2023

Article & photos submitted by Lion Aimee Matsuura & Lion Puna Nouchi

Kapolei City Lions Club joined with the Walmart Kapolei Vision Center to have a Wellness Day to teach the community about diabetes awareness and eating healthy—perfect for the 2023 new year!



There was vision screening with the Walmart Vision Center, information from Project Vision Hawaii, blood testing for diabetes, Medicare insurance advice, and information on the U. S. Vets Hawaii.



The community was able to check their vision, get free eye-glass repair

kits and sunglasses, get healthy food options for diabetes handouts, get a Walmart healthy wellness kit, get free pens, pencils, food clips, Vision eyeglass cloth cleaners, and get more information to learn about their health.

There were even little helpers passing out diabetes information handouts—future Leo prospects in the



making! They got free eyeball stress balls, frisbees, stickers, and coloring kits from Candace Aglutay, the manager of the Walmart Kapolei Vision Center.



Kapolei City Lions Club is also in the works of recruiting Health and PE teacher, Tasha

Firestone who stopped by to volunteer! What a great way to serve and meet new people! The event was a success with high traffic, and it was great to see people making new year's resolutions to keep healthy! At the end of the event, Jazellyn Ikeda filled out an application for membership with our Kapolei City Lions Club. The community learned a lot about Diabetes Awareness and our club gained a new Lion!



14th Annual Lions in Sight

January 21, 2023

Submitted by Lions Lori Inouye-Yamashita & Jennifer Shintani

The dust, or should we say germs, from Covid somewhat settled and the "Lions in Sight" event became 'real time' statewide on Saturday, January 21st. After a two-year break, as Lions are a community service group, the D50 Lions did not hesitate to step up, rather they leaped forward and gave it their heart and soul..... for Lions, this is huge!



Lions set up used eyeglass and hearing aid collection sites at Walmarts across the state: Kapolei, Keeaumoku, Kunia, Pearl City, Mililani on Oahu; Lihue, Kauai; Kahului, Maui and Hilo and Kona on the Big Island. Lions were also at Kahala Mall, Longs at Kukui Grove Shopping Center and the KTA Super Store in Hilo and Waimea.

A total of 29 Lions clubs and 2 Leo clubs participated. These 146 Lions worked 546

hours together to collect 5,502 glasses, 60 hearing aids and \$236 in donations.

A w e s o m e results from smiling faces, Lions in high spirits, a Lion mascot that greeted and thanked the public for t h e i r donations



were spread across the State. This service provides a win-win for all. Rather than disposing used eyeglasses and hearing aids, we give them purpose; glasses are sent to developing countries where those who are not fortunate to have the vision care can see better after used glasses are graded. In the US we are not allowed to redistribute used prescription eyeglasses. Used hearing aids are turned in for parts in exchange for discounts on the calibration of audiology equipment



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used by the Hearing Screening team. In Hawaii used sunglasses are donated to the Seafarers Medical Clinic so foreign fishermen can have protection from the sun and the glare off the ocean.

We would like to thank the following clubs: Waikiki 2000, Honolulu, Kapa-Moi, Manoa, Leeward, Mana Loa-Nimitz, Moanalua, Chinatown, Palolo, Pearl City, Mililani, Oahu Central, L4L, Koko Head. Outer Island clubs made their presence known: Kauai - Koloa, West Kauai, Kapa'a, Kauai North Shore, Kauai,



East Kauai; Maui - Haleakala, Kahului, Mauna Kahalawai; Big Island - Aka Falls, Hilo, Hilo Crescent City and Leos,



Waiakea, Waimea, Kailua-Kona, and Kona. We thank all for their support and commitment to Service to make this event a success.

There were so many Lions and individuals that supported Lions in Sight, we wish to thank all of you. This event could not be a success without you.

Thank you also to Lion Irwin for the advertising and media coverage, Lion Thomas Palmer and Lion Justin Nip who took photos, the Stores and Malls that welcomed us, as well as all those Lions who set this program up with the vision to serve beyond Hawaii.

Kung Hee Fat Choy!

Kapolei City

Lions in Sight at Walmart Kapolei

Submitted by Lion Thelma Aiwohi

It was a beautiful morning at Walmart Kapolei. We put up our tables with signs and even had our cleaning station set up. Stopping by to visit were: Lion Jenn Shintani/Moanalua LC, Lion Janice Dawson/Kapa-Moi LC, DG Gary & CIS Joyce Nip and Lions Justin & Kendra Nip/Koko Head LC. WOW, how Awesome!

Also in attendance and a 'Big Mahalo' to our 9 Kapolei City LC members and 2 soon-to-be new members.





Kapahulu Moiliili

A Night in Chinatown

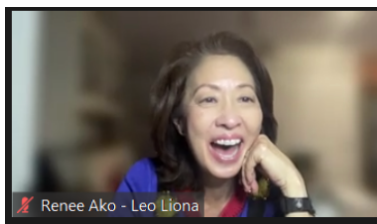
Submitted by Lion Lyn Liu

Kapahulu Moiliili Lions along with the McKinley Leos kicked off 2023 with a busy and successful Rainbow Shave Ice fundraiser at the Chinatown's New Year Celebration on January 14, 2023. Monies raised from these shave ice fundraisers allow Kapa-Moi to make donations to a variety of community organizations, including LCI, through the year.



News From the District 50 Fun-raiser Team

Submitted by Lions Peggy Oyama & Aimee Matsuura



Christmas Zoom Party - December 10, 2022

The District 50 Fun-raiser Team held the second state-wide Zoom Party on Saturday, December 10th with a Christmas theme! We had contests such as ugliest sweater, best Christmas tree/wreath, best ornament, a scavenger hunt, and played Bingo and Spin the Wheel!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Ugliest Sweater: Patricia Dunn, \$50 **Mad Bene Restaurant** gift card

Scavenger Hunt 1st place: Nip Family, \$50 **Kalapawai Café** gift card

Scavenger Hunt 2nd place (innovative/creative): Wayne Kuwaye, \$20 **KTA** gift card

2 Bingo winners: Patricia Dunn and Michiyo Kishiuchi, each won \$25 **Longs** and \$25 **Starbucks** gift cards

Most Sentimental Ornament: Colleen Hironaka, **Foodland** \$20 gift card

Cutest Ornament: Aileen Deese, \$20 **Foodland** gift card

Oldest Ornament: Pam Lee, \$20 **Foodland** gift card

Most Decorated Tree/Wreath: Aileen Deese, \$20 **Outback** gift card

Spin the Wheel winners: Aileen Deese, \$50 **Aloha Gas** gift card;

Wayne Kuwaye, \$20 **Tokkuri Tei** gift card; Gary Nip, \$20 **Wiki Car Wash** gift card

Spin the Wheel winners of **Big City Diner** Dessert gift cards: Thelma Aiwohi, Howard Deese, Justin Nip, Miu Lan Oman, and Treston Malone.

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Valentine's Party - February 11, 2023

Please join us for our next event, the Valentine's Zoom Party taking place Saturday, February 11, 2023, 7 p.m. (socializing starts at 6:30). Register by the Saturday, February 4th deadline by e-mailing your name, mailing address, phone number and club name to Lion Mark Despault. (Sorry, no late registrations). Then put on your "best date night outfit" and join us on February 11th! Registration is free. Registration closes soon, so please sign up ASAP.



Mahalo!

District 50 Fun-raiser Team: Thelma Aiwohi, Jeff Ching, Mark Despault, Aimee Matsuura, Puna Nouchi, Peggy Oyama



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 Rene Mansho Wahiawa Lions Club

Honored on 11/16/22 for successfully chairing the 2022 Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade. In the last two years, the Covid-19 pandemic limited the parade to sign waving on the sidewalks in Wahiawa. In 2022, the annual Veterans day parade returned to pre-pandemic fan-fare of marchers, marching bands, and vehicles. The planning and execution appeared flawless much to the delight of spectators that lined California Avenue.

Lion Martha Viloria Wahiawa Lions Club

Recognized on 11/16/22 for her hard work in coordinating meal preorders for every Wahiawa Lions Club meeting at Mango Street Grill. (Photo unavailable)



Lion Zone Chair Pam Young Mililani Lions Club

A first time Zone Chair who quickly learned the roles and conducted the responsibilities of the office. She held

timely Zone Advisory meetings and accurately reported via cabinet reports and meeting minutes. She attended all monthly zoom meetings with the DG which meant giving up tickets to a UH athletic event. Recognized on 11/16/22.



Lion Shari Ann Ogi Lions Club of Kona

Awarded on 11/21/22. She served as an important liaison to the Konawaena Leos, successfully organized Lion and Leo participation in this year's Ironman contest and serves constructively on the Lions of Kona Board of Directors.



Lion Michelle Johnson Lions Club of Kona

Recognized on 11/21/22 for her creativity, and organizational skills. From 'Gilligan's Island Fun Night' at the 2022 D50 Convention to the original 'Speedway Lion Orientation', she has an earned reputation as the go to person for big events.

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Lion Steven Kaneko
Lions Club of Kona

As the 10 year Treasurer, Steve managed every aspect of the club finances and accounting with masterful skill. We can also count on him for getting his hands dirty as he worked on a variety of cleanup and environmental projects. He received the DG coin on 11/21/22.



Lion Akinori Imai
Lions Club of Kona

On 11/21/22, he arrived 3 hours ahead of the meeting to set up and ensure the audiovisual equipment was working and ready for DG Gary to use in his presentation. He is the club photographer capturing many important events.



Lion Leo Polo
Kahului Lions Club

On 12/9/22 President PDG Joseph Pontanilla noted he is heavily involved with vision and hearing screenings in local schools.



Lion PDG Angie Haramoto
Kahului Lions Club

Awarded on 12/9/22. She is a go getter, gets things done, serves as the Club Secretary and many D50 positions.



Lion Frank Hamasaki
Haleakala Lions Club

Lion Prexy Lena Staton recognized Lion Frank on 12/9/22 as always active and supportive of the club. He has been a Lion for 56 years.



Lion PDG Marc Mizuno
Haleakala Lions Club

Awarded on 12/9/22. He is the club and zone secretary and recently received a Doctorate degree from Lions University.



Lion ZC Shauna Tanner
Maui Lions Club

Was recognized on 12/9/22 for doing all she can to keep Maui Lions Club active.



Lion Charlene "Mana" Moleta
Lahaina Mauna Kahalawai Lions Club

Was honored on 12/9/22 for serving her club so diligently as the Club secretary.

Lion Susan Remocaldo

Lahaina Mauna Kahalawai Lions Club

On 12/9/22, she was recognized for doing an outstanding job as the Club Treasurer.

(Photo unavailable)



Lion Sam Kong
Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions Club

Lion Prexy Brian noted on 12/10/22, Lion Sam has logged in countless hours cleaning Aiea area sidewalks, while recruiting new members.



Lion Dexter Aoki
Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions Club

Recognized on 12/10/22 for coordinating weekly projects and for recruiting many new members.



Lion Mel Tom
Kamehameha Lions Club

Awarded on 12/13/22 for designing the D50 Convention pin for every DG for the past many years.

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2023 Kilauea Military Camp Winter Forum

January 27 - 28, 2023

Article and photos submitted by Lion Gary Nip

After an absence of five long years, the 2023 Regions VII & VIII Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) Island of Hawaii Winter Forum returned in-person. In attendance was a crowd of 100 Lions, CIS and guests representing 28 Lions Clubs from Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island. Also in attendance was ID Bob Lee and CIS Lion Pam, PID Maurice Kahawaii and CIS Lion Lani, PID Bob Block and CIS Lion Brenda from Illinois and PID Bob and CIS Lion Jo Ellen Browning from West Virginia. (There was a lot of Bobs)

After a morning golf tournament on Friday January 28, 2023, Lion ZC Diane Kent officiated the opening ceremonies.



Guest speakers included inspirational speaker Dr. Kimo Alameda on Friday night, and Hawaii Volcano National Park Rick Hazlett on Saturday shown in this photo below. Mr. Peter Serafin led a hike through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Saturday. There was no cost to Lions for the hike due to the discount from the society and generosity of Lion Patrick Naughton (Waiakea Lions Club).



Nighttime excursions to the Kilauea Caldera to see the on-going lava flow was spectacular.



District 50 Third Cabinet meeting

was conducted on Saturday morning.

- Nominations committee reported that there are two candidates who have shown interest in running for Second Vice District Governor 2022-2023. They are Lion Wendell Hosea (Manaloa Nimitz Lions Club) and Lion Sean Benito (Hilo Crescent City Lions Club). Both candidates need to complete the requirements to be eligible to run.
- GST Coordinator Lion Dr Cedric Mitsui announced the winners (a Lions Club from each Region) who did a new project during July 1 to November 30, 2022.
- The winner of the Melvin Jones Fellow contest was Lion Adriel Lam of the Kaneohe Lions Club. Mahalo to Lion ID Bob Lee and CIS Lion Pamela for donating the \$1000 for the Melvin Jones fellow. Funds collected from the contestants will be used to help fund young Lions attendance at Lions Conventions or USA Canada forums.



Breakfast, lunch and dinner was cooked and served on site. Pictured are Lions Glenn Uchimura and Glenn Yano (Lions

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Club of Kona) carrying cooking equipment. Mahalo to Lions Club of Kona especially Lions Cliff Tanouye and Don Sasaki for arranging the meals.

PID Maurice Kahawaii (Lions Club of Kona) said a prayer before lunch.



Lions Frances Lum (Hawai'i Kai Lions Club), Lion Kobey Arai (Mililani L4L Lions Club) and CIS Joyce Nip served hot won ton mein. This was comforting in the cold outdoors sitting under the tents. Tents, tables and chairs were provided by Lion Wayne Kuwaye (Waiakea Lions Club). Many Lions from various clubs and islands helped set up, cook, serve, and wash dishes which made for great camaraderie.



Lion Brenda Block and Lion Agnes Tani sit and chat after a busy day of activities. There was a lot of catching up after not seeing one another in person due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Chair of the Board of Governors PDG Angie Haramoto led a discussion on a Long-Range Plan for District 50. Many good ideas were captured. Next step is a committee to include young Lions.

Saturday night included a D50 Forum Feud (similar to the popular game show Family Feud). Silent and live auction plus country store followed. The reverse bingo game led by Akaka Falls Lions Club made it a fun and profitable night to remember.



A hospitality room kept the party going to the wee morning hours.

Mahalo to KMC planning committee Co-Chairs Lion ZC Diane Kent (Akaka Falls Lions Club), Lion ZC Gail Dochin (Waimea Lions Club) and Lion ZC Jack Vore (Lions Club of Kona). Mahalo to the Lions and CIS of the Island of Hawaii for the great job of bringing back good food, fun and fellowship. I MUA



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INSIGHT & WHAT TO EXPECT

The festivities include our Annual General Business, Educational sessions, our guest speaker International Director Allen Snider and a Hawaii Lions Awards Luncheon in recognition of our over achievers.

A Thursday morning golf tournament starts the convention off. All evenings will conclude with dinner; Flag Ceremony Night, "The Greatest Showman Carnival", and the most prestigious event, the gala District Governor's Banquet.

The convention offers an ideal setting for reuniting acquaintances and making new friends. Lions also learn about other club and district projects, participate in elections, and make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters.

The most important part of our District Convention, however, is YOU – the Lions and Leos from around the state whose commitment to serving those in need remains constant in an ever-changing world. Our future is in your hands.

For many Lions and their families, attending the convention has become a yearly tradition.

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