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The Voice of Hawaii Kai

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Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Lions:

This month we turn 50. What a momentous occasion! In last month's bulletin, I shared Lions Richard Okamoto's and Bunny Lee's recollections of the early days. This month, here's Charter member Rick Yee's recollections.

Lion Rick's father was a charter member of the Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions, a club looking to sponsor a new club based in Hawaii Kai. Of course, Lion Rick, being a good cub, said "yes" to being a Club member. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club and the Chinatown Lions Club were officially launched at a ceremony at Wo Fat's in Chinatown.

As did the other Charter members, Lion Rick recalls having meetings in various restaurants in East Honolulu (many no longer around) and the Hawaii Kai Golf Course. After the meetings, the members, then in their 30's and 40's, would swap Lions shirts for street clothes and head into the city for drinks and more camaraderie.

The first pancake breakfast fundraiser was held in the Koko Marina parking lot. They served about 400 people. The Lions were so jazzed about the success of the fundraiser that they decided to go golfing after the event, but halfway through the game, fatigue set in. Did they finish the course? Due to exhaustion, Lion Rick can't remember. Except for one year when chili tickets were sold instead, the breakfast tradition has evolved and continued all these years. Funny story—the year that chili tickets were sold, some people went to Kaiser High School on Father's Day, thinking that they missed buying tickets! The bake sale was added thanks to CIS Polly Sakoda (husband Lion Harold). It was such a huge success with all kinds of

cakes, pies, and cookies, and was a regular event at the breakfasts.

Back in the day, the Club would have many activities for the families since many members had young families. There was camping at Camp Erdman, picnics at Kamakilo Campbell Estate (now Ko Olina), Halloween parties with costumes, and Santa at Christmas parties. Club members also participated in a Lions' bowling league at Stadium Bowl-O-Drome. Despite not taking the top prize, they had a grand time.

And that is a little trip down memory lane. I really enjoyed learning about the Club's history. I hope you did, too. Thank you, CIS Lyn Yee, for helping gather all these memories from Lion Rick.

Finally, a SHOUT OUT to the following Lions for their good work this past month:

YOLISA ISHIBASHI for her role in the Kaiser High School concession refurbishment project;

ALLEN UMEDA for organizing the storm drain marking project in Mariner's Cove; and

KEN NISHIBUN for doing double duty and corralling members for the Hahaione School traffic awareness sign-waving and the Kaiser High School Spring Fest.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Charter celebration lunch on April 22. For the other April activities, please look at the last page for upcoming events.

Auspicious April ahead!

Frances

Kaiser High Concession Project (Part 2)



CIS Anthony Nakamura and Lion Lisa Ishibashi.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On March 21, 2023, three Hawaii Kai Lions and one CIS repaired the Kaiser High School’s concession stand windows. They volunteered from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on that day and repaired five and installed spiral non-tilt balances for four of the windows, so that the windows would remain open without being propped up by wooden two by fours. Also, the front of the concession stand was painted in some areas to provide for a more cohesive look, and two cabinet door catches were installed to ensure the doors would remain closed to prevent any accidents. This project was a continuation and completion of the concession stand refurbishment.

Lions participating in this event included: Yolisa Ishibashi, CIS Anthony Nakamura, Eric Kwick, and Ken Nishibun.

Thank you to those Lions and CIS who volunteered to complete this project, as well as the initial refurbishment project, and a special big thank you to Eric Kwick who was the mastermind behind this whole concession stand project. The Kaiser High School athletic director, Nelson Chee, thanked us for all the hard work we’ve done to greatly improve the stand from what it was before.



Koko Head Keiki Karnival



Lion Jeanne at the popcorn stand.

Submitted by Frances Lum

The beginning of March brought us whipping winds and unexpected downpours, but just in time for Keiki Karnival at Koko Head Elementary School, the skies cleared. March 10 was a gorgeous day for the keiki to be outside and have some fun! And fun they had at the various game booths, including an opportunity to dunk Principal Jeffrey Shitaoka. Each game was an opportunity to win tickets which were redeemed for all sorts of prizes – games, headphones, basketballs, and even scooters! The students bought used toys at incredibly reasonable prices and entered a raffle for a toys and games, with a Roblox gift card being the most popular item. They also indulged in yummy food, popcorn, and shaved ice.

Before the Karnival opened, CIS Lynn Yee, Lions David Iwana, Ken Nishibun, and Yolisa Ishibashi bagged popcorn. Lions Marja Leivo, Eric Kimura, David, and CIS Lyn all helped with game booths; Lion Kerry Yoon split his time at a game booth and helped Lion Yolisa collect money at the used toys area; Lion Ken worked at the prize redemption table; Lion Frances Lum watched over the raffle table; and Lion Jeanne Alices sold popcorn. Lion Jeanne apparently was Miss Congeniality because students took pictures of her, went back more than once just to say hi, and she sold all the popcorn!



Kaiser High School Springfest



Lions Lisa, Joni, and Frances at prize redemption table.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

The irresistible smells of Poi Malasadas, tonkatsu, shrimp scampi, pizza, popcorn, and much more was in the air as a much larger than expected crowd enjoyed a wonderfully successful Kaiser Spring Festival on Friday, March 24th! Sponsored by the Kaiser PTSA, the Festival featured bands from Kaiser and Niu Valley Schools, food trucks, a silent auction, a dunk booth, face painting, inflatables, games, and much more,

Nine Lions assisted in various capacities including setting up and dismantling of tables and chairs for game booths and over 60 chairs for band performances; stringing lights among the trees; and manning the information, prize, and popcorn booths.

Lions participating in this event included Cynthia Chun, Joni Fukuji, Alvin Hayashibara, Yolisa Ishibashi, David Iwana, Walter Kuroiwa, Erick Kvick, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun.

Kaiser PTSA President Kimura was truly appreciative to the Hawaii Kai Lions for providing manpower and support for this fun and festive event.

Storm Drain Marking



Hawaii Kai Lions and friends together at conclusion of project.

Submitted by Allen Umeda

A dozen Lions Club members and volunteers spent Saturday morning, March 25 marking storm drains in Mariners Cove with medallions imprinted with messages to discourage the dumping of harmful chemicals. The markers help to remind residents to avoid using chemicals that can reach storm drains and harm the ocean, which we sometimes overlook as one of our most precious natural resources in Hawaii.

Tasks included cleaning the area to attach medallions at the storm drains, applying adhesive to the medallions, then affixing them to the storm drains. We recorded the locations of the marked storm drains and reported them to the City and County of Honolulu Storm Water Quality Division, which supplied the materials for this project.

Many thanks to the volunteers who joined this activity including Hawaii Kai Lions Club members, Frances Lum, Cynthia Chun, Kendrick Chang, Alvin Hayashibara, David Iwana, Marja Leivo, Bill Kern, Allen Umeda, prospective new member Trevor Yee, CIS Lynn Yee and Tony Nakamura, and guest Bruddah Sean Benito from the Hilo Crescent City Lions Club.

Hahaione Traffic Safety Sign-Wave

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

On March 24, 2023, Hawaii Kai Lions joined the Community Policing Team of District 7 East Honolulu led by Corporal John Mau, to promote safe and responsible driving around Hahaione Elementary School.

Seven Lions met at 7:10am to receive instructions and signs. They then joined HPD Officer Mau and his team in sign waving for approximately one hour. The signs, provided by HPD, bore different safety messages including “No Need to Speed”, “No Texting While Driving”, “Drunk Driving is Deadly”, and “No Second Chance”.

Lions participating in this event included Joni Fukuji, Yolisa Ishibashi, David Iwana, Bill Kern, Walter Kuroiwa, Marja Leivo, Ken Nishibun.

Principal Shannon “Cappy” Goo expressed his appreciation for the work of the HPD and the Hawaii Kai Lions in continuing this very worthwhile safety project.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 4/6	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Election of 2023-2024 Board	Kalele Kai Condominium	Club Shirt	N/A
Tuesday, 4/11	2:00-3:00pm	Hawaii Kai Library Presentation — Annual Donations	Hawaii Kai Library	Club Shirt	Marja Leivo
Thursday, 4/13	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 4/15	9:30am-4:00pm	Special Olympics	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Silvia Ardila
Sunday, 4/16	8:00am-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales Canvassing	Koko Marina Zippy's	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Friday, 4/21	8:00am-11:45am	Kaiser Complex 5th Grade Fitness Meet	Kaiser High School (Gym)	Work Shirt	David Iwana
Friday, 4/21	12:30-2:30pm	Diabetes Walk Prep — Cut bananas and place banners	Kapiolani Park	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Saturday, 4/22	11:30am-2:30pm	50th Year Charter Celebration	Gyotaku Niu Valley Restaurant	Aloha Shirt	Kaz Nakano
Sunday, 4/23	8:00am-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales Canvassing	Koko Marina Zippy's	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Friday, 4/28– Saturday, 4/29	All-Day	District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention	Ala Moana Hotel	Club Shirt	N/A
Sunday, 4/30	8:00am-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales Canvassing	Koko Marina Zippy's	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun

Kalele Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings

Aloha everyone!

In-person meetings will be held at 1 Keahole Place, Hawaii Kai. (Kalele Kai Condominiums). Please arrive between 6:45 PM and 7.00 PM. Someone will be at the Main entrance "IN" to open the gate. Once in, you can enter the Clubhouse ("Cabana") area via Gate 1 or 2. Gate 1 opens normally from the outside; but with Gate 2, you have to reach over and inside the gate to release the latch. There is generous parking, but in case everyone shows up in separate cars there is even more parking next door at the Safeway mall, immediately adjacent to the condo complex. Remember the meetings start at 7 PM and anyone arriving after that time please park at the Safeway lot, and, at the main "IN" gate call 808-384-7415 for the gate to be opened.

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
4/7 CIS Wanda Kimura 4/19 CIS Kelli Baumgartner 4/25 PDG Roy Aoki 4/28 CIS Amy Ching 4/30 CIS Ellen Leo		4/1/1973 Richard Okamoto 4/9/1973 Bunny Lee 4/10/2019 Kelan Yoshioka	Active	47
			Student	0
			Affiliate	4
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	0
			Total	54

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2022-2023			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Frances Lum	Secretary	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Brian Sheehan	IPP	Ellsworth Fujii	Tail Twister	Patrick Lynch
District Governor	Gary Nip	1 st VP	Ellsworth Fujii	Directors	David Iwana
1 st VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	2 nd VP	Silvia Ardila		Tom Jones
2 nd VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	3 rd VP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Mem. Dir.	Kendrick S. Chang
Zone Chair	Richard Kaneko	Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2		Lion Tamer	Tom Ono	Service Chair	Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana				
HLF Trustee					