



LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions



Club Charter Anniversaries

July 1

Akaka Falls Lions Club - 1963

July 6

Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club - 2009

July 28

Hamakua Lions Club - 1934

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Hawaii Kai
Kamehameha
Kapolei City

I MUA District 50
Together We Can

District Governor's Message

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

I MUA District 50. I MUA is the Hawaiian word to move forward. Vaccinations and the removal of restrictions, signals a new normal of living with COVID-19 much like the flu. Moving forward by returning to projects like hearing and vision screening in our schools with safety protocols. Moving forward via in-person meetings with virtual options for those at risk.

What we accomplished in Lions year 2022-2023:

- Goal 1 new club = Honolulu Cyber Veterans Golf Lions Club. Mahalo **Lion Cedric Mitsui**.
- Clubs reporting service goal 54% = 60% actual. Mahalo **GST Lion Cedric Mitsui**.
- New service: Special Olympics. Mahalo **Chair Lion Mick Laconsay**.
- Leadership training: Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Mahalo **GLT Lion David Iwana**.
- Expanded awards & recognition: Mahalo **Chair Lion Gail Kono & her committee**.
- Monthly Best Practices & Health Zoom: Mahalo **PDG Cecelia Izuo & Lion Jim Yamashita**.
- D50 website: Mahalo **Lion Irwin Santos** for the major redo & **IT committee** for updates.
- Club Bulletins & writable forms now available on D50 website: Mahalo **IT committee**.
- App to prepare CRNs & free secure hawaiiions.org email: Mahalo **Lion Kobey Arai**.
- Return of holiday zoom socials: Mahalo **CIS Peggy Oyama, & her committee**.
- Lions Can Cook Book to fund young Lion scholarships & HLF: Mahalo **CIS Joyce Nip**.



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2022-2023 District 50 Leadership

District Governor

Gary Nip

First Vice District Governor

C.J. Kalopodes

Second Vice District Governor

Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Immediate Past District Governor

Mitch Tam

Cabinet Secretary

Jeff Ching

Cabinet Treasurer

Lester Nip

Sergeant at Arms

Sean Benito

International Director

Robert Lee

Past International Director

Maurice Kahawai

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

August issue by July 25th to

d50leoliona2023.2024@gmail.com

- Young Lion scholarships: Mahalo **CIS Joyce Nip, ID Bob Lee and Lion Pam Lee.**

Mahalo to Leo Liona editor **Lion Renee Ako** for an outstanding job. Mahalo to my home club the **Koko Head Lions Club** for their unwavering support.

Mahalo to **Honorary District Governor ID Bob Lee & other PDGs** for their advice & support.

Mahalo to the **Cabinet & Committees** for not only serving but performing their very best.

Mahalo to **my children and their CIS** for living a Lions life and becoming members.

Mahalo to **CIS Joyce** for being the champion for the non-Lion CIS who say "We Serve Too!"

It is an honor to serve those who serve others.

There is no "I" in Nip. Well there is but you know what I mean. We are a TEAM.

EVERY Lion matters. EVERY Lion can contribute. EVERY Lion is needed to move us forward.

I MUA District 50 because "Together We Can"

Lion Gary Nip, District Governor 2022-2023



Mahalo DG Gary!



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

District 50:**4,352**Service Activities
Completed**72,296**Volunteer
Hours**1,263,465**People
Served**\$199,072**Funds
Donated**\$226,180**Funds
Raised**Reporting:****Lions****82%**45 out of
55 clubs**LEOs****24.1%**7 out of
29 clubs**Total****62%**52 out of
84 clubs

**Mahalo Lions and Leos of District 50 for a
tremendous year of community service!**

District 50 Lions Club Metrics: Clubs completing & reporting projects

24%	11%	13%	16%	7%
5 of 5 Areas of Service	4 of 5 Areas of Service	3 of 5 Areas of Service	2 of 5 Areas of Service	1 of 5 Areas of Service
Akaka Falls	Ala Moana	Hawaii Kai	Honolulu	Hawaii Cyber
Aloha Pono	East Kauai	Kahaluu	Diamond Head	Lahaina
Chinatown	Kahului	Kamehameha	Kailua Kona	Mauna Kahālawai
Haleakala	Kauai	Kona	Kapahulu- Moiiliili	Lanai City
Hawaii Lions Unlimited	Mililani	Manoa	Kauai North Shore	Waimea
Hilo Crescent City	Moanalua	Pali	Koko Head	
Kapolei City		Wahiawa	Molokai	
Koloa		West Kauai	Palolo	
Leeward Oahu			Pearl City	
Mana Loa- Nimitz				
Waiakea				
Waikiki 2000				
Waikoloa				

82%Lions Clubs who have
completed & reported
projects on MyLCI.**73%**Lions Clubs who have completed &
reported projects on MyLCI in at
least 1 of 5 areas of service.**Areas of
Service**

Diabetes

35%

19/55 clubs



Environmental

64%

35/55 clubs

Childhood
Cancer**27%**

15/55 clubs



Hunger Relief

56%

31/55 clubs



Vision

67%

37/55 clubs

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District 50 LEO Club Metrics: Clubs completing & reporting projects

4 of 5 Areas of Service	3 of 5 Areas of Service	2 of 5 Areas of Service	1 of 5 Areas of Service	24% LEO Clubs of District 50 have completed & reported projects on MyLCI in at least 1 of 5 areas of service.	62% District 50 Lions & LEO Clubs have completed & reported projects on MyLCI in at least 1 of 5 areas of service
Mililani High School	Roosevelt High School	The Catalyst Cubs	Kaimuki High School		
		Hilo Crescent City			
		Konawaena High School			
		Moanalua High School			

District 50 Lions Club Region Level Reporting Metrics: Clubs completing & reporting projects

Region 1		5/6	83%	Region 5	Zone 1	2/3	67%
Region 2	Zone 1	1/3	33%	Region 5	Zone 2	3/3	100%
Region 2	Zone 2	2/3	67%	Region 6	Zone 1	3/4	75%
Region 3	Zone 1	2/5	40%	Region 6	Zone 2	2/3	67%
Region 3	Zone 2	3/4	75%	Region 7		4/5	80%
Region 4	Zone 1	5/6	83%	Region 8	Zone 1	2/3	67%
Region 4	Zone 2	3/3	100%	Region 8	Zone 2	2/2	100%
				Region 9		1/2	50%

District 50 2023-2024 Global Service Team**Island GST Directors:**

Kauai	PDG Eric Nordmeier
Oahu	PZC Pamela Young
Maui/Lanai/Molokai	
	PDG Mark Mizuno
Big Island	PZC John Kelly
	Pres Leelan Park

Plan

- Increase Lions and Leo Club Reporting from 62% to 63+%
- Increase Lions Club reporting from 82% to 83%
- Increase Leo Club reporting from 24% to

25%

- District 50 Kindness Matters winner submit for LCI Kindness Matters Award
- Top 10 Total Lions Club Community Service Projects reported on MyLCI as of March 31, 2024.
- Promote Club Global Service Chairperson
- Encourage Clubs to implement service projects that are aligned with global LCI Initiatives.
- Work with GMT, GET, and GLT coordinators to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership retention and growth, and expanding humanitarian service.

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- Support Local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos.
- Promote service project that attract multi-generational participants including the integration and leadership development of Leos.
- Implement activities that improve community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships.
- Maximize LCIF resource utilization and monitor LCIF grants given to the district.
- Gather club and district feedback related

to service challenges, opportunities, and successes and share information and help remove barriers impeding the successful implementation of service projects.

- Help the in-coming 2024-25 District 50 GST Chairperson.
- Club Service Chairperson/Club President/ Club Vice President: Please look for these helpful resources
 - Club Service Chairperson e-Book and roles and responsibilities
 - Lions Club Service Calendar
 - Global Service Team Toolbox on Lions website

Mahalo for helping clubs with their projects in LCI's Global Causes:



Childhood/Pediatric Cancer
Lion Virginia McMahon



Diabetes
Lion Chris Chow



Environmental
Lion Rene Mansho



Hunger
Lion Ellsworth Fujii



Vision
Lion Roberta Jenkins
Lion Brian Akimoto
Lion Jennifer Shintani
Lion Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita
Lion Phil Sharp

Mahalo Lion Renee Ako for making this year's GST's Leo Liona articles easier to read and interesting!



Spotlight on

Companion in Service (CIS) Joyce Nip

CIS Joyce Nip is married to DG Gary Nip for over 45 years. Together they have three children (Lion

Justin & spouse Lion Kendra, Lion Jasmine & spouse Lion Thomas Palmer, Lion Jayson) and three granddaughters. She graduated from Star of the Sea School in 1971 and the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a masters degree in

home economics and food service. She taught at Aiea High School and later retired from Radford High School.

Though many have called her Lion Joyce, she is not a Lion and proudly represents the CIS in District 50 who say "We serve too." CIS Joyce accompanies DG Gary to club visitations, projects and fundraisers like the photo of her working at the Pearl City Lions Club Valentine's Day breakfast (*next page*).

DG Gary says, having a non-Lion first lady is beneficial because she provides an "outsider" perspective to many issues in District 50 that a Lion may not provide.

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CIS Joyce bakes a favor for each attendee at every event the couple attends. This is her way of saying mahalo to clubs for inviting the DG couple to their events.

“Hawai’i Lions Can COOK Book” is CIS

Joyce’s project to fund scholarships to assist young Lions attend Lions Conventions or USA Canada Forums. Part of the proceeds will also benefit Hawaii Lions Foundation.

CIS Joyce is a long-time student of Hawaiian and hula. As seen in this photo, she performed the hula at the opening ceremony of the 87th District 50 Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel.

CIS Joyce said one of the highest compliments the couple has received is “you guys are down to earth just like us regular Lions.”

Mahalo CIS Joyce for all you do for District 50 Hawai’i Lions.



District Governor Elect CJ Kalopodes Featured in MidWeek

Submitted by Lion Adriel Lam

As it appears in MidWeek Windward Voice 6/21/23 (page 4)
<https://midweek.com/pdf/Windward/2023/0621/>

On April 29, Kaneohe-native Chris “CJ” Kalopodes was unanimously elected District Governor for Hawaii (District 50) at the 87th Hawaii Lions Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel. C. J. is the first District Governor in the 74-year history of the Lions Club of Kaneohe to be elected to lead the Hawaii Lions Club

Born in Honolulu and moved to Kaneohe at the age of 10, CJ attended Benjamin Parker school and Castle High

School. He started his own construction business at 28, recently retiring after nearly 52 years in the construction industry. CJ began a lifetime of community service at 24 and has been a dedicated Lion for over 35 years, with 21 of those years being with the Kaneohe Lions Club.

At his nomination for District Governor, CJ was praised for his past successes, “In our world in Lionism, CJ has done a lot! Club President, Zone

Chair, Region Chair, Club LCIF Coordinator- and the most important club position- Club Secretary, he brings a wealth of knowledge and success to help us remain on the path of success.”

Lion CJ is joined by his wife, backbone and strong Lion supporter, Lion Barbara “BJ”. Past Lions leaders noted her exceptional qualities, “She has a keen ability to recognize issues and bring it to his attention. Together they are a

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great team and will represent the Lions of District 50 well.”

As District Governor, one of his first duties is to represent the Lions Club of Hawaii (District 50) at the Lions Club International Convention in Boston this year and tell the Hawaii Lions story of success and vision of service in the coming year.

For over 106 years, the men and women of Lions Clubs International (LCI) have never hesitated to serve their communities. Lions Clubs are global leaders in public and humanitarian service. LCI is the world's largest service club organization with over 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

The Lions Club of Kaneohe has been serving the community since 1949 and will be celebrating 75 years of service in 2024.

BOSTON 2023

Don't Miss This!

Lions Eye Banks:

- Service Activities Booth
- Seminar - Service Success & You
- Presentation - New Needs, New Service, New Membership

GAT's Best Practices with PDG Cecelia Izuo

The Fourth Monday



Zoom Webinar

July 24, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Day 2023

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa

PROUD TO BE A LION!

Mahalo to the Lions of District 50 Hawaii for their participation in this past year's Memorial Day event.

Lions from all islands were able to send what they could and some Lions on Oahu picked flowers and/or sewed leis.

Thank you to 2VDG elect Sean Benito in helping make arrangements at the Super KTA Stores on the Big Island to help store the numerous leis that were either donated and/or made by our Lions! Great job! Proud to be a Lion!



On Tuesday, after the grave sites were adorned with leis and American flags, Lions Adriel Lam, Kaneohe Lions Club and Francis Lum, Hawaii Kai Lions joined myself and other volunteers removing the flags and placing them in storage bins for next year.



Thank you Lions! The families of those who are laid to rest there thank you.

Events & Club News



CORRECTION:
Sincere
apologies to
Lion Lyle Apo
(Kamehameha
Lions Club)

whose last name was
misspelled in the June Leo
Liona.



Sir Knights Lyle Apo and Mel Tom (USAF MSGTs retired Desert Storm and Vietnam Veteran) of **Kamehameha Lions Club** received Knights

of Columbus, Bishop Maigret Assembly FM V. M. Abbatiello Memorial Cup for work done with Veterans and Homeless Veterans in Hawaii.



Father (**Kamehameha Lions Club** Lyle Apo) and son at the Pantry.



Lions teaching CPR/AED at the Windward Mall Emergency Preparedness Fair on May 20, 2023.



Lions With Heart

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa

NEIGHBOR ISLANDS: BE READY TO PUMP ON!

Aloha Lions of District 50 Hawaii,

As this term comes to a close, I would like to give a big MAHALO to all Lions and LEOs who have taken the opportunity to not only learn CPR/AED, but teach others in the schools and community as well.

We have participated in several events at shopping malls here and received positive responses.

We will continue to teach here on Oahu, but during the upcoming year we would like to



We serve.

bring our knowledge to the neighbor islands. Be ready, because we will teach you to pump on!

Attached on the next page is a thank you letter from United States Attorney Clare Connors, thanking the Lions for what we do to keep the community safe!

Mahalo! Stay safe and be safe!
PDG Garrett Ogawa

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May 15, 2023

Garrett Ogawa
Lions with Heart

Re: Celebrate Safe Communities Event

Dear Mr. Ogawa:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for supporting our 10th Celebrate Safe Communities event held on March 3, 2023, at Pearlridge Center.

This event drew over 5,000 attendees, who were able to gather excellent resources, observe informational displays, and interact and participate in hands-on activities provided by various Federal, State, City agencies, and community-based service providers.

Our committee worked alongside our partners Weed and Seed Hawaii, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs/Office of the Securities Commissioners, Honolulu City Prosecutor's Office, and the Honolulu Police Department in planning this event. This highly successful collaborative effort allowed us to showcase our partner agencies and the work we do collectively to keep our communities safe places to live, work, and play.

Thank you for your participation and commitment of time and resources, all of which contributed to this year's valuable community-strengthening event.

Respectfully,


CLARE E. CONNORS
United States Attorney



Celebration at Ala Moana Beach Park

June 17, 2023

Article by: Lion Irwin Santos (Public Relations)

Photos by District Photographers Lions (click on the names for full gallery)

[Justin Nip](#) & [Thomas Palmer](#)

LET'S DO THIS AGAIN IN 2024!



Lions Day In The Park...was promoted to both our members and the general public as "Hawai'i Lions are having a picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park to celebrate a great year returning to community service post Covid. Please join us for **"Lions Day in the Park"** Saturday June 17th from 9am-2pm. You're invited for family fun! Admission is **FREE**. Activities for **All** with Live Entertainment"...and it was so much more than that.

Over 100 members

including their families came out to enjoy camaraderie and fun with other clubs. Within that one day, it was jammed packed with activities; food, games, entertainment, and we got to showcase to the public what we do...Lions implement and complete global cause service projects such as Diabetes & Hunger awareness, Childhood Cancer, Vision, and taking care of our Environment. All of which help to improve and sustain the livelihood within their



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communities. We know what we do...and have experienced the greatest opportunity in reaching out to thousands that were in the park that day to share our knowledge and skillsets.



At the crack of dawn, Hawaii Lions showed up to setup their tents. Everyone sported either Lions vest, safety vest, or club work shirts. LEOs were there too and manned the Burger Shop. If you wanted hotdogs, just go one tent over...great combo to have...next year, lets add some sweet buttered corn on the cob and chocolate dipped banana. For those that were basking in the sunshine, whether at the beach or cruising with us in our area... SHAVE ICE!

That was like bait to attract those curious about our carnival family fair.

So...we're in the middle of the park and there are several very noticeable large inflatables. What caught most keiki's eyes was the bounce house...kids are so energetic...one can just get fatigued watching them jumping up & down and running around. While we had



Lions at that station, this allowed parents to roam our event. In addition, young and old got to play games hosted at several tents...with prizes!

Moving onward to our Lions causes...the early morning 9:30am

Diabetes Walk and Beach Cleanup...all in one go! The little more than 1-mile excursion took the Lions towards the Ewa end of Ala Moana and then beach side for the cleanup. Great health benefit to exercise in getting those feet moving. Roughly 30 or so souls making their way on the path...with Lions wear...that



was a mobile billboard passing hundreds of park users. In this effort, we addressed Diabetes and our Environmental posture with onlookers seeing us in action. D50 also collected canned food & toys (for childhood cancer patients), and provided FREE vision screening for the keiki. Plus, CPR/AED Trainers were on hand teaching basic life-saving skill and usage of the automated external defibrillator.

Music accompanied the party throughout the day...with several dance tunes...a crowd favorite "Electric Slide"

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got peeps shuffling on the grass...including Shasta the Lion who was busy all weekend long...in the park, and on the following Sunday supporting the Hawaii Kai's Father's Day Breakfast.

That day was Publicity Gold!! The blown-up dart board/Lions Logo balloon was DA BOMB! ...facing Ala Moana on a Saturday...a good estimate for traffic passing by is 3000-5000 cars. Driving in either direction, you can't miss it. Having more clubs there would've made for a larger spectacle. Which translates to more offerings and the simple presence of a big group having a grand family day. Let's do this again in 2024!!! - Pau



In local media recap:

On KITV with Diane Ako (she's a former Kamehameha Lion)

<https://www.facebook.com/1075784085/videos/1352609265611584/>

From Moanalua Lions Club Facebook page – KHON SHAKA!

<https://fb.watch/lxhtLuVzc/>

Recorded onsite:

"Lions Day in the Park" - Lion Shasta Yamada presenting Hawaii Lions Foundation with a check for \$3363.94

<https://www.facebook.com/hawaiilions/videos/660780565387250/>

"Lions Day in the Park" promotional video:

<https://www.facebook.com/hawaiilions/videos/3478000635787371/>



Kapolei City Lions Club

Installation of Officers

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6 - 8 p.m.

Kapolei High School Staff Lounge

Submitted by Zone Chair Puna Nouchi & Lion Aimee Matsuura

DG GARY SAYS, "ENJOY THE GO!"

Our Kapolei City Lions Club would like to thank DG Gary Nip for an outstanding installation of our officers! I thought installing officers was a serious matter. However, DG Gary proved that wrong! When he started comparing an officer to a commercial, we were laughing all night long! Seriously, who pulls out a roll of Charmin toilet tissue and says, "this Charmin is for the incoming President Ed Ryglewicz" (however, he was off island so the lucky recipient was our outgoing Lion President Thelma Aiwohi)! While she held the Charmin toilet paper, DG Gary said the Charmin commercial tagline "Enjoy the Go!" or "Your Year Will Go Fast!" for Lion President Ed. The next victim was the newly elected Vice President, Lion Candace Aglutay, who got a Depend diaper without the fake poop (thank goodness!). While Lion Candace waved her Depend diaper around, DG Gary told

her, "You got the Depend diaper because the incoming President was going to depend on her, and she needs to assist Lion President Ed." The newly elected Directors Lions Judy Datzman, Jack Legal, Aimee Matsuura, and Neal Nouchi got a Bounce dryer sheet, and DG Gary told them, "Don't let wrinkles ruin your meeting." His installation was original, and it seemed we were at the D50 Fun Night all over again!

I would like to thank our outgoing Lion President Thelma Aiwohi for giving out her awards, DG Gary for awarding his Maika'i Coins and DG pins, CIS Joyce Nip and

DG Gary Nip and members of our Lions Club for the wonderful door prizes (my son loved his deep fryer door prize)!

Lastly, I would like to thank our Kapolei City Lions and CIS Joyce



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Nip for bringing all of those yummy, international potluck dishes including somen salad, rice, adobo, potato salad, lomi salmon, seven layer dip with chips, chicken apiritada (chicken wings with vegetables), chow fun, beef stew, kalua pig and cabbage, chicken nuggets and pizza (which the small and big kids love to eat), pigs in a blanket (made by CIS Joyce Nip), banana bread, pumpkin pie, almond and assorted cookies, pineapple, Cheetos, apple cobbler, and



Valerio's Filipino desserts including pandan cake and puto (Filipino steamed rice cakes)!

What a way to end a year with hilarious jokes from DG Gary, fun fellowships, awesome awards, and most of all – ono grindz! Once again, thank you DG Gary

for your camaraderie love for all of the D50 Lions and the communities they serve in Hawai'i! You made it a stellar year as our District Governor! I MUA!

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Hawaii Kai Lions Sold Over 3,200 Breakfast Bentos

Article by Lion Frances Lum Photos by Lions Frances Lum & Irwin Santos

A FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER SINCE 1973

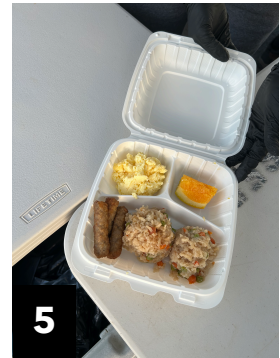
In 1973, the Hawaii Kai Lions held its first Father's Day breakfast fundraiser, just a few months after being chartered. In 2023, FIFTY years later, on June 18, the Hawaii Kai Lions were still at it! They were out in full force at Kaiser High School dishing up fried rice, scrambled eggs, and sausage to make all those take out Father's Day breakfast bentos served over a 3-hour period. This event was probably the largest drive-through takeout, distributing over 400 meals each half hour in the Kaiser High School parking lot. Total ticket sales for this year 3,252, Lions, CISs, prospective members, and friends started

convening at 4:45 am to set up tents and tables. The next wave of help arrived at 5:15 to complete the set up and start putting together the bentos. More than a hundred early birds arrived and were on their way with their bentos before the official start time of 6:30.

The breakfast was the culmination of work that started months earlier with all the planning by Chair Alvin Hayashibara and the talented members of the committee. A key part of the success of the benefit breakfast was to get lots of tickets sold. Starting about

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two months prior to Father's Day, Hawaii Kai Lions were seen in their bright yellow shirts or vests canvassing neighborhoods to sell tickets. In addition, tickets were available outside of the Hawaii Kai Longs and at the Kaiser PTSA Farmers Market. All these efforts paid off, which included generous cash donations! Hawaii Kai Lions are so grateful for the outpouring of support from fellow Lions, friends, and most of all the Hawaii Kai Community.



1 Early morning preparations.

2 Too early for DG Gary and CIS Joyce Nip, but they eventually got up and jumped in to help.

3 1VDGE Lori Inouye-Yamashita and 2VDGE Sean Benito volunteered; they loved it so

much they promised to be back next year!

4 Lion Shasta Yamada greeted hungry customers and got a good workout in the process. Here she is on a very short break with Lion Dr. Kerry Yoon.

5 The delicious breakfast bento.

6 The production line.

7 President Yolisa Ishibashi hands out the first breakfast.

8 While testing out the traffic flow, DG CJ and CIS BJ Kalapodes pick up breakfast.

District 50 Hawai'i Had A Great Year in 2022-2023

Article by Lion Gary Nip

Photos by Various Lions

I MUA DISTRICT 50 BECAUSE "TOGETHER WE CAN"



7/23/22 Lions Summer Fun Event at the Lanakila Senior Center included a guest speaker on Childhood Cancer (mahalo chair Lion Virginia McMahon), induction of new members, greeting card project, door prizes and the cabinet meeting.



8/31/22 Kid Sight Zoom with Lion Dr Edward Cordes. Mahalo Sight Chair Lion Berta Jenkins (Mililani Lions Club) for coordinating and getting several Hawaii Lions certified to do vision screening.

9/5/22 PDF copy of D50 Directory was sent by Lion Cabinet Secretary Jeff Ching (Palolo Lions Club). Hard copies issued. Mahalo to

Executive Assistant Lion Gavin Hall (Koko Head Lions Club) for coordinating the printing and distribution.



9/8/22 District 50 Lions marched in a parade to honor our hometown heroes the **Little League Baseball Champions**. Mahalo to Lion President Ernest Carvalho (Chinatown Lions Club) for arranging our participation.



9/15-17/22 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Calgary Canada. Several D50 Lions received their Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees. District 50 was recognized as having the best attendance by %. (There were 1137 in attendance).

9/23/22 Hunger Action Day food drive in front of the



Hawai'i State Capitol. D50 held our first joint project with Rotary International and Kiwanis International to **"Celebrate Community."** Since 2021, the major service organizations realized that collaboration is needed since resources are scarce and that a joint global service initiative could make a far greater impact in our communities.

10/6-9/22 D50 supported the American Diabetes Association first in-person Camp He Ola Ke Keiki since 2019. Diabetes Chair Lion Chris Chow (Waikiki 2000 Lions Club) noted our \$5000 donation allowed registered campers to not have to worry about payment.

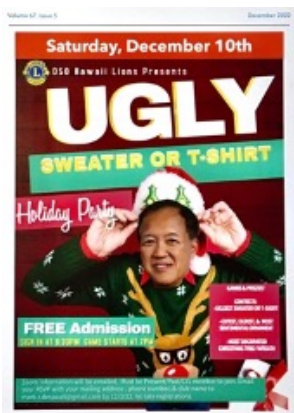


10/14-15/22 Hilo Zoo concert for 120 3rd and 4th graders from Pahoa Elementary School

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(one of the major schools impacted by the 2018 eruption). Zone social with Region VII Zone 1. Food distribution for 300-400 families in an organized drive-through.

10/15-22/22 The **13th World Deaf Golf Championships** was held for the first time in Hawaii on Kauai. Kauai Lions stepped up and assisted the tournament of more than 114 hard of hearing golfers from 14 different countries. Special mahalo to Chair Lion Helen Cooney (East Kauai Lions Club).



10/29/22 **D50 Zoom FUN raising** returned with the first

of four free holiday events to connect Lions on all islands. Mahalo to CIS Peggy Oyama, Lions Thelma Aiwohi, Jeff Ching, Puna Nouchi, Aimee Matsuura and Mark Despault for obtaining the prizes and conducting these events.



11/11/22 Wahiawa Lions Club returns to in-person **Veteran's Day Parade** after two years of COVID-9 shut down. You could hear the public on the parade route say "Thank you Lions."



11/12/22 Surprise lunch in honor of D50 newest

International Director Bob Lee.



11/16/22 **Region II Zone 2 Social** was held at Mango Street Grill featuring DG Gary and ID Bob Lee.



11/19/22 **D50 Fall Food Drive** in front of the Hawai'i State Capitol. Mahalo to hunger chair Lion Ellsworth Fujii (Hawaii Kai Lions Club).



11/26/22 D50 decorated for the holidays outside **Honolulu Hale**. This year PDG Garrett Ogawa (Manoa Lions Club) got two spaces – one for the

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Lions and the other for the Leo display.



11/26/22 **Hawaii Kai Christmas Parade.** Chair Lion Ken Nishibun (Hawaii Kai Lions Club) reported 1200 participants, 30 vehicles and 60 police officers made the parade a “ROARING SUCCESS” after a 2-year COVID hiatus. A number of media outlets covered the parade including KHON, KITV, Hawaii News Now and the Star Advertiser.



11/26/22 **Downtown Hilo Christmas Lights Parade.** After the local merchants decided to stop co-hosting the parade, Lions of Region VII

Zone 1 did an outstanding job of sponsoring the parade. The public came out in such numbers that the 7,000 candy canes ran out early. Families started to set up tents for tailgating along the parade route in the afternoon. “Thank you Lions” could be heard from the crowd.



12/1/22 **Kaimuki Christmas Parade** Koko Head Lion Richard Ching said MAHALOS for your support of Maunalani (Nursing Home) marching unit. “Maunalani really appreciated our support. Special mahalos goes to (Lion) Jayson Nip, our ‘he man’ of the group who pulled one of the supply wagons most of the way.”



12/3/22 **Mililani Christmas Parade**



12/3/22 Lion and Leo volunteers helped manage the crowds viewing the Christmas tree display at **Honolulu Hale**. Lions kept the public out of display areas, reminded them to not touch the display and took photos when requested. It was opening night and the crowds saw Lions at work.



12/3/22 “**Lions can COOK book.**” Lions from various clubs bound the cookbooks at the first of two meetings. Proceeds assisted young Lions attend conventions and USA Canada Leadership forum. Scholarships awarded to Lion Shasta Yamada (Koko Head Lions Club) Lion Kobey Arai (Mililani L4L Club) and Lion Treston Malone (Lions Club of Honolulu). Proceeds also supported the Hawaii Lions Foundation.

12/4/22 Moanalua Lions Club presented the 48th annual **Ho’opono Students**

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Christmas Party which returned to in-person at the Honolulu Country Club. Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner Jay Larrin was the featured entertainer and Santa arrived in his aloha shirt and short pants.



12/7/22 Citizenship and Naturalization returned to in-person ceremonies post COVID-19 pandemic at the UH Richardson Law School. Later on June 5, 2023, there would be one more ceremony at Pearl Harbor. Mahalo to chair Lion Miu Lan Oman (Aloha Pono Lions Club)

12/8/22 Mō'ili'ili Christmas Parade. Mahalo chair Lions Wendell Higa & Glen Takamori.

12/9/22 Region VI Zone 1 Christmas Social was held at the Wailuku Hongwanji on

Maui. Following a great potluck, there was games and door prizes.



12/10/22 Manoa Christmas Parade. Manoa Lions Club planned and executed the Christmas parade. The Lions Club took a photo at Noelani Elementary School before it got crazy busy running the parade and passing out candy.



12/13/22 Lions Clubs return to In-Person Holiday Parties. Food, FUN and fellowship

abound at the Kamehameha Lions Club Christmas party is one example.



12/17/22 Ewa Beach Christmas Parade assisted by Ewa Beach Lions Club.

12/18/22 Christmas Trolley Ride for the visually impaired. The two hour ride through Waikiki and past Honolulu Hale began and ended at Mō'ili'ili Community Center. Mahalo to Knights of the Blind co-chairs PDG Nadine Nishioka and Lion Kyle Laconsay.



Club Excellence award. Congratulations to the following five clubs and their immediate past presidents (IPP) who were honored with

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the 2021-2022 Club Excellence award.

Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Lions Club: IPP Joy Tassillio

Hilo Waiakea Lions Club: IPP Wayne Kuwaye

Koko Head Lions Club: IPP James Campbell

Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club: IPP Dexter Aoki

Pearl City Lions Club: IPP Guy Inouye

1/13/23 **Hearing Screening** at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School was the start of 28 screenings on Oahu and Hawaii Islands. Mahalo to Hearing Chair Lion Jackie Cabebe and PDG Shannon Ching.



1/14/23 **Walmart Wellness Fair** took place at various Walmart locations on Oahu and Hawaii Islands where health services such as free vision screenings and vaccinations were offered by Walmart staff. Lions encouraged shoppers to stop by the booth. Another event occurred on 5/6/23 at eight Walmart locations on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii islands. Mahalo to Chair Lion

Chris Chow (Waikiki 2000 Lions Club) and Lion Candace Aglutay (Kapolei City Lions Club).



1/14/23 **Region III Zone 1 Picnic** at Kualoa Beach Park. Good food, fun games and live entertainment.



1/21/23 **Lions in Sight** district wide event was held at Walmart locations on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii island. Also at Kahala Mall, Grove Shopping Center in Lihue and

KTA super store in Hilo.

Mahalo to co-chairs 1VDGE Lori Inouye-Yamashita (Manoa Lions Club) and Lion Jennifer Shintani (Moanalua Lions Club).

1/25/23 **Region IV Zone 2 Social** at the Pearl City Cultural Center.



1/27-28/23 **KMC Winter Forum**. After an absence of five long years, the 2023 Regions VII & VIII Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) Island of Hawaii Winter Forum returned in-person. In attendance were 100 Lions, CIS and guests representing 28 Lions Clubs

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from Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island. Also in attendance was ID Bob Lee and Lion Pam, PID Maurice Kahawaii and Lion Lani, PID Bob Block and Lion Brenda from Illinois and PID Bob and Lion Jo Ellen Browning from West Virginia. (There was a lot of Bobs)



Guest speakers included inspirational speaker Dr. Kimo Alameda on Friday night, and Hawaii Volcano National Park Rick Hazlett on Saturday shown in this photo. Mr. Peter Serafin led a hike through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Saturday.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner was cooked and served on site. Mahalo to Lions Club of Kona especially Lions Cliff Tanouye and Don Sasaki for arranging the meals.

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



2/4/23 **Region 1 Zone 1 Social** at the Hanapepe Neighborhood Center. Each of the six Lions Clubs plus the Waimea High School Leo advisor shared information on their projects, membership etc.



2/18-20/23 The **Advanced Lions Leadership Institute** (ALLI) took place at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center in Honolulu. Congratulations to the twenty-four graduates and GLT

Coordinator Lion David Iwana (Hawaii Kai Lions Club) for a very successful training event. This Institute is normally only offered on the mainland. This is the 2nd time D50 got approval to teach this class locally.



3/1/23 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.



3/5/23 **Lions with Heart** held several training on CPR and AED at Pearl Ridge Mall, Ho'opono, Campbell High School, VSP Optical, City & County of Honolulu, and

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Manoa Recreation Center. Mahalo Chair PDG Garrett Ogawa (Manoa Lions Club).



3/12/23 Honolulu Festival Parade returned to Waikiki since it was last held in 2019. The parade was full of floats and marchers representing different communities. D50 Lions and Leos marched down Kalakaua Avenue and a few were even asked to return to the start and help with the parade's last float of an inflatable green dragon. The next day we were featured in the Star Advertiser newspaper with the attached photo by Craig Kojima. Mahalo to D50 Cultural & Community Affairs Committee Chair Lion Todd Kawamoto (Mililani Lions Club).

Peace Poster Contest. Lions International conducts this contest annually. In District 50 there were two participants this year. The first place winner is 7th grader Elizabeth Oh from Mililani Middle School. The second place winner is St. Anthony School 8th grader Skye Onishi. District 50 awarded \$200 to the first place winner and \$100 to the second place winner. Mahalo

to Chair Lion Susan Moniz (Leeward Oahu Lions Club).

4/27-29/23 87th D50 Annual Convention. WOW would be a good summary of comments by attendees to the D50 Convention held at the Ala Moana Hotel. Congratulations to Lion Chair Shasta Yamada and her convention committee for a job well done.



ID Allen and Lion Susan Snider from Canada were our LCI guests.

A golf tournament was held on Thursday April 27, 2023. Later Thursday evening the Flag ceremony was held at the St Louis Alumni Clubhouse.

The Friday Fun night was at Ho'okupu featuring carnival games, costume contest, door prizes and a popular dunk tank. This Fun Night was planned and organized entirely by the Leos led by the Catalyst Cubs Community based Leo Club.

Hawaii Lions Foundation held their annual meeting and parade of checks.

The first service project was blanket tying for children

served by the Ronald McDonald house. Mahalo Lion Mary Kelly who obtained and transported the donated materials. The other service project was a traffic awareness sign waving in our new yellow safety vests.

On Saturday morning the children of Koko Head Lions Mailani Hall, Symrie Campbell and Briar Palmer led the Lions with "My Country Tis of Thee." The Constitution, By Laws and Standing Policies portion of the general session was tabled to next year's convention.

Sight is Beautiful poster contest winners were displayed. Mahalo to Chair Lion Leona Kobashigawa (Manoa Lions Club).

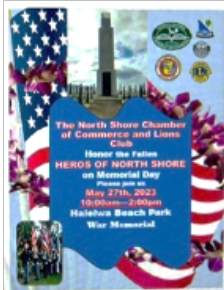


Elections were held. And the winners are DG elect CJ Kalopodes (Kaneohe Lions Club), FVDG elect Lori Inouye-Yamashita (Manoa Lions Club) and SVDG elect Sean Benito (Hilo Crescent City Lions Club).

Saturday's DG Banquet was held at C'est Si Bon. Congratulations to the following: LCI Presidential Certificate to Lions Lester Nip, Kobey Arai, Renee Ako, Gail

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Kono, David Iwana, Pam Young and Shirley Ito. The LCI Leadership medal was awarded to Lions Diane Kent and Irwin Santos. The Presidential medal was awarded to Lion Shasta Yamada. The Humanitarian Award was presented to Carole Kai.



5/27/23 Memorial Day Service in Waialua, Oahu. The North Shore Chamber of Commerce and Hawai'i Lions Clubs honored the fallen heroes of North Shore. 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.

5/27-29/23 The Hawai'i Leo Conference was held at Camp Homelani in Waialua, Oahu. The theme was "Serve Today for a Better Tomorrow." This was one of the most well



attended conference with over 200 Leos and Leo Advisors said Leo Club chair Lion Winston Watarai. There were fun activities too such as games, dancing, singing, swimming, group performances, sightseeing, shopping, and the traditional campfire with s'mores.



6/11/23 Special Olympics project at the University of Hawai'i swimming pool. Mahalo to Chair Lion Mick Laconsay and the Lion volunteers that helped the athletes to their respective races and to the awards podium.



6/17/23 Lions Day in the Park. Hawai'i Lions celebrated a successful year roaring back to full service post COVID-19 pandemic. The celebration occurred at the Ala Moana park from 9am to 2pm. The



public was invited to a fun day of games for the keiki, good food, and live entertainment.



6/24/23 "Going Green" at Central Union Church was the last event for this Lions year. There were 21 events in 2022-2023. Good news - beginning May 6, 2023 recyclers, residents, businesses and government offices are now welcomed. More good news we can now collect e-waste on neighbor islands. Mahalo to Environmental Chair Lion Rene Mansho (Wahiawa Lions Club).

6/29/23 DG Gary sold all 296 excess D50 Aloha shirts left over from the 2015 Convention in Honolulu. I MUA.

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6/30/23 Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) Golf **Classic Fundraiser** at the Pearl Country Club. Mahalo to chair and HLF trustee Lion Thelma Aiwohi. HLF not only supports the Lions Eye Bank

of Hawai'i and Makana Foundation but also funds D50 activities like vision and hearing each year. Sadly, not many D50 Lions donate to HLF. Please donate to HLF today.

7/7-11/23 **International Convention in Boston**
Mahalo chair Lion Arlene Shimokawa.

I MUA District 50 because "Together We Can"

District Governor Maika'i Coin

Article 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 Juan Ochoco

East Kauai Lions Club

On April 1, 2023 honored for being the "Bone" editor.

Lion Helena Cooney

East Kauai Lions Club

On April 1, 2023 recognized for being a great club secretary.

Lion Bunny Lee

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

On April 22, 2023, honored as a charter member.

Lion Rick Yee

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

On April 22, 2023 recognized as a charter member.

PDG Roy Aoki

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

On April 22, 2023 honored for his advice to DG Gary.

Lion Roger Ede

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

On April 22, 2023 recognized for advice on vision.

Lion Jackie Cabebe

Waikiki 2000 Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 honored as W2K President.

Lion Miles Matsumura

Ala Moana Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 recognized as Club President.

PDG Shannon Ching

Waikiki 2000 Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 honored for hearing expert.

Lion Chris Chow

Waikiki 2000 Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 recognized for Diabetes chair.

Lion Miu Lan Oman

Aloha Pono Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 honored for her many years of service to D50.

Lion Denise Werle

Aloha Pono Lions Club

On June 4, 2023, recognized for support to the club to include recruiting 8 members in the past 2 years.

Lion Aileen Deese

Aloha Pono Lions Club

On June 4, 2023 honored as Club President.

Lion Ernest Carvalho

Chinatown Lions Club

On June 8, 2023 recognized as Club President.

Lion Loreto Dela Cruz

Chinatown Lions Club

On June 8, 2023, recognized for supporting other club projects.

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Lion Eleanor Rolark**Ewa Beach Lions Club**

On June 14, 2023, honored for holding the club together as club secretary.

Lion Thelma Aiwohi**Kapolei City Lions Club**

On June 22, 2023, recognized as the outgoing club president and the incoming HLF trustee.

Lion ZC Puna Nouchi**Kapolei City Lions Club**

On June 22, 2023, honored for serving as ZC.

Lion Aimee Matsuura**Kapolei City Lions Club**

On June 22, 2023, recognized for being on the committee of the FUN raising holiday zoom.

Lion Kayleen “Mikki” Kameda-Hunt**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, honored as club secretary for several years.

Lion Patrick Naughton**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, recognized as bulletin editor and his many contributions to the club.

Lion Melvin Kunimoto**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, honored for organizing sight and hearing programs for the club.

Lion Eugene Lyman III**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, recognized for actively supporting the Waiakea Lions Club on various projects.

Lion Clement Chang**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, honored for actively supporting the Waiakea Lions Club the last two years.

Lion Cyrus Wilson**Waiakea Lions Club**

On June 25, 2023, recognized for helping a Lion who has health issues.

Lions Day in the Park, Diabetes Walk & Beach Cleanup Crew





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1963 – 2023

“A Diamond Celebration”



“Forever In Service”

Saturday, September 9, 2023 ★ 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
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Lion Len Shimabukuro

Akaka Falls Lions Club....750 Kaiwiki Rd. Hilo, HI 96720

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A celebratory poster for the 75th Charter Anniversary of the Kamehameha Lions Club. The background is dark blue with gold confetti and streamers. At the top, the text 'KAMEHAMEHA LIONS CLUB PRESENTS' is in white, followed by 'CHARTER ANNIVERSARY' in large gold letters. The center features a large, ornate gold '75' with 'YEARS' below it, all enclosed in a gold circular frame. Below this, the date '12TH SEPTEMBER' and time '5:30PM TO 10:30PM' are displayed in gold. The phrase '★SAVE THE DATE★' is prominently shown in gold with stars. Below that, 'MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!' is written in gold. At the bottom, the venue 'FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER BALLROOM' and address '94-428 MOKUOLA STREET, WAIPAHU HI 96797' are listed in gold. The design is embellished with gold streamers, water splashes, and champagne bottles at the bottom corners.

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