



LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission to grow.

Upcoming Cabinet Meetings

Sat Aug. 26, 2023 9 a.m.
KEY Project, Kaneohe

Sat Nov. 18, 2023 9 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

Sat Jan. 27, 2024 9am
Winter Forum
Kilauea Military Camp,
Hawaii Island

Thu Apr. 25, 2024 2 p.m.
Ala Moana Hotel

Club Charter Anniversaries

August 29
Moanalua Lions Club - 1961

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Hawaii Kai
Kamehameha
Kapolei City
Mana Loa-Nimitz

District Governor's Message

Fellow Lions,

The Lions International Convention in Boston was another great experience for B. J. and I and all Hawaii members who participated. The weather was a little warm for the parade wearing our capes, sashes and weaved hats.

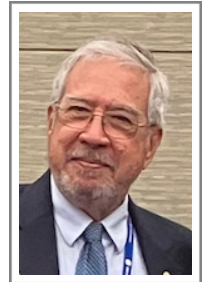
We did make a good impression with the parade watchers. Great Plenary sessions and entertainment by Killer Queen and the 11 year old singer from America's Got Talent, who we got to know in the hotel lobby.

International President Patty Hill introduced a goal for all Lions to achieve. **Mission 1.5** is a membership goal to have at least 1.5 million members by the year 2027. We are currently at 1.4 million members worldwide and this goal can be obtainable. This will enable Lions Clubs to meet growing needs in their communities, to serve more than 1 billion people worldwide.

We, in District 50 have a goal of 300 new members for this year. This goal is attainable by each Lion member to "ASK ONE, BRING ONE" new prospective member by "JUST ASK". This will:

- Improve each club's presence in the community
- More Lions to help with projects and activities
- More members to fill clubs and District leadership positions and the bonding that each member will have being part of the group.

The GAT, GET, GMT, GLT Committees will start their online sessions soon. Club members who participate will greatly benefit from these sessions whether it will be for leadership positions, brainstorming with other club members or just information on club activities and problem solving.



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2023-2024 District 50 Leadership

District Governor

C.J. Kalopodes

First Vice District Governor

Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Second Vice District Governor

Sean Benito

Immediate Past District Governor

Gary Nip

Cabinet Secretary

Adriel Lam

Cabinet Treasurer

Chris Tamura

Sergeant at Arms

Rodney McGee

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
September issue by Aug. 25th to

leoliona@hawaiiions.org

We will have our first Cabinet Meeting on August 26 at the Kahaluu Key Project. It's a multi-purpose building with meeting facilities, kitchen, stage and classrooms. It's also a community center with senior activities, food bank, student tutoring, student activities among other activities for the community.

I will be visiting clubs starting from August. Call me to schedule your club or zone for your District Governors Visitation. Meeting with zone clubs together would be preferable. I'll leave you with this saying by Helen Keller:

"One can do so little, many can do much more."

Lion C.J. Kalopodes

District Governor 2023-2024

cjkalopodes@hawaiiions.org

Scenes from Boston



DG CJ taking his oath of office.



DG CJ & CIS Lion BJ with singer from
America's Got Talent



DG CJ receiving Certificate of Completion at
District Governor Training



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| <p>Honorary Chair International Director Bob Lee</p> <p>Tournament Chair Hawaii Lions Foundation President Kelvin Moniz</p> <p>Tournament Co-Chair District Governor Gary Nip</p> | <p>July 23, 2023</p> <p>DISTRICT 50 HAWAII LIONS</p> <p>RE: The Hawaii Lions Foundation Golf Classic Fundraiser June 30, 2023</p> |
| <p>Tournament Committee</p> <p>Past District Governor Bernard Ho</p> <p>Past District Governor Roy Nishida</p> <p>Steve Wong</p> <p>Miles Matsumura</p> <p>Dan Motohiro</p> <p>Mike Lau</p> <p>Karen Bell</p> <p>Berta Jenkins</p> <p>Thelma Aiwohi</p> | <p>Aloha District 50 Hawaii Lions,</p> <p>Our golf tournament was a 'GREAT SUCCESS'!</p> <p>Mahalo Nui for your generous support of our HAWAII LIONS FOUNDATION Golf Classic Fundraiser by being a Sponsor, a Golfer, a monetary/In-kind Donor, or Volunteer. You are all truly appreciated. Please know that The Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii remains the primary focus of HLF, and the Foundation also continues to support the Lions clubs of District 50 Hawaii in serving their local communities as they carry out essential sight, hearing and other humanitarian, service and community beneficial projects.</p> <p>Please click on the link below to enjoy photos taken at the golf tournament.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/hawaiilions</p> <p>MAHALO NUI LOA,</p> <p>The HLF Golf Tournament Committee, PDG Kelvin Moniz, PDG Bernard Ho, PDG Roy Nishida, Steve Wong, Dan Motohiro, Mike Lau, Karen Bell, Berta Jenkins and Thelma Aiwohi</p> |

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| Dr. Kathy Ishimoto | Lion Lyle Apo | The Cliffs at Princeville – Kauai |
| Gary Hakoda | Lion Marie Luna | The Patisserie |
| Hardware Hawaii | Lion Thelma Aiwahi | Waiakea Water |
| Hawaii Medical Service Assn. | Mililani Lions Club | Walmart Vision Center- Kapolei |
| Hawaii Prince Golf Course | | |



Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui
Global Service Team Coordinator

Mahalo to the Lions and Leo Clubs last year for an amazing year of community service and reporting! This is a new year, let's do more community service and reporting!

Top 10 Clubs for Community Service & Reporting

We will continue the Top 10 Clubs for Community Service and Reporting but all top 10 clubs will receive a check for \$25.

District 50 Kindness Matters Award

Please submit your project for the LI Kindness Matters Contest for Best Lions and Leo Clubs. We will be awarding a \$25 check for the best Lion and Leo Club project submitted. A District 50 Lion and Leo Club will be submitted to LI for LI's Kindness Matters Service Award.

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in one of our global cause areas. The goal for both the district's and LI's award is to encourage Lions and Leo clubs to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities. If you look at the 2021-2022 winners, many of your club projects could have won that year.

Award Criteria:

For clubs to be eligible, they must:

- Be in an active status
- Have completed a service project that meets the needs of a global cause
- Have reported it on MyLCI

The following criteria can be used to determine if your club's service project could be considered for this award:

- Addresses needs within Lions Club International global causes: childhood cancer, diabetes, environmental, hunger, and vision
- Demonstrates creativity and innovation
- Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability
- Elevates the Lions brand

Lions & Leo Club Nomination Timelines for 2023-2024:

August 15 to September 15, 2023: Club Service Chairperson/Club President or Leo Club President sends one signed nomination to District 50 GCT Chairperson.

September 15-October 1, 2023: Best District 50 Lions Clubs and Leo Club winner will be selected.

October 15, 2023: Best District 50 Lions Club and Leo Club winner will be sent to LI.

January 2024: Winning clubs are selected by LI Board of Directors Service Activities Committee.

March 2024: Winning Clubs receive their award from LI.

Let's try to do more community service projects and report them on MyLCI in 2023-2024!

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Club Service Chairperson

An important member of your Lions Club team is the Club Service Chairperson. He/she can help the club evaluate your club's past projects, help find and start new community service projects, develop a club community service calendar, and help find new service and funding partners! Please don't leave this important position vacant.

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 International website

GST Island Directors

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

GST Island Directors to help clubs on each island:

- We are asking the GST Team to help clubs report their community service projects.
- We are going to help Lions Clubs train their Club Global Service Chairperson with online information.
- Write articles monthly for Leo Liona to communicate GST information to District 50 Lions.
- Help GMT, GET, and GLT.
- Encourage clubs to implement service projects that are aligned with LCI Global Initiatives. (>73% of Lions Clubs completing and reporting in 1 of 5 CLCI Global Causes)
- Encourage service projects that attract multi-generational participation including integration and leadership development of Leos.
- In collaboration with the LCIF District coordinator, maximize LCIF resource utilization by Lions Clubs.
- Gather club feedback related to service Challenges, opportunities and share information.
- Plan 1 one seminar/workshop that elevates Lions and Leo professionalism in service project planning and execution.
- Encourage clubs to plan and execute at least one diabetes related project. Increase service project implementation and reporting from 62% to 63%. Increase Leo Club development and hands on service collaboration between Lions and Leos.

Call a member of this year's GSST for help!

"Changing the World"

IP Dr. Patti Hill



Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club A Summer Lions Sight Event

Submitted by Lion Elizabeth “Elly” Frilles

COLLECTING & CLEANING 2,453 USED EYEGLASSES

This event was held at the Momilani Community Center in Hawaii on Saturday, July 01, 2023. The Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club, Manoa Lions Club, Ewa Beach Lions

Club, Kamehameha Lions Club, Hawaii Cyber Lions Club and friends successfully cleaned, processed, and packed an astounding 2,453 used eyeglasses. These

glasses are now ready for shipment to the Philippines, where they will bring new hope and improved vision to those in need.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Hawaii Kai Lions Club Taped for an ‘Ōlelo TV Episode

Submitted by Lion Yolisa Ishibashi

SHOWCASING THE HAWAII KAI LIONS ON A COMMUNITY TELEVISION FORUM

On July 21, 2023, Hawaii Kai Lions Club President Yolisa Ishibashi and Immediate Past President Frances Lum participated in taping an episode for the local ‘Ōlelo TV station on the Kaimuki High School campus. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club was front and center, with them providing information on the background of the club and discussing the numerous projects which were undertaken in the past. These projects included the major projects of the Father’s Day Breakfast, Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade, and Rescue Tubes; as well as school projects, which included vision and hearing screenings, Koko Head Elementary School’s HI-5 recycling, Hahaione Elementary School’s office remodeling, and Kaiser High School’s concession stand



Lions Yolisa Ishibashi & Frances Lum

refurbishment. Also included were the environmental projects of storm drain marking and the Safe Sidewalks project.

The Hawaii Kai Lions Club wishes to thank the ‘Ōlelo Community Studios and Kaimuki High School for providing this community television forum, as well as thank Liveable Hawaii Kai Hui as the organizer of the show, “Maunalua, Past, Present, & Future,” which the Hawaii Kai Lions Club’s taped show will be aired under. As a sidenote, it was suggested that other Oahu Lions Clubs participate in these free tapings to provide the public with information on their clubs.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Hawaii Kai Lions Participate in Keawāwa Wetland Volunteer Workday

Submitted by Lion Bill Kern

HELPING THE ENDANGERED 'ALAE 'ULA

Keawāwa Wetland (located in Hawaii Kai) conducted one of its regular Second Saturday volunteer workdays on the morning of July 8, 2023. The day started with the staff briefly explaining the wetland and its role in helping to grow the population of the endangered 'alae 'ula, Hawaiian waterbird, and providing instructions on the work activities. It was a beautiful day, with a welcoming cloud cover



Lion Kendrick Chang hauling bags of weeds.



Lions Cynthia Chun, Kendrick Chang, Bill Kern, Frances Lum

and a gentle breeze.

Activities focused on removing weeds around desired native plants along the hillside and bagging them for disposal.

During a break in the work, one of the kupuna of the staff provided an oral history of how the five-acre site was saved from development (through a partnered effort with Trust for Public Land), and gradually worked from the kiawe and other overgrown brush into the restored heiau, including ancient coconut grove, natural spring-fed well, and agricultural terraces.

In addition to Hawaii Kai Lions Club volunteers Frances Lum, Cynthia Chun, Kendrick Chang, and Bill Kern, around ten (mostly regular) volunteers from the community joined the event.



From the Editor

Submitted by Lion Renee Ako,
Koko Head Lions Club

I'm back! Mahalo to DG CJ for inviting me to serve as editor this year.

I am grateful to all of you who have shared words of encouragement and support as I learned the ins and outs last year. Being able to serve the Lions in this capacity came at a perfect time in my life. I had strongly considered leaving the Lions when I became a full-time caregiver for both of my

parents. The inflexibility of my time made me wonder how I could continue to be of service. PDG Gary Nip understood my situation and offered me this opportunity to share my time from home.

I enjoy working on this newsletter each month. I feel I have gotten to know so many of you by reading about your accomplishments. If you have not done so, please consider sharing a photo or article. The Leo Liona as well as our website and social media help to share our inspiring stories with others.

New email: leoliona@hawaiilions.org

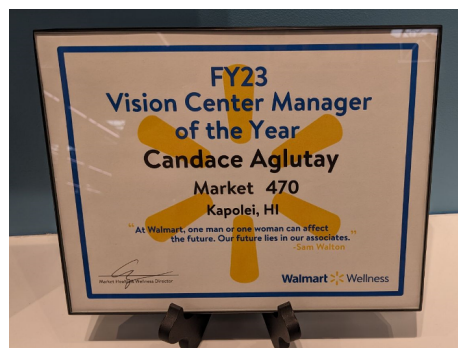
Kapolei City Lions Club

Kapolei City Lion Candace Aglutay is the Walmart Fiscal Year 2023 Vision Center Manager of the Year in Hawaii

June 19, 2023

Submitted by Lions Puna Nouchi & Aimee Matsuura

Kapolei City Lion Candace Aglutay was awarded the Walmart Fiscal Year 2023 Vision Center Manager of the Year in Hawaii on June 19, 2023. Congratulations to you from our Kapolei City Lions Club!



Left-right: Ray Griego, Walmart Kapolei Store Manager; Amy Este, Market Health & Wellness Director; Candace Aglutay, Vision Center Manager of the Year in Hawaii; Koryn Kinoshita, Pharmacy Manager of the Year in Hawaii; Darryl Marchetta, Regional Health & Wellness Director



The 4th Monday
GAT's Best Practices
with
PDG Cecelia Izuo

Zoom Meeting:
Monday August 28, 2023
6:30 p.m.

GOT NEWS?
Share your story



Behind every project there is a story to be told. Email your photos and stories by the 25th of the month to:
leoliona@hawaiiions.org



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission to grow.

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

Message from Dr. Patti Hill, International President 2023-2024: <https://youtu.be/RyVgSduoRFQ>

Resources: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>

Kamehameha Lions Club

Kamehameha Lions Club Turns 75

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos

WE WELCOME YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR EVENING!

Chartered on October 21, 1948, members started making “firsts” for many unique contributions towards Lionism here in Hawaii...did you know...

- Charter Kamehameha Lion **George Akau** is credited as the person who originally coined the International Lions motto now used throughout the world: **“WE SERVE”**.
- Kamehameha Lions Club was also the first club internationally to be named after an individual. Charter members named the club after **King Kamehameha** to honor his strength and power in uniting the people of Hawaii as the first monarch of the Islands.
- First club in District 50 to support 4 LEO Clubs; 2009 **Sacred Hears Academy & La Pietra**, 2011 **Kalani High School**, and 2014 with **St. Louis School**.
- In 2016, membership topped 200 as the largest club in Hawaii’s District 50 history.



Though not firsts, but noted for significance...

- The Kamehameha Lions Club signed a twinning agreement on November 10, 1979 with the **Osaka Sumiyoshi Lions Club** to promote international goodwill and help bring nations and people closer together. It became a tradition to celebrate with the other club, their charter anniversary, every five years since 1982.
- In 2007, our club proudly created the **Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation** 501(c)3 charity.

...and with that said, we ask that you please join us to celebrate our achievements, historical legacy, and tenure at our 75th Charter Anniversary Celebration.

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September 12, 2023 5:3pm-10:30pm
Filipino Community Center Ballroom
94-428 Mokuola Street in Waipahu

Tickets are \$75 per person...a perfect number for the occasion!

To date, Kamehameha will be the first D50 Lions Club to party in that venue. It will certainly be a new experience for most attendees. On the menu is a mix blend of Asian and Filipino Cuisine...tasty entrees for the palate. There will be a No-Host Bar...drink responsibly, it's a school night! For every guest attending, they'll receive a commemorative 75th Charter Anniversary pin, designed by D50 "Go To" pin designer Kamehameha Lion Mel Tom.



We intend on filling up the room to capacity primarily with Lions friends, family members of the club and their friends, including dignitaries. 75 years is a huge milestone, we welcome you to be a part of our evening.



For online ticket sales we've implemented 21st century technology, please visit our website KLCFOUNDATION.ORG. At the very top of the page will be 3 buttons "[Buy Tickets](#)" There'll also be other buttons, the "[Party Donation](#)" (aka "[I can't be there but I'll make a donation to the Celebration](#)"), or "[Donate to KLCFOUNDATION](#)".

Clicking on any of the prior links will take you directly to each associated purchase option. Your email receipt will serve as your ticket and can be exchanged for a physical ticket at our Will Call sign-in table the evening of the event. If you're

donating to the foundation, that is a tax write-off. The other two we'll use to party up! Mahalo in advance for whichever way you help us continue our mission in service to our communities.

For those that are not yet comfortable with online purchasing, we welcome you to contact Kamehameha Lion Arlina Agbayani for check and cash purchases. Thank you.

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

KAMEHAMEHA LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

75

YEARS

12TH SEPTEMBER

5:30PM TO 10:30PM

Join us as we celebrate our 75th charter anniversary.

We will have tasty grinds, music, games and more!

\$75 per person, for tickets please contact

Arlina Agbayani

arlinaagbayani@gmail.com or (808) 222-8823

Or purchase your tickets online, visit KLCFOUNDATION.ORG

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