



# LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions



## Club Charter Anniversaries

**June 1**

Hawaii Filipino Lions Club - 2022

**June 6**

Waikiki 2000 Lions Club - 1995

**June 14**

Kauai North Shore Lions Club -  
1982

**June 19**

Lions Club of Kona - 1944

**June 22**

Koolauloa Moku Lions Club - 2020

## Clubs Featured in this Issue

Kamehameha  
Mauna Kāhālawai

## District Governor's Message

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

The month of May is our opportunity to get ready for the next Lions year. Clubs have been voting, installing, and training their new officers. Mahalo to GLT Lion David Iwana for arranging zoom training of Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.



**Club Excellence** applications have been received from Kapolei, Mana Loa-Nimitz, Manoa, and Waikoloa Lions Club. Every Lions Club should apply for the Club Excellence award. The application form can be found on the website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and email to DG Gary. One of the criteria is "Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the year or have a positive membership growth)." There is still time left in this fiscal year to add new members to your club. DG Gary still has a few limited edition DG pin with a "new member" ribbon for your new members.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

### Special Olympics Hawai'i

**June 10, 2023 Saturday**

Location: Oahu - Kaiser High School

Time: 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm (minimum 3 hours preferred)

Contact: Lion Mick Laconsay

### 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. Activities: 9am to 2pm.

Contact: DG Gary Nip

### HLF Golf Classic Fundraiser

**June 30, 2023, Friday**

Location: Oahu - Pearl Country Club

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

Contact: Lion Thelma Aiwohi

***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

July issue by June 25, 2023 to:

[d50leoliona2022.2023@gmail.com](mailto:d50leoliona2022.2023@gmail.com)



## Lions Clubs International

### LCIF Tell-a-Thon

Sunday, June 4, 2023

5:00 - 9:00 a.m.

(Hawaii Standard Time)

Registration Link:

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



Join 1st International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill for an entertaining, uplifting, and inspiring show that highlights the impact that Lions International has in the world. Featuring celebrity guest appearances, live entertainment, and stories of service from all around the world!



### LCICon 2023

July 7 - 11, 2023

Boston, Massachusetts

[Register now](#)

Your opportunity to celebrate our achievements, build lifelong relationships with Lions from around the world, and experience world-class entertainment and speakers.



### 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Sept. 21 - 23, 2023

Reno, Nevada

[Online Registration](#)

The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in the world. With over 70 seminar training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs and thousands of Lions Leaders sharing their experiences, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you!

## District 50 Training Webinars

### Zone Chair

**Monday June 5, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

**Presenter:**

**1VDGE Lori Inouye-Yamashita**

### Club Secretary

**Sunday June 11, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: Lion Rachel Yamashita**

The club secretary keeps the club running efficiently providing important support for all business operations by taking minutes for the club and board of director meetings, maintaining the club roster and member contact information as well as supporting the club service and social activities.

### Club Treasurer

**Monday June 19, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: PDG Chris Tamura**

Gain insight on tackling the club's financial workflow, IRS rules, bank accounts and much more.



## The Fourth Monday GAT's Best Practices

with PDG Cecelia Izuo

### Zoom Webinar

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**



## Congratulations to the D50 Hawaii Lions 2022-2023 Awardees!

Hall of Fame

'Ohi'a Lehua

Stellar Clubs

Global Cause

Club Bulletin

Bragging Rights

View the D50 Hawaii Lions Awards & Recognition News Flash [here](#)

Mahalo to the Awards & Recognition Team:

Gail Kono, Chair

Pam Davis-Lee

Joyce Pang

Thelma Aiwohi

PDG Mark Mizuno

PDG Blayne Hanagami



KAMEHAMEHA LIONS



**INSTALLATION**  
CEREMONY & DINNER

**June 13, 2023**

**Zippy's Famous Spaghetti Dinner**

Zippy's 59 North Vineyard @6:30pm

\$25/person - RSVP Lion Donna Miyashiro - [dkmiyashiro@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:dkmiyashiro@hawaiiantel.net)

K L C F O U N D A T I O N . O R G





**Be a Golfer! Be a Sponsor! Or Support with Monetary or In-Kind Gifts.**

**\*\*\*Easier Golf Registration. Use the QR Code\*\*\***

Go to your phone camera, click on QR Code and register to golf.



***Join Us!***

For an awesome day of competition, great prizes and 'good old fashion fun'!  
We look forward to having golf teams (Lions, families and friends) participate to  
represent your Club and have a chance to win our  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place CLUB Prize and Trophy.**

***When & Where!***

**Friday June 30, 2023**

**10:30 am - Check In**

**12 Noon - Shotgun Start**

**3 Golfer Scramble Format**

**@ The Pearl Country Club**

***Enjoy! More Contests & Prizes***

**FOUR - HOLE IN ONE CONTESTS**

**A CHANCE TO WIN A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**

Win a trip to: The Super Bowl, The World Series, The NBA Finals, or The Masters

Includes: Tickets for two to attend the event, Airfare and Hotel accommodations.

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN**

**LONGEST/STRAIGHTEST DRIVE**

*Any questions, please contact  
Tournament Coordinator Thelma Aiwohi*

**Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui,  
Global Service Team Coordinator  
As of May 15, 2023**

**District 50:****3,898**Service Activities  
Completed**66,175**Volunteer  
Hours**1,152,826**People  
Served**\$169,317**Funds  
Donated**\$216,772**Funds  
Raised**Areas of Service**

Diabetes



Environmental

Childhood  
Cancer

Hunger Relief



Vision

**22%**12 clubs  
completed &  
reported projects  
in 5 of 5 areas of  
service.

Akaka Falls

Aloha Pono

Chinatown

Haleakala

Hawaii Lions  
UnlimitedHilo Crescent  
City

Kapolei City

Koloa

Leeward Oahu

Mana Loa-  
Nimitz

Waiakea

Waikiki 2000

**11%**6 clubs  
completed &  
reported projects  
in 4 of 5 areas of  
service

Ala Moana

East Kauai

Kahului

Kauai

Moanalua

Waikoloa

**Mililani High  
School LEO  
Club** completed  
& reported  
projects in 4 of  
5 areas of  
service**13%**7 clubs  
completed &  
reported projects  
in 3 of 5 areas of  
service

Hawaii Kai

Kahaluu

Kamehameha

Kona

Pali

Wahiawa

West Kauai

**Roosevelt High  
School LEO  
Club** completed  
& reported  
projects in 3 of  
5 areas of  
service**Reporting:****Lions****80.0%**44 out of  
55 clubs**LEOs****24.1%**7 out of  
29 clubs**Total****60.7%**51 out of  
84 clubs

Mahalo Lions and Leos of District 50 for a tremendous year of community service! The new projects your clubs did hopefully helped rejuvenate your members and created new partnerships for the future! DG Gary and his team, as well as ID Bob and PID Allen, were impressed with the 25 Lions Clubs and 2 Leo Clubs that completed and reported community service projects in 3 of LCI's 5 Avenues of Service.

**Kindness Matters**

Consider submitting one of your club's community service projects for the **2023-2024 LCI Kindness Matters Award**. This year we did not have any applications. We are thinking about giving the winning project a monetary award.

Please consider making a financial contribution to the Hawaii Diabetes Association and the Kapiolani Women's and Children's Center if you need a diabetes or pediatric cancer project.

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

Let's finish the 2022-2023 year strong with your club's last community service projects and reporting them on MyLCI!! IMUA

# Lions Together, We Serve

Submitted by

District Governor-Elect C.J. Kalopodes

## ASK ONE, BRING ONE

Fellow Lions, thank you for your support and confidence in me as your next District Governor, 2023-2024. I am very humbled to know that I will be leading the District with my cabinet members and committee chairpersons to work with your club and community.

One of the goals I have set for the coming year for our District on membership is that each club will recruit one new member net. What I really want is for each Lion of District 50 to **ASK ONE, BRING ONE** to build up our membership. This means that each member in District 50 will recruit at least one new member. We need more members to help with community projects, fresh new ideas that new members might have, and to make it easier to have new board members to take the place of members that hold on to their positions for many years. This in turn will help us have strong clubs and a strong district. Let's mentor new Lions from the start of their journey in Lionism, keep them active and interested in what Lions do.



We have many communities in Hawaii that need a Lions Club. Let's search out those areas and start a new club. We should re-establish new clubs in areas where we had clubs before. If people knew that there was a Lions club in their area, it might be easier to form a club there. There are many clubs that are struggling for different reasons. We should help those struggling clubs, see what their needs are and help them out of their situation. We can help them with membership, projects, meeting places, mentoring and other ways to get them running again. This should be done with zone clubs that the struggling club is in.

The Chairpersons for the Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Service Team (GST) and Best Practices Team are ready to start their programs and I hope that every Lion takes advantage of programs that are provided. We do need more Lions in leadership positions on the club and district levels.

I am looking forward to being with each Lion in District 50, whether it is Club visitations, community projects or just hanging out. Please call in to schedule my visit to your club or zone and call me if you need any information about Lions and the District. We will have fun in the coming year and we will all become successful.

**LIONS TOGETHER, WE SERVE**



## Spotlight on Lion Sean Benito

*On the memorable morning of Saturday, April 29th, Lion Sean Benito took the stage at the illustrious 87th Annual D50 Hawaii Lions Convention to deliver his acceptance speech. As the*

*anticipation filled the room, Lion Sean Benito graciously addressed the distinguished audience, capturing their attention with his words of gratitude and determination. Click the link for 2nd VDG Elect - Lion Sean's Acceptance Speech: <https://youtu.be/sRARzYX8Xkw> (Huge Mahalo to Lion Irwin for the Video)*

Dear fellow Lions,

It is with sincere humility and honor that I share my personal journey as a member of the Lion's Club and the experiences that have shaped my dedication to service and fellowship. Join me as we delve into the path that led me to this remarkable organization.

In 2012, a pivotal moment unfolded when my boss and Sponsor, Lion Andrew Chun, extended a life-changing invitation. The opportunity presented itself through a Lions Club Service Project, supporting Ha'aheo Intermediate and Elementary School with an Andagi Fundraiser. As a lover of good food and actively involved in the Scouting Program, this invitation resonated deeply within me. Filled with anticipation and a desire to contribute, I eagerly joined the "Hilo Crescent City Lions" and embarked on a transformative journey.

As I immersed myself in the club's activities, I witnessed firsthand the profound impact we had on our local community. Through our collective efforts in service projects, fundraisers, and events, we touched the lives of those in need, fostering positive change and enhancing well-

being. This experience ignited a deep sense of purpose within me, leading me to collaborate with Lions clubs worldwide to address global challenges. The Lion's Club became more than an organization; it became a catalyst for personal growth and transformation.

Being a Lion transcended mere participation in service activities. It provided me with a community of like-minded individuals, lifelong friendships, and invaluable leadership skills. The Lion's Club nurtured empathy within me, reinforcing the significance of selfless giving. It has become an integral part of my life, inspiring me to leave a meaningful impact wherever I go. I humbly express my gratitude for that fateful invitation, which set me on this extraordinary journey of service and fellowship.

*Do I have a proudest moment as a Lion?*

Indeed, I do! One of the most profound moments of pride during my tenure as a member of the Lion's Club was serving as Club President from July 1st, 2020, to June 30th, 2022, a time when the world faced the daunting challenges of the pandemic. Despite the obstacles we encountered, our small club of 25 members united as a team, achieving an extraordinary feat – completing 100 service activities for two consecutive years.

Throughout this period, we not only accomplished remarkable milestones but also cultivated a deeper bond as a club. Amidst the loss of some members, we were fortunate to welcome impactful individuals such as President Leelen Park and Vice President Geoli Ng, whose passion and dedication infused our community with enthusiasm and awareness. As we weathered the storm of the pandemic, my utmost concern was ensuring our club's continued activity, as well as paying homage to the hard work of those who paved the way before us.

As we recently celebrated our 67th Club Anniversary on May 22, 2023, our jubilation was heightened by another momentous achievement.

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We proudly launched a Community-Based Leos Club in D50 Hawaii Leos during the height of the pandemic on November 15, 2021. With 14 active members, this milestone leaves a lasting legacy for our club, symbolizing our unwavering commitment to nurturing future leaders and fostering positive change within our community.

*What are my goals as the 2nd Vice District Governor?*

Stepping into the esteemed role of the 2nd Vice District Governor fills me with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose. For the upcoming year, I have set ambitious goals for myself. By the conclusion of my term on June 30, 2024, I strive to visit all 55 Clubs or 15 Zones. My intention is to connect with each club or zone, listening attentively to their unique needs and challenges.

Aloha,  
Lion Bruddah Sean



*On the vibrant Saturday morning of March 25th, Lion Sean Benito, accompanied by the compassionate and dedicated "Lions with Heart" team, made a remarkable presence at Windward Mall's Health Fair. With an unwavering commitment to serving the community, Lion Sean Benito immersed himself in the event, eagerly*

*lending his support and expertise to promote health and wellness among the attendees.*

*Next month: Spotlight on CIS Joyce Nip*

## Club News



Lion Sheila Doncaster of **Kamehameha Lions Club** who is also the Leo Advisor at La Pietra School for Girls presented scholarships to Leos Jade H., Class President and Nina B. Valedictorian. KLC sponsors four Leo Clubs and allocates \$1,500 in scholarships to each club.



Lions Lyle App, Mel Tom and Sheldon Apo of **Kamehameha Lions Club** dropped off donations at the Kalihi Veterans Home.



## 2023 87th Annual District 50 Convention Recap

Article by Lion Irwin Santos

Photos by Lions Justin Nip, Pam Young and Thomas Palmer

View them all on our D50 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hawaiiilions/>

### THE FUN STUFF

Convention-goers were inspired by a weekend of business and fun (April 27-29). For many Lions and their families, attending the convention has become a yearly tradition. The convention offers an ideal setting for reuniting acquaintances and to make 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. Amongst the business aspect were the well-attended festivities. The most important part of our District Convention was YOU - the Lions and Leos from around the state whose commitment to serving those in need remains constant in an ever-changing world.

First up...Waialeale Country Club provided challenges and enjoyment to golfers of all skill

levels on one of Oahu's most popular golf courses. Spectacular views of Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, Ko'olau and Waianae mountains were just part of the experience. The Lions took to play using individual score format and the tournament winner determined by Peoria System (1-day handicapping system for



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tournaments in which most of the golfers do not have real handicap indexes). Congratulations to **Lion Mark Despault** who won the tournament championship.

An annual ongoing tradition...We honor, respect, and show our love for America by raising Old Glory. The flag ceremony was held at the Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse. The **Royal Hawaiian Band Saxophone Ensemble** opened up the ceremony with Color Guard provided by the **Saint Louis School JROTC**. Our Keynote Speaker **International Director Allen Snider** is from Canada and his country's flag was represented. A Hawaiian Beef Stew Dinner reception followed and was sponsored by **DG Gary Nip, 1st VDG CJ Kalopodes, 2nd VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita and ID Bob Lee**.



The Annual District Convention Awards Luncheon recognized Lions Members and Clubs who have performed Herculean efforts to improve their local community. Awards such as the "Global Cause Awards"...from our website [hawaiiions.org](http://hawaiiions.org) "Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most. Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an

opportunity to truly change our world. That's why we're uniting our global service around five areas of need; **Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, and Childhood Cancer**. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them." These select awards were amongst other prestigious awards handed out. Congratulations to all and to **Kapolei Lions Club** who garnered many of the prizes. [Please visit the hawaiiions.org website for a complete list.](http://hawaiiions.org)



With heavy Friday pau hana traffic, the **Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** would like to remind all to please drive with Aloha. Lions partnering with HPD lined up along Atkinson Drive Friday 4/28 2pm-3:30pm



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during rush hour to bring attention to Traffic Safety. Every attendee got a Lions safety vest just by attending the convention for use at this service project. This activity also provided the Hawaii Lions tremendous public exposure. Thousands of cars that whizzed by got to see Lions servicing the community.



This year's Fun Night..."The Greatest Showman Carnival" was held at the Ho'o Kupu Center just minutes away from the Ala Moana Hotel. Carnival Games abound including a Dunking Booth with guest dunkees; **International Director Allen Snider, visiting PDG John Hui, 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! Venturous Lions became part of the Greatest Showman Costume Contest livening up the party with carnival spirit. On top of all that, Lions were dining on Hawaiian cuisine... with one mean squid luau...was real ono! The **Hawaii LEOs** played a huge part in the production of this event and proceeds have gone to support their members.



The District Governor's banquet celebration brought convention weekend to a close. We got to see our leadership dress up with fellow Lions and guests out to dine and to enjoy



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each other's camaraderie. Chinese Lions danced their way through the banquet hall blessing the establishment and event. When witnessing a lion dance, it is lucky to feed money to the lion. This action is done for good luck for both spectator and lion dancer. They were fed well!



The evening was a blend of culture...in came the young men from the **St. Louis School Halau** and they brought their "A" game to perform various Hula dance. Such an unusual segue but the crowd was into it, kinda like being at a luau even though we were dining on a mix of local favorite dishes. If this group sticks together after graduation, they could have a long running tenure during Hawaii events. Best wishes to them...they were AWESOME!



Throughout the past 3+ years, D50 members were treated to DG Gary's tribute of "**Best**

**Friend**" award, or similar. This is where someone was gifted a portrait of the man himself. It appears that a good majority of Hawaii Lions were recipient of the notable offering. Well, on this one night, it was payback... touché!



The night was grand and the formalities ended...but it wasn't over until the dancing shoes were on and the music kicked in with the band "**Next Level**". Lions were dancing... not like earlier in the evening. The C'est Si Bon came alive like back in its heyday of live music. Lions were grooving to the tunes of popular songs from Motown, Santana, Elvis, and Michael Jackson, to high-energy dance tunes from the disco era to Madonna to Bruno Mars...there was something for everybody!



The 2023 convention will be one of the most memorable...until next year...

## District 4-A2 Convention in Visalia, California

Article and photos by DG Gary Nip

### STUDENT SPEAKER CONTESTS: BUILDING SELF CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

DG Gary and CIS Joyce attended the District 4-A2 Convention in Visalia, California on May 5-7, 2023. LCI does not reimburse DGs who attend events outside their District nor does D50 pay, so the cost is DG Gary's expense. DG Gary became friends with California DGs so he wanted to attend a few of their conventions. This Convention is an example of cost savings by starting on Friday night, all day Saturday and adjourn on Sunday morning. Pictured below, left to right: PDG Kevin Patel, CIS Lion Ron Weaverling, LCI guest ID Deb Weaverling, DG Falguni Patel, DGE Christy Kroell, CIS Joyce and DG Gary.

Friday May 5, 2023 Food fair and dancing in hotel parking lot from 5pm – 7pm.

### Saturday May 6, 2023

7:30 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

7:30 – 9:30 am Registration

9:30 am Opening session

Parade of Club Banners (This area is farming community; McFarland is the town in the

Disney movie.)

10:30 – 11:45 am Leo Service project - packing pet food for homeless families

Constitution & By Laws

2023-2024 Budget presentation (D50 does this at 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting)

Nominations,  
seconding  
speeches &  
demonstrations.  
Online voting (you  
read correctly  
there were no  
paper ballots)

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lunch speaker

Sharon

Giovinazzo

(Lighthouse for  
the Blind)



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2:00 – 4:00 pm Student speaker contest  
Starts at club level then winners move to zone & region level then four region winners competed at this convention. Winner moves on to compete at the Multiple District level. Winners get \$ at each level; winner at Multiple District level gets total of \$21,000. (This would be good for Hawaii students to build self confidence in public speaking.)

6:00 – 9:00 pm DG Banquet. Keynote address by ID Deb Weaverling and presentation of awards.

### Sunday May 7, 2023

LCIF breakfast & auction

10:30 – 11:00 am Celebration of Life

Reports & awards

Election results: DGE Christy Kroell, 1VDGE

Cheri Provancha, 2VDGE Marco Martinez

DGE remarks & introduction of 2023-2024 Cabinet

Door prize drawing

1:00 pm Adjourn



## District 4-C4 Convention in Redding, California

Article and photos by DG Gary Nip

### HOT DOGS AT 10:30 P.M.?

DG Gary and CIS Joyce attended the District 4C4 Convention in Redding California on May 18-21, 2023. LCI does not reimburse DGs who attend events outside their District nor does D50 pay so the cost is DG Gary's expense. DG Gary became friends with California DGs so he wanted to attend a few of their conventions. This was DG John Hui's convention. DG John was a guest of DG Gary at the D50 Convention.

### Thursday May 18, 2023

7:00 pm Barbeque dinner and hospitality rooms surrounding the open courtyard.



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Friday May 19, 2023

9:00 – 11:00 am Registration / Certification  
 9:45 – 11:00 am Partners in Service event  
 10:00 – 11:00 am District Election Information Meeting  
 11:15 am Convention opening & lunch  
 12:45 pm Barbershop Quartet competition  
 1:30 pm Seconding Nominations for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG  
 2:00 – 4:00 pm Registration / Certification  
 3:00 pm Costume parade  
 5:30 – 6:30 pm Candidates cocktail party  
 6:45 pm Dinner followed by keynote address by ID Ben Apeland  
 9:00 pm Amateur show  
 10:30 pm Hot dogs in the courtyard because in the past dinner was not enough.

Saturday May 20, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 am Registration & voting  
 8:00 am Breakfast  
 8:45 am Memorial Service  
 9:15 – 11:15 am Registration & voting  
 9:15 am Tail Twister contest  
 12:00 – 1:00 pm Food Fair in the hotel courtyard  
 2:00 pm Election results: DGE Kevin Guess, 1VDGE Clayton Jolley, 2VDGE Cindy Zheng  
 2:30 pm Meeting with ID Ben Apeland  
 3:30 pm PDG meeting  
 5:30 - 6:30 pm DG Cocktail party  
 6:45 – 9:00 pm DG Banquet with presentation of awards  
 DGE remarks & introduction of 2023-2024 Cabinet

Sunday May 21, 2023

9:30 am Business session  
 Reports & awards  
 11:00 am Adjourn

## Diabetes Awareness: Walmart Wellness Fair Project

Submitted by Lion Chris Chow

MAHALO TO D50 LIONS FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT

On May 6, 2023 District 50 Lions were out in full force and present at Walmart locations statewide to support the Walmart Wellness Fair. This quarterly event is held by all Walmart locations and provides shoppers the opportunity to receive free health screenings and resources by Walmart staff. These screenings include blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol readings along with a visual acuity test. D50 Lions were present in 7 Walmart locations statewide with the goals of encouraging shoppers to partake in these free health screenings and increase the public's awareness of diabetes and Hawaii Lions. It is free community health screenings like this event that allows even the busiest of individuals the opportunity to conveniently take time to check-up on their health. It is often the case where individuals learn about their risk for certain diseases like diabetes from screenings like this event. Mahalo to D50 Lions for the continued support in this important project.



Kunia



Walmart staff, Lions Virginia Padayhag and Gail Kono

Kahului



Lions Ioane Ho'omanawanui and Judy Eagle

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### Keeaumoku



Lions Gina Amina, Arlene Shimokawa, Ron Ushijima and Chris Chow

### Lihue



Lions Tom Kerr, Mary Shields and Jeanie Cox

### Mililani



Lions Pamela Young, Kai Okazaki, Corky Yoshina and Phil Takaba

### Kapolei



Lions Puna Nouchi, Candace Aglutay, Judy Datzman, Carmie Namocot, Andy Namocot, Elaine Lau, Jaz Ikeda and Leo Vaelupemaua.  
Not pictured: Lions Jesse and Jailu Navarette, Ken Kato and Thelma Aiwohi

## On the frontlines of service.

Today and every day.

Mauna Kahālāwai Lions Club

## Health Screening at Kahului's Walmart

Submitted by Lion Ioane Ho'omanawanui

### THE LIGHT AFTER TURMOIL

Amidst the turmoil we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a positive residual effect that has come from it. An effect where the awareness of personal health has increased among our populace, worldwide. Vaccinated or not vaccinated, people are becoming more informed and seeking ways to improve their health. I experienced this firsthand as the Health screening participants embodied the zeal for personal health awareness while volunteering for Walmart Kahului's Free Health screening booth on May 6th, 2023 from 10am to 12noon representing Mauna Kahālāwai Lions Club.

Fellow Lion Judy from Kahului Lions Club and I arrived ten minutes early for our 10am to Noon shift. We were greeted by Walmart's Pharmacist Technician Taylor who gave us a brief orientation soon after. Our roles were distributed; as Lion Judy did the intake paperwork of the participants to be screened, I ensured their safety and confidentiality before checking their temperature and their Blood Pressure with equipment provided by our hosts while Taylor prepped appreciation gift bags and answered the consumers' questions. The lead Pharmacist stopped by the booth briefly to extend his gratitude for our support and returned to the growing line of customers at their Pharmacy. The line at our health screening booth was also forming.



We kept our roles throughout the shift except a brief period when Lion Judy participated in the health screening. Statistically speaking, within two hours I screened a total of 22 people with a 3:1 Female to Male ratio with ninety percent of participants coming from Kīhei. One hundred percent of participants were appreciative of the free screening as some referred family and friends to come by the end of the free Health screening. Mahalo Walmart Kahului and sponsors for having the free Health screening booth for the well-being of our community - for being a Light after Turmoil.

Brief bio: Lion Ioane Ho'omanawanui is member of the one year old Mauna Kahālāwai Lions Club, a Math Educator for Maui Job Corps and fluent Hawaiian language speaker.



## District 50 Leo Conference

Article and photos by DG Gary Nip

A CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE OF OVER 200 LEOS AND LEO ADVISORS!

District 50 Leo Conference was held on May 27-29, 2023 at Camp Homelani in Waialua, Oahu. The theme was “Serve Today for a Better Tomorrow.” This was one of the most well attended conferences with over 200 Leos and Leo Advisors said Leo Club chair Lion Winston Watarai. Lion Winston was honored and thanked on his retirement from the position having served three three-year terms. He will remain behind the scenes and help the new chair Lion Aren Pai.

Cabins were comfortable and the view of the ocean was spectacular.

Classrooms were conducive to learning as Lion Ken Nishibun (Hawaii Kai Lions Club) talked about “Communication” and Lion Kendra Watanabe Nip (Koko Head Lions Club) presented a “Career Exploration” workshop.

There were fun activities too such as games, dancing, singing, swimming, group performances, sightseeing, shopping, and the traditional campfire with s’mores. Leos should plan on attending the 2024 District 50 Leo Conference; date and location to be determined.



## Remembering PDG Norman Sakata

Article and photos by DG Gary Nip

PDG Norman Sakata was 96 years old when he passed on February 14, 2023. A celebration of life well lived was held on May 27, 2023 at the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. The temple was filled with Lions from Kauai, Maui, Oahu and of course Hawaii Island.

People could also pay their respects on Zoom.

DG Gary Nip read the memorial plaque and resolution while ID Bob Lee presented the LCI Certificate of Appreciation. Paying tribute after the Lions necrology service was Big Island Mayor Mitch Roth, and a military honors ceremony with the presentation of colors. Fellowship, food and music followed the service.



PDG Norman was a member of the Lions Club of Kona for over 64 years, club President in 1968-1969 and elected District Governor 1991-1992. PDG Norman was the driving force behind the statewide "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest where elementary grade students create a poster of what sight means to them. This contest has been an annual activity for the past 40 years.

One of his favorite stories is of Jessica Sapanara who was born blind, in 1992 at Kona Community Hospital and now, she can see.



After Sakata received a frantic phone call from her mother Fern Sapanara, compassionate Sakata quickly made all the arrangements with the Hawaii Lions Foundation to help achieve successful cornea transplants in an infant. Today, Jessica is 28 years old and gratefully honored PDG Norman at the service. PDG Norman solicited annual donations from several foundations to include the May Mitchell Royal Foundation and raised over a half million dollars to support the The Lions Eye Bank of Hawai'i and the Makana Foundation.



PDG Norman is also a Kona icon as the founder of the Kona Coffee Festival and a scoutmaster. He is survived by his children Clyde, Jocelyn, Lion Michelle, Janice, Blaine and Laurie.



On Saturday May 27, 2023, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce and Lions Clubs honored the fallen heroes of

## Memorial Day Service in Waialua

Submitted by Lion Rene Mansho

north shore on Memorial Day weekend. The event was held at the war memorial at Haleiwa Beach Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lion Rene Mansho (Wahiawa Lions Club) noted the former Waialua Lions Club used to hold this event annually until their club closed. Lion Rene worked with the North Shore Chamber of Commerce to revive this tradition. At a generous discount, Alluvion Nursery provided four floral arrangements to be presented

by the 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart and Hawaii Lions Clubs. Mahalo to the Lions that attended and supported the event.

In 1947, the memorial was designed by Charter Lion Walter S. Tanabe to remember the ultimate sacrifice of our veterans from Waialua, Haleiwa and Kahuku. The 16 World War II heroes are represented by the 16 artillery shells. In 1959 and 1986 the Korean War and the Vietnam War heroes were added respectively.



Lions International conducts a Peace Poster contest. There were two participants this year. The 1st place winner is 7<sup>th</sup> grader Elizabeth Oh from Mililani Middle School. Lion Marilyn Lee is the Peace Poster Contest coordinator for Mililani Lions Club. The 2nd place winner is St. Anthony School 8<sup>th</sup> grader Skye Onishi pictured here with Pali Lions coordinator PDG Cecelia Izuo. District 50 awarded \$200 to

the 1st place winner and \$100 to the 2nd place winner. The 1st place winner's poster was sent to International for competition at that level. International winners to be announced on or before February 1st.

When PDG Cecelia Izuo chaired the first Peace Poster contest held in D50 in then DG Norman Sakata's year, she emphasized that our first objective as members of Lions Clubs International is "To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world" and one of those ways is by participating in the Peace Poster Contest. PDG Cecelia explained

## Peace Poster Contest

Article and photo by Lion Susan Moniz & PDG Cecelia Izuo

that the Sight is Beautiful contest focuses on students in Elementary School whereas the Peace Poster Contest is for intermediate age level students. The 2023-2024 contest theme is "Dare to Dream" where students will show how to turn their dreams of a peaceful world into reality. Your club can order the Peace Poster Contest kit from [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) from January 15 to October 1, 2023. December 1, 2023 is the postmark deadline for the district governor to send one winning poster to Lions International Headquarters. Please encourage your schools to participate.

# 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:



**GLT Coordinator**  
**Lion David Iwana**  
**Hawaii Kai Lions Club**

Recognized on 2/20/23 for his role in bringing the last local Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) to District 50. Effective July 1, 2024, ALLI will no longer be offered and will be replaced by the new Second Vice District Governor training.



**Lion Elizabeth "Liz" Crooke**  
**Salinas Host Lions Club**

Was thanked on 2/20/23 for coming to Honolulu to teach at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Lion Liz is a trained and experienced instructor who added value to our learning and understanding. Her credentials were instrumental in allowing District 50 to provide a local ALLI.



**PDG Chris Morris**  
**Waikoloa Lions Club**

On 2/20/23 PDG Chris was honored for teaching at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. PDG Chris was key to having the first local ALLI at District 50 in 2019. The success of the 2019 ALLI ensured that ALLI could be taught locally in 2023.



**PDG Garrett Ogawa**  
**Manoa Lions Club**

On 2/20/23 PDG Garrett received the DG Coin for teaching at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. He is a graduate of the Faculty Development Institute which is required to teach ALLI.



**Lion Kathryn Chung**  
**Manoa Lions Club**

Recognized on 2/20/23 for teaching at the local Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Hawaii. Lion Kathryn, also a graduate of the Faculty Development

Institute, taught Project Management and assembled the course materials for the students.



**Lion Cynthia Chun**  
**Hawaii Kai Lions Club**

On 2/20/23 Lion Cynthia was thanked for coordinating lunch and refreshments at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.



**Lion James Yamashita**  
**Manoa Lions Club**

At the Zone Social on 2/20/23 Lion President James was recognized for his support to the district in numerous meetings, projects and events as Companion in Service for Second Vice District Governor Lori Inouye-Yamashita.



**Second Vice District Governor**  
**Lori Inouye-Yamashita**  
**Manoa Lions Club**

Was honored on 2/20/23 for her outstanding support to the district in numerous meetings, projects and other events like the many vision screening, hearing screening and CPR/ AED training sessions. She is a co-chair of the Eyeglass recycling committee.



**Lion Todd Kawamoto**  
**Mililani Lions Club**

On 3/12/23, he was recognized for coordinating Hawaii Lions and Leos participation in the Honolulu Festival parade. Our photo was on the front page of section B of the Star Advertiser which has a circulation of upwards of 230,000.