



LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

Upcoming Cabinet Meeting

Apr. 27 - 29, 2023
Cabinet Meeting & District
Convention
Ala Moana Hotel

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Kamehameha
Kaneohe
Kapolei City
Kapolei High School LEOs
Koko Head
Manoa
Pearl City
Region II
Region III, Zone 1

Countdown to the D50 Hawaii Lions 87th Annual Convention!



District Governor's Message

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

In March 2023, District 50 was recognized with the Good Neighbor Award and in the Star Advertiser newspaper for our participation in the Honolulu Festival Parade. See more details in this Leo Liona.



Mahalo for all you do and be proud to be a Lion dedicated to the service of others.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

District 50 Convention

April 27-29, 2023 Thursday – Saturday

Location: Oahu - Ala Moana Hotel

Time: see schedule in this Leo Liona

Leo Conference

May 27-29, 2023 Saturday - Monday

Location: Oahu - Camp Homelani in Waialua

Time: TBD

Lions in the Park Family Fun & Membership Drive Public invited

June 17, 2023 Saturday

Location: Oahu - Ala Moana Park Sections 11 & 12

Time: Set up at 6am to 2pm.

HLF Golf Classic Fundraiser

June 30, 2023 Friday

Location: Oahu - Pearl Country Club

Time: 10:30am check in. Noon shot gun start. 6pm dinner.

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

ID Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip

Submissions

Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the

May issue by May 3, 2023 to:

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Club Charter Anniversaries

Apr. 01	Kapaa Lions Club - 1955
Apr. 03	Kalaupapa Lions Club - 1948
Apr. 14	Palolo Lions Club - 1953
Apr. 17	Hawaii Kai Lions Club - 1973
Apr. 22	Ewa Beach Lions Club - 1965 Koko Head Lions Club - 1947
Apr. 23	Kahului Lions Club - 1953
Apr. 26	Diamond Head Lions Club - 1965

Hawaii Lions Convention 2023 Transportation Committee

Volunteers Needed: Wed Apr 26 - Sun Apr 30

Transportation Leads (2):

- Welcome Neighbor Island Lions
- Coordinate pick ups at Airport or Event Area

Drivers (10+):

- Drive Lions to and from Airport/Event Areas to Ala Moana Hotel

Please use this link to volunteer:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Jm09TMnznJ>

Lion Bruddah Sean,
Transportation Committee Chair



The Fourth Monday

GAT's Best Practices with PDG Cecelia Izuo



Zoom Webinar

Monday April 24, 2023

6:30 p.m.

"Club President Training"

This session is open to all Lions interested in learning about the role of the Club President.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2023

- 7:54 am Golf Tournament until 12 pm
Waialeale Golf Course
94-200 Paioa Place Waipahu, HI 96797
- 12:00 pm Registration until 4 pm.
Ala Moana Hotel - Hibiscus Foyer
- 2:00 pm Cabinet Meeting until 4 pm
Ala Moana Hotel - Hibiscus Room
- 6:00 pm Flag Ceremony (doors open)
St. Louis Alumni Club House
916 Coolidge Street Honolulu, HI 96826
Parking also available at adjacent First Hawaiian Bank
- 6:30 pm Program followed by DG Team Reception until 8 pm

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

- 7:00 am Registration until 2 pm
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Foyer
Credentials
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Room
- 8:00 am General Session
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Room
Necrology Service - Lion Sue Saffery
Resolutions Committee - Lion Susan Moniz
Constitution & By-Laws Standing Policies - Lion Wendell Hosea
Elections
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Hawaiian Crafts for non-Lion CIS
Ala Moana Hotel - Ilima Room
- 12:00 pm Keynote Luncheon
Ala Moana Hotel – Garden Lanai
- 4:30 pm DG Banquet (doors open)
Pagoda Hotel - C'est Si Bon Ballroom
1574 Kanunu St Honolulu, HI 96814
Parking at Ross Dress for Less Parking Building on Kanunu St.
- 5:00 pm Program until 9:00 pm

FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023

- 7:00 am Registration until 2 pm
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Foyer
Credentials
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Room
- 8:00 am General Session
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Room
- 8:45 am Presentation by International Director
Allen Snider
- 9:30 am Service Project: Making Blankets for
Ronald McDonald House
- 10:45 am Hawaii Lions Foundation
- 12:00 pm Award Luncheon
Ala Moana Hotel – Garden Lanai
- 2:00 pm Project: Traffic Awareness Sign Waving
with Honolulu Police Department
Atkinson Drive fronting Ala Moana Hotel
Attire: Safety Vests
- 5:30 pm FUN Night: The Greatest Showman
Carnival until 9 pm
Ho'okupu Center
1125 Ala Moana Blvd. Unit F
Honolulu, HI 96813
Attire: Come in your carnival themed
apparel and enter our costume contest.

IMPORTANT!

Schedule is tentative and subject to change.



2023 WHAT'S IN STORE

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Lions take on Waikale Country Club with 24 players. Play format is Individual Score and tournament winner determined by Peoria System. Early Bird registration \$65/golfer by 12/15/22. \$75 thereafter. Green fee includes golf cart, water and snack. Registration form is in this convention promo pack.

Contact Brian Akimoto (808) 741-0636 or email bakimoto@hotmail.com for more information

4th QUARTER CABINET MEETING

The quarterly Cabinet Meetings come to a close for the fiscal 2022-2023 year. Officers and Committee chairs will report on their respective positions. Governing issues and other ideals are discussed during the forum. Here is where the leaders execute directives and challenge the membership on various topics. All Lions & Registered Guests are invited to attend.

FLAG CEREMONY & RECEPTION

We will honor, respect, and show our love for America by raising Old Glory. The flag ceremony will be held at the Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse promptly at 6pm. The Royal Hawaiian Band will open up the ceremony and Color Guard provided by the Saint Louis School JROTC. Our Keynote Speaker International Director Allen Snider is from Canada and his country's flag will be represented. Dinner reception to follow and is sponsored by DG Gary Nip, 1st VDG CJ Kalopodes, and 2nd VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita. Limited parking is available at the clubhouse. Additional parking also available next door at First Hawaiian Bank.

H A W A I I L I O N S C O N V E N T I O N 2 0 2 3

2023 **MORE IN STORE**

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GENERAL SESSION DAY 1

This annual convention is a vehicle for Lions in the State. At close to 1600 members, we come together on the first day of the General Session.

We will be introducing our LCI guests, covering credentials, convention rules, programs and Resolution Committee. There will be a special

presentation from International Director Allen Snider followed by the Hawaii Lions Foundation Meeting.

COUNTRY STORE

During the General Sessions, several Local Craft Vendors, and Pin Trader table will be set up in the foyer to browse and shop. Registration & Informational Lions booths will also be available.

SIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL

The "Sight is Beautiful" art competition has students from kindergarten through sixth grade all over the state creating posters. The Children are encouraged to place a greater value on their ability to see the world around them and that is the theme of their artwork. The words "Sight Is Beautiful" should appear only once on the face of the poster. For Hawaiian Immersion Schools, "Nani Ka Maka" is allowed in lieu of Sight Is Beautiful. Contest Winners' posters will be on display at the Convention.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Lions of District 50 Hawaii will attend the District Convention Awards Luncheon to recognize their peers and sister Lions clubs who have performed Herculean efforts to improve their local community. The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon by District Contest and Awards Chair Lion Gail Kono of the Leeward Oahu Lions Club.

H A W A I I L I O N S C O N V E N T I O N 2 0 2 3

2023 MORE IN STORE

TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGN WAVING

Lions partnering with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) will line Atkinson Drive and around Ala Moana Boulevard on Friday 4/28 2pm-4pm during rush hour to bring attention to Traffic Safety. Every attendee will get a Lions safety vest just by attending the convention.

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN CARNIVAL

This year's Fun Night: "The Greatest Showman Carnival" will be held at the Ho'o Kupu Center just minutes away from the Ala Moana Hotel. Expect the unexpected! Carnival Games abound including a Dunking Booth with guest dunkees; our Fearless Leader District Governor Gary Nip, International Director Bob Lee, PDG Kelvin Moniz, 1st VDG CJ Kalopodes, and 2nd VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita all willing to take a hit for the team! Come dressed up as the Greatest Showman and participate in the Costume Contest. Live Entertainment & Raffle are in the evening's festivities. We're dining Hawaiian!

Our Hawaii LEOs will be a huge part of this event and proceeds will go to support their members. Cost is \$55/person. Ride sharing will be available for those who need transportation.



H A W A I I L I O N S C O N V E N T I O N 2 0 2 3

2023 LAST DAY FINALE

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GENERAL SESSION DAY 2

In the General session we will start the day with our annual Necrology service honoring the lions who have passed during the past year, followed by the resolutions committee, constitution and by-laws, nomination committee and nominating speeches, followed by an election and acceptance speeches.

NECROLOGY SERVICE

We will pay our respect to the Lions who have passed during this past year. Plan to join us in tribute where we honor each member who have served others in their community.

RESOLUTIONS

The District Convention Delegates will recognize leaders and organizations from the world of business, community, government and also Lion members and Lions clubs deserving of recognition during its business session. There are twenty plus resolutions under consideration for the delegates to approve; i.e., for Governor of Hawaii, Mayor of Honolulu, Convention Hotel, International Lion dignitaries, District 50 Lions and Lions Clubs, ect...

District Governor Gary Nip appointed Lion Susan Moniz of the Leeward Oahu Lions Club to chair this District 50 Standing Committee, to identify and recognize outstanding individuals & organizations that aided District Governor Gary's successful year.

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2023 LAST DAY FINALE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER LUNCHEON

International Director (ID) Allen Snider who is our esteemed guest from Lions Club International. Hailing from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada ID Allen will present a motivational & inspirational speech to all who attend the luncheon.

He has 36 years of experience as a construction millwright and operating engineer at General Motors. Toward the end of his career, he also took on the position of mobile equipment manager. In retirement, he is farming garlic, lavender and sunflowers.

Read Director Snider's complete BIO @hawaiilionsconvention.com



DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET

The District Governor's Banquet will culminate the Convention festivities. This year's theme, "IMUA...MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER" the slogan of our 2022-2023 leader Gary Nip. Formal wear is suggested but not required on this evening held at the Pagoda Hotel's C'est Si Bon Banquet Hall. Out of all the celebratory events that transpire throughout the year, this is the MOST PRESTIGIOUS to attend.

Join us for the Annual District Governor Banquet where District Governor Gary will be presenting awards to Humanitarian of the Year, Lion of the Year, His DG Awards, and the Presidential & Leadership Awards, followed by the band "Next Level." Bring your Dancing Shoes!

H A W A I I L I O N S C O N V E N T I O N 2 0 2 3

HAWAII LIONS CONVENTION 2023

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FIRST TIMERS

COMPETITION

Is this your first or second District Convention? Are you fairly new to the organization? Come meet the leaders of District 50 by participating in the First Timers Competition. This is a fun, interactive game, run from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon, where new Lions seek out and meet the leaders of the district.

The leaders are asked to sign the "First Timers Sheet", and points are given for each signature. Points are tallied and prizes are given out on Saturday night. All clubs are encouraged to have their new members participate. Everyone is a winner, and even "seasoned" Lions who want to get in on the fun can play.

SEE LION KATHRYN CHUNG FOR THE FIRST TIMERS SHEET ON FRIDAY MORNING

International Director Allen Snider

ID Allen Snider will be our Keynote Speaker on Saturday, April 29th at the 87th Annual Hawaii Lions Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Hawaii Lions welcome International Director Allen Snider to the District 50 Convention. Allen Snider, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.



garlic (see photo above), lavender and sunflowers.

Director Snider became a Lion in 1981 when he joined the St. Davids and District Lions Club where he has since served multiple terms as club treasurer and president. At the district level, he served as district governor and held leadership roles on the Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. He is on the board for the Lions Home for Deaf People and

He has 36 years of experience as a construction millwright and operating engineer at General Motors. Toward the end of his career, he also took on the position of mobile equipment manager. In retirement, he is farming



was also Preservation Hearing Chair at MDA.

In recognition of his service, Director Snider has been honored with two International President's Awards and several International

President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship recipient, a Helen Keller Fellowship recipient and is a life member of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Director Snider is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Snider has been an Alderman for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a trustee for the Lincoln County Board of Education and is currently the Chair of the Committee of Adjustment for Niagara-on-the-Lake. He has also been a member of the local Royal Canadian Legion since 1977 and has received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Service Clubs in his community.

Director Snider's wife, Susan, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. Director Snider is also



proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended family.



Spotlight on

Lion Tony Tassillio

Lion Global Membership Team Coordinator Lion Tony Tassillio is a member of the Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club and became a Lion in August

2017. When asked why he became a Lion he said, "I've always served, and it was just the icing on the cake to serve Hawaii, our kupuna and our 'ohana."

Lion Tony was a member of the Waiakea Lions Club for four years and is currently an Associate Member. He was sponsored by Lion Paul Sebala.

Lion Tony was born in Hawaii and raised in Los Angeles. He worked for FedEx as a ramp/CTV freight driver for ten years and for Ralph's Grocery as a teamster transportation driver for twenty years. He has been married for 35 years to his beautiful wife Lion President Joy Tassillio. They have 3 children – Lion Leilani,

Leialohaioi and Kekoa. They also have four mo'opuna – Keona, Maile, Kalea, and Wyatt.

Lion Tony has served as a Director, Membership Director, Vice President, President (twice), Zone Chair, Sergeant at Arms (twice), Club Service Chairperson, Club LCIF Coordinator and Branch Liaison. He has brought in over 15 new Lions. Lion Tony has received numerous LCI, District 50 and club awards. He has also been honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow, Waiakea Lions Club Lion of the Year, D50 Stellar Club Award, D50 Membership Award, D50 Service Award, 2021 LCI Excellence Award and Global Service International Award while President of Waiakea Lions. Lion Tony has participated in Leadership Training and the Advance Leadership Training. He has also taught at the District level.

Lion Tony is proud to be a Christian, Hawaiian, Italian and Lion. He says, "The love that the kupuna and keiki give you after a project... when they embrace us, it's something very special."

Next month: Spotlight on Global Service Team Coordinator Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui

Lion David Iwana Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Lions Clubs should now be nominating and electing their 2023-2024 club officers based on their Constitution and By-Laws. One of the benefits of being a Lion is the opportunity to increase your leadership knowledge and serve in leadership positions. There are many positive outcomes for rotating club officers. LCI wants your new club officers reported not later than May 15. Officer training is being scheduled via zoom before officers take their positions on July 1, 2023.

Lion Tony Tassillio Global Membership Team Coordinator

"Gathering the Pride: Adding and Retaining Members" presented by Michael Foote at the 2021 USA Canada Forum:

1. Recruit by knowing your Lions facts, by dressing like your audience and by being genuine.
2. Find a prospective member's passion and tell our Lions story on what we do.
3. Retention. Sponsors to encourage new members to get involved with projects but don't do too much too fast.
4. If members can't attend general membership meetings, they should attend committee meetings.
5. All members need to be welcoming by talking to the new member.
6. Keep in contact and update those Lions who have not attended recent meetings.
7. Respect everyone's opinion especially if it differs from yours.

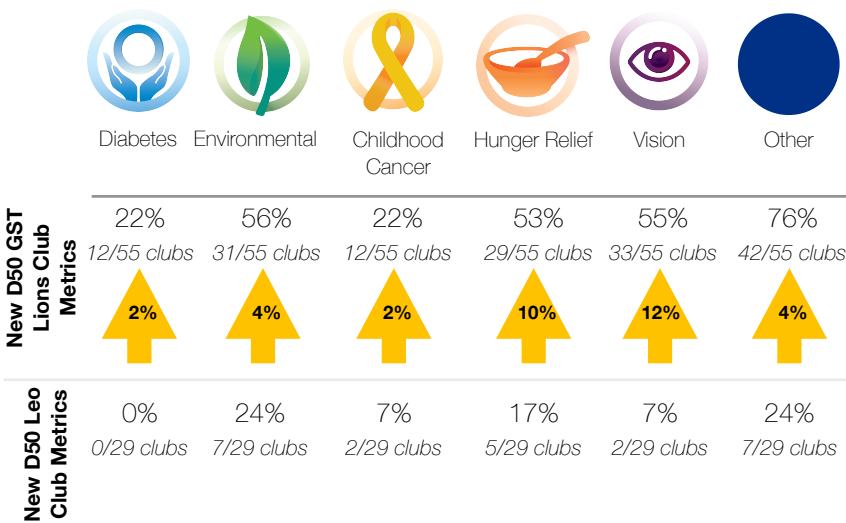
Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui
Global Service Team Coordinator

As of March 1, 2023

District 50:

2,819	47,145	900,450	\$123,041	\$152,830
Service Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	People Served	Funds Donated	Funds Raised

Cause Areas: Club Participation



Reporting:

Lions Club: 42/55
76.4%

LEO Club: 7/29
24.1%

Hilo Crescent City
Kaimuki
Konawaena
Mililani
Moanalua
Roosevelt
The Catalyst Club

Total: 49/84
58%

5

Completed 5/5 areas of service

7 clubs - 13%

Chinatown
Haleakala
Hawaii Lions Unlimited
Crescent City
Leeward Oahu
Mana Loa Nimitz
Waikiki 2000

4

Completed 4/5 areas of service

5 clubs - 10%

Akaka Falls
Ala Moana
East Kauai
Kahului
Waiakea

3

Completed 3/5 areas of service

11 clubs - 20%

Aloha Pono Koloa
Hawaii Kai Kona
Kahaluu Moanalua
Kamehameha Waikoloa
Kapolei City West Kauai
Kauai

7 Lions and LEO Clubs have done projects but not reported them, please report your projects or contact Executive Assistant Lion Gavin Hall for help.

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 a diabetes or pediatric cancer project.

Please continue to perform and report your community service projects!

District 50 GST Total Community Service Project Contest ended 3/31/23. Monetary prizes for top 10 Lions Clubs based on projects reported to LCI on MyLCI on 4/1/23.

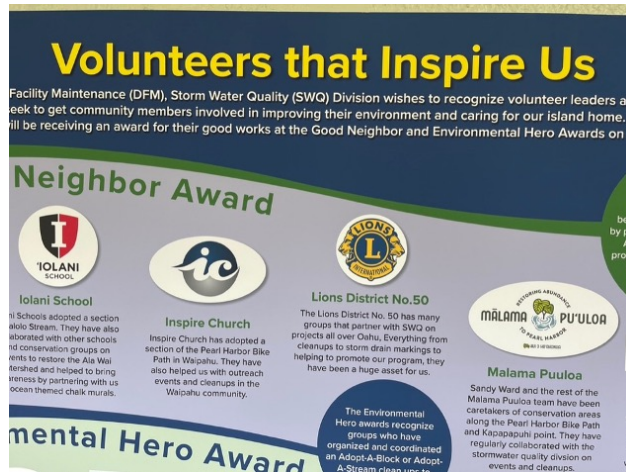
Good Neighbor Award

Article by Lion Gary Nip

Photo by Eric Kabik

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR WATERS.

On March 1, 2023, District 50 Hawai'i Lions received a Good Neighbor & Environmental Hero Award from the City & County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality Division. The City thanked all volunteers and program partners



that have worked together with the City and County of Honolulu to protect our waters.

The award recognized the hard work completed by the Moanalua, Chinatown, Manoa, Pearl City, Koko Head, Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Clubs and Leaders for Life Club Branch. The poster to the left is displayed on the ground floor halls of Honolulu Hale.

Honolulu Festival

Article by 2VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Photo by Craig T. Kojima

MARCHING & DANCING WITH A DRAGON!

On March 12, 2023, District 50 Hawai'i Lions marched in the Honolulu Festival parade which returned after several years of absence due to Covid-19. A bunch of Lions and Leos volunteered to march again and help a Japan group at the end of the parade with their dragon and also dance in front of the dragon. Crash course in learning the dance. After all, "We Serve".

Thanks to the Star Advertiser newspaper for recognizing District 50 Hawaii Lions in the center page, 95 years of service to the community in Hawaii.

Thank you to our District Governor Gary Nip and chair Lion Todd Kawamoto for getting the Lions involved with the Honolulu Festival Parade.



Club News

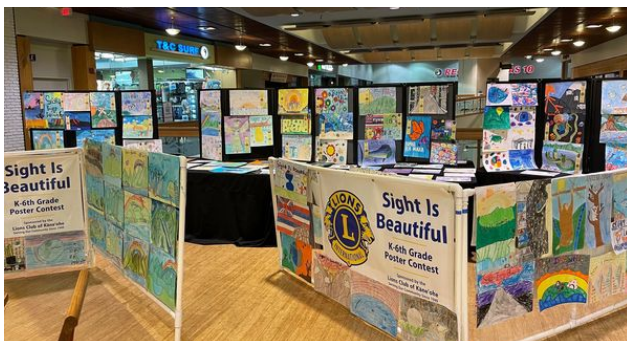


Pearl City Lions Club Annual Charter Installation Banquet Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:00 p.m. Waialeale Country Club Restaurant

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 Country Club Restaurant's great food.

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! Lion Guy



The Kaneohe Lions Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest entries were on display at Windward Mall from February 28th to March 7th.



Kaneohe Lions club members and affiliate members from Kamehameha Lions helped set up the display of all 237 entries from the six participating public and private schools in Kaneohe.



Kaneohe Lions feature presentation on "Hawaiian RV Adventures: Coast to Coast and Hawaii" was held on March 21, 2023. Members and guests learned about tips and resources for RVing on the mainland and in Hawaii.



Kamehameha Lions Club volunteers at the Troop movement at USO Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. God Bless, stay safe and thanks for your service.

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Kamehameha Lions Club volunteering at the **East Kauai Lions Club** Fundraiser.



Kamehameha Lion Lyle dropping off 50 pounds of rice at Palolo Chinese Home!

Koko Head Lions Club

“We Are Mighty Lions”

Submitted by Lion Gavin Hall

A KOKO HEAD LIONS CLUB TRADITION.

From time to time I have had someone ask about our club's closing song, *We are Mighty Lions*. Here is its story:

We are Mighty Lions was created by our longtime Koko Head Lions Member Stan Torricer. Although Lion Hiroshi Nishida and myself tweaked a word here or there, we both consider this song 100% attributable to Lion Stan, who has been a member since 1979.

Unfortunately, the year it was introduced has been lost to time, however, I do know it was sung at the meeting at my Grandfather's house in Aiea on his 98th Birthday. Lion Stan says his best guess is maybe 2006.

When visited by other clubs, it has been traditional to either have the other clubs shout their club name in alphabetical order (eg. Diamond Head, Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Koko Head!) or combine them by area (Region 5, Zone 2!).

Providing the words to the visiting Lions members (and guests) has allowed them to participate and join in the good feelings and togetherness that I think this song engenders.

I am very grateful to Lion Stan for introducing this song to us and helping us create a new tradition



that has continued on all these years and I believe will likely continue to be a Koko Head Lions Club tradition for the foreseeable future.

"We are Mighty Lions" **by Stanley Torricer**

We are mighty Lions,
All good old Lions too.

Now that we are Lioning,
We have so much to do.

When we are old and tired,
We cannot Lion no more,

So we're going to work our magic while we can.

Back to Homeland, **Koko Head!**
Happy Land.

We're going to work our magic while we can.



Great Aloha Run

Submitted by Lions Guy & Kathy Higa

111 VOLUNTEERS PUTTING IN OVER
450 HOURS!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with loading/unloading the box truck with boxes and boxes of finisher t-shirts and medals and set-up/clean-up, distributing shirts/medals/bags, stuffing bags with sponsor flyers, helping at the Alaska Airlines late registration and official GAR gear booths.

We also helped with set-up at Aloha Stadium after the expo closed on Sunday. We managed to set-up in between all the rain drops! During race day, we helped at the VIP tent and VIP parking. It was a very loooooong weekend, but well worth it. GAR donates money to so many deserving organizations.

Thank you to the Moanalua and Waipahu Leos. Thank you to the following Lions Clubs – Moanalua, Hilo Crescent City, Kapa-Moi, Leeward, L4L, Hawaii Kai, Hawaii Cyber.

Thank you also to the other organizations/



individuals who helped. We hope we didn't forget anyone, as we don't mean to exclude anyone or any club. Thank you again to the 111 volunteers who put in 463.75 hours!!!! You guys are awesome!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



District 50, Region II

Vision Screening at Barber's Point Elementary School

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 8:00 – 10:00 am

Submitted by Lions Sam Fisk, Puna Nouchi & Aimee Matsuura

A TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE FOR REGION II.

Lions Sam and Josie Fisk and Jeannine Camp from Ewa Beach Lions Club; Lions Candace Aglutay and Jazellyn Ikeda from Kapolei City Lions Club; and Lions Frank Nakamoto, George Lai, Phil Takaba, Winston Watarai, Mark and Ana Despault from Mililani Lions Club participated in a Region II vision screening at Barber's Point Elementary School. Also, Lion Sean Benito from Hilo Crescent Lions Club volunteered at the vision screening too!

This vision screening was an effective team building exercise for Region II after the long



suspension of service activity due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For Kapolei City Lions Club this was the first time that we went on-site since the Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020.

There was a total of 37 kindergarten children served and 5 children were referred for follow up. Lion Jeannine Camp, who will be taking over vision screening for Lion Sam Fisk, will be contacting the school to encourage action for those children who were referred to an eye care specialist. Everyone was happy to serve at the Barber's Point Elementary School vision screening!



Get Ready for the Lion Portal!

From LCI's *The Club Digest*, March 2023:

Make a smooth transition to the Lion Portal by making sure your Lion Account information is correct and up to date in MyLCI. Use this [link](#) to:

- Hear International President Brian Sheehan's message
- How to update your Lion Account information
- Frequently Asked Questions

LCI is targeting a mid-2023 launch with more details in the coming months.

Kapolei City Lions Club &
Kapolei High School Leo Club

E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei Community Work Day

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Submitted by Lions Puna Nouchi & Aimee Matsuura

PARTICIPATING IN OUR LARGEST COMMUNITY
WORK DAY!

Our Kapolei City Lions, Kapolei High School Leos, and other volunteers participated in the annual E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei Community Work Day on ten sites. The sites include Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club in Ewa, Hawaiian Homelands including Kanehili, Kaupea, and Kauluokahai, Kalaeloa Heritage Park, Kapolei High School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei Regional Park, Puuokapolei, and Villages of Kapolei.

Kapolei City Lions Ed Ryglewicz, Carmie Namocot, Elaine Lau, Neal and Puna Nouchi and Kapolei High School Leos Lupe and Aisa power washed and scrubbed the Kapolei High School G Building stairwell. After one hour, the two Leos were assigned to the Kapolei Regional Park. They joined the Kapolei High School ROTC volunteers, and they picked up rubbish, cut grass, pulled weeds, and replanted native plants. Other Kapolei High School volunteers painted concrete benches throughout the campus. Kapolei High School had 56 volunteers.



There was a total of 275 volunteers on the ten sites who were simultaneously picking up rubbish and cleaning our environment. Therefore, the impact of this work day affected about 16,000 people who live in our Villages of Kapolei and Hawaiian Homelands community including the parks and schools. This was the largest community work day our club has participated in!



Manoa Lions Club

Teach First Aid & CPR/AED to the Blind and Visually-Impaired? Yes We Can!

Submitted by Lion Kyle Laconsay

TRAINED 8 HO'OPONO "NEW VISIONS" STUDENTS

That is EXACTLY what PDG Garrett Ogawa, 1st VDG Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita and Lion Dr. Jim Yamashita of the Manoa Lions Club did last month in February, on Thursday, the 23rd. Eight students of the "New Visions" program at Ho'opono were trained in becoming certified, and D50 Secretary Lion Jeff Ching, joined in as well!

The students were able to get a hands-on 'feel' of how to do chest compressions on baby and adult manikins, and how to properly use an AED machine. They also learned how to stop bleeding with bandages and tie a tourniquet. These skills were all learned non-visually!

A slide presentation was given by 1st VDG Lori, with concurrent audio description from PDG Garrett, throughout the entire training. This was very appreciative and informative.

The Ho'opono "New Visions" students and I, highly recommend this training for EVERYONE to become certified. It was very easy to understand and told in *lay man's terms*. The certification is good for two years. It's important that anyone who can and is willing to learn CPR/First Aid/AED, does actually take the initiative. One never knows when you may be needed to save a life!

For those who are wondering, what IS Ho'opono and the "New Visions" program? Ho'opono is the Services for the Blind branch of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, under the Hawaii State Department of Human Services.

Our goal with each of our "New Visions" students, is to train them with alternative skills and techniques, (without using any vision), and ultimately, they can use what they have learned in our program, to return back to work, or find a job for the first time in their life. It's a daily, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., year-long program, that allows the blind



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and visually-impaired adults, (ages 18 years and older), to learn skills so they are able to live a full and independent life.

Students of the “New Visions Program,” are ALL expected to wear sleep-shades during their entire training hours. They do everything non-visually, which helps them “focus” on using all of their other senses. Thus, students learn “alternative techniques,” to doing their everyday skills, and they won’t be relying on their sight, if any.



The following is a brief description of the five classes of “New Visions”:

- Orientation & Mobility - students are taught how to properly use a white cane, so they can travel safely ANY where outside of their home, (on sidewalks, across streets, inside stores & buildings, through airports, etc..) Also, we travel together on field classes to restaurants, malls, beaches, camps and even to national conventions for the blind.
- Personal & Home Management - students learn how to cook a meal in a kitchen using knives & tools, stoves, ovens, BBQ grills, smaller appliances, etc. Other skills include washing dishes & pots, sweeping & mopping floors,



washing & drying clothes, cleaning bathrooms, organizing closets, ironing, sewing, etc.

- Braille - learning this important means of communication, allows the student to read & write. Braille is Literacy!
- Technology - this class teaches how to listen to Voice-over on an iPhone, computers, televisions. Also, how to navigate through Word, Excel, the internet, etc.
- Wood-shop: students are taught how to create something out of wood using power tools that are in a regular wood-shop (ie., table-ban-radial arm saws). This is definitely a confidence-booster class, where the students learn how to make their own jewelry boxes, cutting boards, chairs & tables, etc.



Do you have your costume for Fun Night?

DG Gary does!

Region 3, Zone 1

Sight is Beautiful Awards Banquet 2023

Submitted by Lion Rob Piimauna



HONORING HARDWORKING WINDWARD STUDENTS.

On the evening of March the 16th the Lions of Windward Oahu, Region 3 Zone 1, held their Sight is Beautiful Awards Banquet for 2023 to reward and to honor the hardworking young artists from a number of different Windward Oahu elementary schools.

Congratulations to all of the young artists who participated in this year's contest and a big Mahalo to all of the Lions who helped make this year's awards banquet such a smashing success.

Everyone who attended enjoyed the food, fun, and the many prizes given out, and each of the young artists being honored received a first, second, or third place medal engraved

with "Sight is Beautiful 2023" and their names.

The location of this year's event was the Kailua Recreation Center's multi-purpose room and after some initial concerns over the venue's parking limitations, the facility at Kailua park fulfilled the event's requirements perfectly.

In the Windward Oahu elementary schools this year, there were close to 500 student artists from eleven different elementary schools who participated, and participation extended even further to their teachers and parents, but to the Lions of Region 3 Zone 1 everyone did a spectacular job.

Sew a Lei for Memorial Day

38,000 lei are needed for placement on the graves of veterans, in memory of their service to our country, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and at all State Veteran's cemeteries for Memorial Day.



Lions and LEOS are asked to assist in picking flowers, making a lei and/or donating a lei. Another service opportunity is to volunteer the next day to remove flags that were placed for our fallen heroes at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

If you or your club is interested in participating, please contact PDG Garrett Ogawa.

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 Ella Siroskey
Koolauloa Moku Lions Club

On 1/14/23 President Hilary White nominated Lion Ella for always willing to do whatever is needed in support of the many club activities.



Lion Ken Furukawa
Koolauloa Moku Lions Club

Honored on 1/14/23 by President Hilary White for always helping in whatever way he was asked to ensure the club was successful.



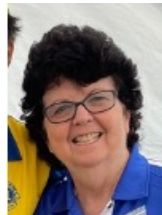
Lion Adriel Lam
Kaneohe Lions Club

On 1/14/23 President David Iwaoka said he is a member that has a lot on his plate but agreed to be our secretary even though his time is limited. He's the chair of the Sight is Beautiful Poster contest for our club and is awesome in keeping our club organized and did a great job at directing our club's participation in the Kaneohe Christmas parade.



Lion Bill Schulthies
Kaneohe Lions Club

On 1/14/23 President David Iwaoka said he is our Director of Membership. He has been working on organizing a Leo Club in Kaneohe and the enthusiastic promotion of our club through contacts with groups that could help us. He's the right guy for the job.



PDG Cecelia Izuo
Pali Lions Club

PDG Cecelia was recognized on 1/14/23 by President Gary Hiramatsu. He recommended her for the limited edition District Governor coin because she is instrumental in keeping the club moving forward. I MUA

Lion David Kunioka
Pali Lions Club

On 1/14/23 President Gary Hiramatsu said he serves the club as Director. He does an excellent job on the Safe sidewalks project and recently building a duck sanctuary. (Photo unavailable)

Lion Jay Floan
Pali Lions Club

Lion Jay was recognized on 1/14/23 by President Gary Hiramatsu for his dedicated service to the community and active on projects like cleaning used eyeglasses. (Photo unavailable)



Lion Julia Putes
Kahalu'u Lions Club

Honored on 1/14/23 by President Kalae Kukahiko. Lion Julia is the Club Secretary and does a great job keeping her club informed of Lions news and events and is always willing to serve.



Lion Agnes Tani
Kahalu'u Lions Club

Honored on 1/14/23 by President Kalae Kukahiko. Lion Agnes keeps her club in order by knowing the rules and by-laws of the club. Occasionally she lays down the law, with grace of course.

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Lion Kalae Kukahiko
Kahalu'u Lions Club

Lion Kalae is a first time Zone Chair who work tirelessly to assist the clubs in R3Z1. He is also the President of his club and recent graduate of the Advance Lions Leadership Institute. DG Gary honored ZC Kalae on 1/14/23.



Lion Alice Kudo
Pearl City Lions Club

On 1/25/23 President Tad noted her always jovial positive attitude and giving of herself helps our club attain many lofty goals it sets.



Lion Vaughn Miyauchi
Pearl City Lions Club

Recognized on 1/25/23 for always asking "What can I do or how can I help with ...?"



Lion Gail Kono
Leeward Oahu Lions Club

Honored on 1/25/23, Lion Gail has been a tremendous help for the first time officers, while maintaining roles in D50 and being quite the active member, attending many if not all activities and projects for us and the other Lions Clubs.



Lion Erica-May Mateo
Leeward Oahu Lions Club

On 1/25/23 Prexy Heather recognized Lion Erica as a first time treasurer. She still has the time to chair multiple projects that require interacting with many groups while making sure the club accounts are in check

Read more stories in the next Leo Liona.

Kamehameha Lions Club presents

The 4th Annual King's Luau Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22, 2023

10:00am – 1:00pm

Keehi Lagoon Memorial Park

John A. Burns Hall

2685 N Nimitz Hwy

*"The **Kamehameha Lions Club** was the first Lions club internationally to be named after an individual. Charter members named the club after King Kamehameha to honor his strength and power in uniting the people of Hawaii as the first monarch of the Islands."*

The **Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation** (a registered 501(c)3 public charity) presents its annual **King's Luau Fundraiser**. Proceeds of this 74-year-old club's fundraiser will benefit **LEO Club** scholarships for **Sacred Hearts Academy, La Pietra School for Girls, Kalani High School** and **St. Louis School** as well as charities & community service projects throughout Hawaii. To date, the club has raised over \$400,000 to support our Hawaii youth and volunteer service endeavors!

Guests will enjoy Kalua Pig, Chicken Long Rice, Squid Luau, Lomi Salmon, Poi, Rice, Haupia & Pineapple. Entertainment by Jerry Santos & Kamuela Kimokea. Silent Auction and Lunch to be served at 10:00am.

Ticket prices are \$50 each.

RESERVED Table for 10, \$500.

ALL sales in advance and ends April 20, 2023.

For Tickets: Reena Rabago

Or visit <https://klcfoundation.org>

to purchase tickets online

Please make your Tax Deductible checks payable to:

Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation

All proceeds benefit youth scholarships & community service projects of the Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation, a licensed 501(c)(3) public charity.

The club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6pm. Find out more about the **Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation** by visiting their website; <http://www.klcfoundation.org>

KAMEHAMEHA LIONS PRESENT

April 22, 2023
10:00am - 1:00pm

Silent Auction
Music by...

JERRY SANTOS &
KAMUELA KIMOKEA

\$50 per ticket

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For Tickets:

Reena Rabago (808) 554-6296

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When & Where!

Friday June 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.– Check In

12:00 Noon – Shotgun Start

3 Golfer Scramble Format

at

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Go to: hawaiilions.org for sign-up forms.

Any questions, please contact

Thelma Aiwahi, Tournament Coordinator