



PERCI ROARS

Pearl City Lions Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA "PICTURES ARE WORTH MORE THAN A 1000 WORDS"



In February our club concentrates on its fundraising abilities. To show our zest for fundraising, this edition will showcase many photos of our volunteers in action for our Valentines Breakfast and The Great Aloha Run. Thank you all so much!

On February 1st, our "Sight is Beautiful Poster Committee" met and diligently went about judging our community students "Sight is Beautiful" poster artwork. (See Page 5)

On Feb 2nd, our Vision Team completed Amblyopia screening for 56 preschoolers at Grace Fellowship. Grace Fellowship thanked our Lions for conducting their screenings. (See Page 6)

On February 8th GMM, Retired FAA Director, Dave Washino spoke about the FAA in Hawaii.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

Does anyone recognize these two Pearl City Lions in the photograph?



They are Lions Baron Yamashita and Lion Gerald Hirata!

You know, the first person that customers saw on Saturday, February 11 when driving up to the entrance to our Annual Valentines Breakfast traffic route was Lion Baron! They see him out of the darkness because he has always provided flood lights that pave the way, powered by his graciously donated generator use.

Customers continue to drive past the Breakfast signs that were put up by Lion Brain Akimoto and Lion Gerald. Thank you to all Lions! (See Page 6-10)

On February 20th, our club members volunteered and manned their stations, all six of them, under the Nimitz viaduct, waiting patiently for the Great Aloha Run participants.



The various high schools that manned the stations and set up the water cups had not lost a beat since the cancellation due to COVID. What a relief. Everyone was excited to see the runners again. (See Page 10-12)

On Feb 22, we had our Honolulu Police Dept Community Service section speak to us regarding Kupuna safety. Sgt Pavia answered many questions from our members and gave a link that we could use to find out detailed status that HPD are working around our community. "honoluluupd.org" for those interested. Check it out!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued



Pearl City Lions Club members and volunteers, thank you for your continued support. It means a great deal!

--Lion Tad



NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING FOR 2023-24 CLUB OFFICERS

Pearl City Lions, At our March 22, 2023 General Membership Meeting, nominations for next year's club officers will be taken from the floor of members present. Per Section 2, Article II, of our club's By Laws, notice of the nomination meeting is hereby given.



President: Lion Tad Tsuruma
1st Vice President: Lion Lance Soma
2nd Vice President: Lion Shelly Oshiro
3rd Vice President: Lion Gabriel Balais
Secretary: Lion Brian Akimoto
Treasurer: PDG Chris Tamura
Tail Twister: Lion Vaughn Miyauchi
Lion Tamer: Lion Raymond Nii, Lion Paul Kudo
Director 1 year: Lion Jerry Nagatani
Director 1 year: Lion Alice Kudo
Director 2 year: Lion Stan Wachi
Director 2 year: Lion Gerald Hirata
Membership: Lion Guy Inouye
Immediate Past President: Lion Tad Tsuruma
Incoming membership members: Lion Wayne Morinaga, Lion Glenn Yokoyama
Bulletin Editor: Lion John Gephart



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Anniversaries

Richard Fujiwara & CIS Betty
Angela Ho & CIS Chester

March Birthdays

June Brieske
Alice Kudo
Curtis Lee
Linda Tsuruma



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CATHY KUWAMOTO

SPONSOR: LION LINDA TSURUMA

I am married for 37 years to Steven Yabusaki. We have two sons living in Portland, Oregon. Both are pharmacists for Kaiser Permanente. We are splitting our time in Hawaii and Washington state. We had our first granddaughter in Dec. 2022. In Washington, I am a member of the Richland Kiwanis and advise the Key Club at Hanford HS. I like to garden, sew, cook, bake and play bridge (work in progress). I also admit to watching K-dramas. I have been in school counseling for 40 years.



WELCOME CATHY!!

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

Incoming

Membership Members

Wayne Morinaga

Glenn Yokoyama

Bulletin Editor

John Gephart



HAPPY Shamrock DAY!



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

SIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL POSTER JUDGING (FEB 1, 2023) BY LION ALICE KUDO

This year we had great participation from 5 schools (Momilani Elementary, Manana Elementary, Pearl City Elementary, Pearl City Highlands Elementary and Lehua Elementary). Our awesome judges (Lions Vaughn, Tad, Linda and Diane) went through the 450 plus entries with an educated eye for 'Sight is Beautiful' winning posters. Being the 'tie breaker' for the evening was such a 'cruze job' as our dedicated volunteers wasted no time and with much conviction knew what posters stood out amongst the crowd. The awesome judging resulted in 4 winning places per Grade level (1 st - 4 th) which totals 28 awards from Pearl City Lions Club.

With much regret I informed the schools that all students will not be receiving a certificate of participation as they did in the past few years BUT, all the winners and honorable mentioned students (totaling about 50) will be receiving one shortly. Our 1st place winning posters will continue on to the 'Zone' judging and wish them well into the District finals. Thank you!!!

FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

Division K - K. Hayata - Pearl City Elementary

Division 1 - A. Cummings - Momilani Elementary

Division 2 - J. Matsumoto - Momilani Elementary"

Division 3 - C. Seei - Manana Elementary

Division 4 - N. Calso - Manana Elementary

Division 5 - O. Gonzalez Salazar - Pearl City Highlands Elem.

Division 6 - A. Ling - Momilani Elementary



Pearl City Lions from L to R: Vaughn Miyauchi, Diane Siperly, Linda Tsuruma, Alice Kudo, (Taking the Photo: Lion President Tad Tsuruma) - 5 Lions, 7.5 man hours

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

AMBLYOPIA VISION SCREENING AT GRACE FELLOWSHIP PRESCHOOL (FEB 3, 2023) BY TAD TSURUMA

On February 3, 2023 the Pearl City Lions conducted the amblyopia vision screening at Grace Fellowship Preschool. There were 9 Lions and 1 CIS present: Gerald Hirata, Lisa Yasuda, Vaughn Miyauchi with CIS Merle Miyauchi, Alice Kudo, Tad Tsuruma, Linda Tsuruma, Tom Fujita, Al DeMello, and Brian Akimoto. We all were there from 8:00am-9:00am and we tested 56 students. They were very grateful that we conducted the screening.



VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER (FEB 11, '23) BY RAYMOND NII

The Valentine's Breakfast is back! After a pause due to the pandemic, the Pearl City Lions Club along with the support of community organizations and volunteers, once again was able to hold our annual Valentine's Breakfast fundraiser at the Pearl City High School cafeteria, live and in-person. It was fantastic to see our friends in the community help support our efforts to raise funds for our community activities by attending the breakfast in the cafeteria or coming thru the take-out area. The Lions truly thank all the groups who helped us put on this event: our very own Leo Club members, the PCHS Robotics team, the Boy Scouts from Troop 75, and the Boy Scouts from Troop 664. We also acknowledge and deeply appreciate the help and support from our Companions-in-Service as well as individual volunteers (Craig, Breanna, Calvin, Edna, Cathy, Erma, and Linda, to name just a few). It was a nice seeing so many of you helping out at our signature fundraising event. The project went from 4:30am to 11:00am. There were a total of 38 Lions that volunteered for a total of 250 Lions man hours. Total man hours for the entire project, including all outside volunteers and groups was 670. Thank you very much!

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



THANK YOU
SO MUCH



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER CONT.



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ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER CONT.



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER CONT.



Thank you! Thank you!



GREAT ALOHA RUN PREP DAY (FEB 17 AND FEB 19, '23) BY RAYMOND NII

Preparation work for the Great Aloha Run. Thank you to Lion Al DeMello for allowing us to use his place to do the prep work (wash can clean barrels, buckets, pitchers; sort and prep van for race day) on Sunday, February 19th. Prior to Sunday's Prep Day, thank you to Lion John for picking up the cardboard trays from Hawaiian Sun, storing and bundling the trays. Also, for picking up the community volunteer tee-shirts and miscellaneous small supplies from the GAR office. Lion John and Lion Raymond teamed up to pick up the Van on Friday afternoon and in loading various supplies from the GAR office/warehouse, tables from Farrington High School ROTC, and the cardboard trays from Lion John's CIS Rusti's family warehouse. It was truly a team effort to get everything prepped for race day and we are thankful for all that were able to pitch in to help.

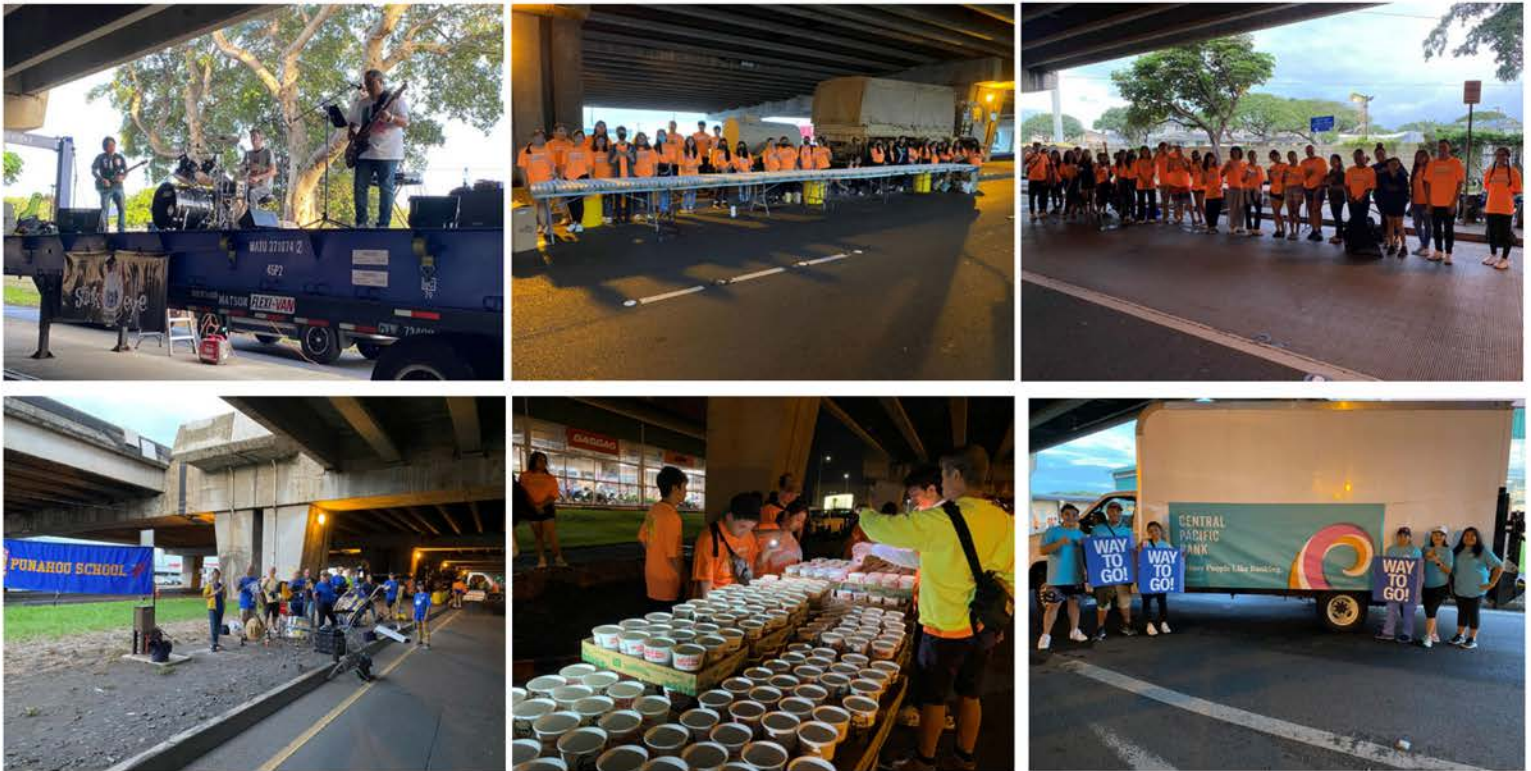
ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE GREAT ALOHA RUN PREP DAY



GREAT ALOHA RUN (FEB 20, 2023) BY RAYMOND NII

The Pearl City Lions Club was responsible for the coordination of the 2nd Aid/Water Station at the Great Aloha Run. We were responsible for setup the water station, check-in and supervision of the community volunteers, break down the water station, and clean up the race-course from the 3rd Aid/Water Station to our station. It was a huge undertaking but with the support of our members (and volunteers), we were successfully able to accomplish our task.



GRATEFUL!

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

PICTURES FROM THE GREAT ALOHA RUN CONT.



Pearl City Lions Member Sharing Section

"Macy's to the Rescue" by Lion Ira Tagawa

We arrived at our hotel in Kailua, Kona, for a gala wedding, looking forward to meeting family and friends. I started unpacking my suitcase and ... horrors! I forgot to pack my clothes for the wedding! A cold chill ran over my body. Darn! How could I be so stupid, leaving my carefully-chosen clothes at home on the bed. It's a good thing that the wedding was the next day, so I had time to shop for new attire. Fortunately, there was a Macy's store nearby. I found decent clothes early the next day, plenty of time before the wedding ceremony.

The same thing happened around 15 years ago, when I attended a class reunion on Maui, and forgot my clothes on that same bed! All I had was the casual play clothes that I traveled in. Only that time, I arrived at my hotel just before the reunion started. I had precious little time to speed down to a nearby Macy's store in Kahului to buy clothes. I frantically searched the racks, and fortunately, I found clothes that fit me, including 2 aloha shirts on a sale rack. The shirts weren't very stylish but at least they weren't the kind that only a nerdy tourist would buy.

I think I learned my lesson the hard way, and vow not to be so stupid again. Never, never leave your travel clothes where they may be forgotten. Put them on or near your suitcase! And remember, there may not be a Macy's store nearby to save you. You're not going to find fancy clothes at an ABC or 7-11 store!

R4Z2 BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH BY LION BRIAN AKIMOTO



1 PINT SAVES 3 LIVES



Pearl City Lions, Did you know that 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives? During the month of March, Lions clubs in our Zone (Mana Loa-Nimitz LC, Leeward Oahu LC, and Pearl City LC) will be having a blood drive. If you are able, please consider making a donation.

When you check in, please tell the attendant our club number, which is 7243.

At the end of March, Zone Chair Lion Brian Nitta will find out how many donations were made and will report it to District 50. From time to time, our Zone does projects together. The last one we did was the environmental project in October 2022 to clean the Bike Path near Lehua Elem School.

Mahalo for your consideration. - Lion Brian

Secretary's Board Bits by Lion Brian Akimoto

- Approved membership for Cathy Kuwamoto into Pearl City LC
- Approved LCI Life Member Application for Lion Curtis Lee
- Approved May 13, 2023 (Charter Anniversary Banquet) in lieu of GMM on May 24, 2023
- Approved Environmental project at Sunset Memorial Park date TBD
- Approved C&C's Environmental Bike Path Cleanup project on 4/22/23



Tail Twister Says by Vaughn Miyauchi

Tailtwister says: "For our March 8 general membership meeting, since it is the month of St. Patrick's, everyone should wear something green for St. Patrick's day; shirt, pants, dress, cap, or shoes. Underwear not allowed. Anyone who fails to do this will be fined."



PEARL CITY LIONS INFO

For District 50 news: www.hawaiiions.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: instagram.com/pearlcitylionsclub

MARCH PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB SCHEDULE

Mar 8 -- GMM at Pearl Country Club (6:30pm)

Mar 9 -- Hearing Screening @ Our Lady of Good Counsel ES (8-10am)

Mar 15 -- Board Meeting at Pearl City Cultural Center (7:00pm)

Mar 21 -- Hearing Screening @ Waimalu ES (8-10am)

Mar 22 -- GMM at Pearl City Cultural Center (6:30pm)

SAVE THE DATE!

April 12: GMM - Club
Visitation from Pali Lions with
PDG Cecelia Izuo

April 15: PCLC CIS Luncheon
at Gyotaku (11am-1pm)

April 27-29: District 50
Convention at Ala Moana
Hotel

May 13: 59th PCLC Charter
Anniversary Banquet at the
Waialeale Country Club
Restaurant (5pm-9pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



MARCH 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----|
| BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH - CLUB NUMBER 7243 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 GMM @ Pearl Country Club 630pm | 9 Hearing Screening/Our Lady Good Counsel, 8am | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Daylight Savings Time | 13 | 14 | 15 Board Meeting @ PCCC, 7pm | 16 | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Hearing Screening Waimalu ES 8am | 22 GMM @ Pearl City Cultural Ctr 630pm | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Prince Kuhio Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



SAVE THE DATE - 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



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

Chairperson PDG Angie Haramoto

PDG Robert Lee

PDG Blayne Hanagami

PDG Garrett Ogawa

IPDG Mitch Tam

DG Gary Nip

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FROM THE EDITOR



Aloha Pearl City Lions! Welcome to the March 2023 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.

The picture on the left is of my 9-year old daughter, Averi, and myself when I surprised her in Maui during her 4th grade class trip. The picture was taken at the Maui Ocean Center.

Mahalo! -Lion John Gephart



Please submit articles and pictures to me by March 31st!



Lions Clubs International

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

REMINDER!

Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that your
Pearl City Lions Club membership
dues for are now DUE!

Dues are as follows:

Regular member - \$94

Additional family member - \$72

Life member - \$51

Student - \$32

Please make checks payable to
"Pearl City Lions Club" and mail to:
P.O. Box 48, Pearl City, HI 96782

If you have any questions, please
email Lion Chris:
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If you have already paid your dues,
please disregard this reminder and
we THANK YOU for your continued
support of our club and community.

Club Policies

The Board approved the club's
policies at its July Board meeting.
They are available for viewing on
the shared drive:

<https://bit.ly/3p1Leec>



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