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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA "TIME TO REFLECT"



Pearl City Lions,

It's June, schools out, families have gone vacationing, and for many Oahu people including our Lions, hopefully there is less traffic in the mornings.

The Pearl City Lions Club held their annual Retreat on June 10. As President Elect for 2023-2024, I decided to have our retreat be more personal, one on one. Everyone sat on the 3 round tables and within proximity to one another, which made for better discussions.



2023-2024 OFFICERS

President Tad Tsuruma

1VP Lance Soma

2VP Shelly Oshiro

3VP Gabriel Balais

Secretary

Brian Akimoto

Treasurer

PDG Chris Tamura

Tail Twister

Vaughn Miyauchi

Lion Tamer

Raymond Nii

Director 1-year

Jerry Nagatani

Director 1-year

Alice Kudo

Director 2-year

Stan Wachi

Director 2-year

Gerald Hirata

Immediate Past President

Tad Tsuruma

Membership Chair

Guy Inouye

Incoming

Membership Members

Wayne Morinaga

Glenn Yokoyama

Bulletin Editor

John Gephart

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

My goal this year is to start early on projects and fundraising events, that means being able to put our events, service projects, and information out to our club members, District 50, and community early on. Committee chairs have been assigned. As an example, Lion Lisa Yasuda is Chair for the CIS Luncheon, Lion Larry is the Chair for the Christmas Lions get together. I believe 2nd VP Lion Shelly, Chair for the Health and Social Services needs a lot of our support. What we really could use is your support with ALL our committees. I would like to encourage all Pearl City Lions to pick a committee and offer your assistance to the Chair.



Lion Secretary Brian mentioned and I concur, let us know which committees you would like to be on so that the chair can get in touch with you. It is good to learn about and be involved with new events, fundraising, and different service projects. At the retreat, it was discussed that if some of our committee's support did not improve, that we may need to consider other options.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

June 14, at the Big City Diner, 2nd VP Shelly Oshiro discussed her ideas and what she wanted to achieve with our members who attended.

June 21, at PCCC Board of Directors meeting. PDG Chris advised that the Budgets for this year's Committee Chairs would be emailed for review.



June 23, I was invited by the Mililani Troop 664 to attend their Court of Honor. Troop 664 scouts graciously volunteered to assist our Valentines Breakfast in February this year. At the Court of Honor, scouts were awarded badges and some moved up the next scout level to assume new leadership positions. The scouts had the support of each and every one of their family. The scouts were very enthusiastic about fulfilling their current position and then moving up.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

June 28, State Senator Lion Brian Elefante spoke to our members at the GMM regarding community issues and started it off with a story about “the Lion at Honolulu Zoo” and how the lion in the zoo paralleled our own Lions Club. Also in attendance was Pearl City Leo Chase Yuen, who received his scholarship award from our club. He will be attending UNLV, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.



This is a reminder that Lion Paul's funeral service is on Wednesday, July 19, at Mililani Mauka Mortuary. Visitation at 5pm. A Lions service will precede his main service at 6pm. All Pearl City Lions attendees are reminded to wear their PCLC vests. I would like to thank all the members of the Pearl City Lions Club for their support as my term as President comes to a close for 2023. It has been my honor to serve you, Pearl City Lions Club.

-Lion Tad

PEARL CITY LIONS AT THE DISTRICT 50 CONVENTION



The Man Behind the Lens by Lion Ira Tagawa

The Hawaii Lions recently lost four distinguished members who in their sterling careers made significant contributions in serving our nation. We were saddened to hear about the losses of PDG Norman Sakata (Kona), PDG Merv Wee (Hawaii Kai), Ernie Chang (Chinatown) and our own Lion Paul Kudo. All giants District 50, who devoted their lives to Lionism. They made us better and enriched our communities.

I first met Lion Paul at Aiea's Rainbow Bay Park, a scenic retreat along Pearl Harbor. Our club was putting the finishing touches on a premier project, the



Lion Paul pictured w/ beloved CIS Lion Alice, PDGs Nadine Nishioka & Chris Tamura

Onishi Pavilion, which has served picnickers for nearly 20 years, with magnificent views of Pearl Harbor. The pavilion had already been constructed, thanks to Lion Stan Wachi's notable efforts in coordinating its planning and construction. Lions busied themselves painting, tidying up the grounds, and some Lion masons were busy building a memorial honoring PDG Shizuo Onishi. I joined Lions Paul and Alice in cleaning the grounds as we wielded hoes to dig out weeds. Gee, I was impressed seeing everyone working so hard, and doing it all without any supervision. I also noticed that Lion Paul was busy snapping photos in between his weed-pulling.

Yeah, Lion Paul loved to take photos of our projects and activities. You would seldom see him without one of his many cameras. Thanks to him, our dedication, passion to serve others and labor were captured in the thousands of photos he took. What would a newsletter be without photos? Well, almost all of the published photos were from Lion Paul's cameras. He had a talent for capturing candid photos of people at work or just enjoying themselves. Vision screening, general membership meetings, conventions, parking lot restriping, breakfasts, Great Aloha Runs, he was there behind the lens doing what he loved best. During the 5 years I served as Bulletin Editor, Lion Paul religiously sent me photos for the paper. On numerous occasions, he personally delivered photo CDs just to make sure that the photos would be available to enhance our newsletters.

Lion Paul served on our board for many years. We depended on his quiet leadership and creativity. He also served at the district level. For his exemplary efforts, he received the President's Award, a recognition granted only to the most dedicated Lions. Lion Paul was designated a lifetime member and Melvin Jones fellow by the board. He was also a friend we were privileged to know. A great career, a life well lived.

June 14, 2023 General Membership Meeting at Big City Diner



Join Us!

June 28, 2023 General Membership Meeting at PCCC



Pearl City Lions Club

2023 - 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1VP Lance Soma

Aloha Committee: Cindy Tamanaha

Attendance Committee: Lisa Yasuda

Bulletin/Publicity Committees: John Gephart

Constitution Committee: Raymond Nii

Convention Committee: Glenn Yokoyama

Finance Committee: Chris Tamura, Lance Soma

Fundraising Committee: Shelly Oshiro, Lance Soma, Gabby Balais

Great Aloha Run Committee: Raymond Nii

Membership Committee: Guy Inouye

Program Committee: Brandon Elefante, Clarence Nishihara, Gregg Takayama

2VP Shelly Oshiro

Education/Leo Committee: Lisa Higa

Health/Social Services Committee: Shelly Oshiro, Charlenee Caraang

Sight and Hearing Committee: Tad and Linda Tsuruma, Alice Kudo

3VP Gabby Balais

Charter/Installation Committee: Guy Inouye

Christmas Meeting Committee: Larry Veray

CIS Luncheon Committee: Linda Tsuruma

Environmental Committee: Gabby Balais

International Committee: Vaughn Miyauchi

REMINDER!

Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit your membership dues for the new fiscal year is:

July 1, 2023

Dues are as follows:

Regular member - \$96

Additional family member - \$74

Life member - \$51

Student - \$34

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

If you have any questions, please email Lion Chris:
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Club Policies

The Board will also be reviewing the club's policies at its next Board meeting. They are available on the shared drive:

tinyurl.com/nspcy2hw

If you have any suggested changes to the Club Policies (July 2019) that you would like the Board to consider, please email Lion Raymond:
raymondnii808@gmail.com



Pearl City Lions Club
58th Charter Installation Banquet
Waialeale Country Club
Saturday, May 13, 2023



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Waikale Country Club
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Pearl City Lions Club 58th Charter Installation Banquet Waikale Country Club Saturday, May 13, 2023



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP - APRIL 22, 2023 BY BRIAN AKIMOTO

Saturday, 4/22/23, was Earth Day. And like many places across the islands, our club members were helping cleanup the community near and along the Blaisdell Bike Path.

Led by 3rd VP Lion Gabby, one team picked up litter along Lehua Ave. Surprisingly there was a lot of litter collected here. Lions Diane, Al, and I were tasked to cover this area. However, the heavy lifting was along the path itself. Teams from C&C and other orgs were assigned to the path. Joining them was Lion Brandon's team. Lion Gregg and Lion Tony labored also in clearing stuff from the path.

Mahalo to all who came out to care for our Aina! My sense is that some uncomfortable weight was lifted off!



WE SERVE

PCLC DONATION TO TROOP 75 (MAY 12, 2023) BY LION TAD TSURUMA

On Friday May 12, Lion Jerry and I presented PC Troop 75 our PCLC donation to them. Lion Jerry thanked them for assisting in our club's Valentines Breakfast and asked if they needed any assistance from our club to contact us.



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued

GARAGE SALE AT MOMILANI COMMUNITY CENTER (MAY 6, 2023)

BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI

On the Rainbows volleyball championship day, May 6, several of our Pearl City Lions came to help at the Momilani Community Center Garage Sale project. Gates opened at 6:00 am. A bunch of tents and tables were set up on the lawn and in the pavilion area. It seemed like there were more sellers than buyers. I did not have time to visit the selling tables but I could see there were many items for sale, from plants to appliances and clothing to books and puzzles. Whatever you can think of it was probably there.

Everyone who came were looking for bargains. We all had fun fellowshiping and finding out about each other. Some of us even bought each other's stuff. It was busy in the morning and at about 10:30 buyers stopped coming, probably due to the volleyball game. \$452.50 worth of bargains were sold by us and we all have cleaner a part of our homes. It's like cleaning out the trash on our computers, "Out of sight, out of mind."

Thank you, Lions Gerald Hirata, Alice Kudo, Brian Akimoto, Tad Tsuruma, Linda Tsuruma, Lisa Yasuda, Carol Murakami, Tom Fujita, Vaughn Miyauchi, and Jerry Nagatani, for helping. And thank you to Erma Soma and her husband, Carol Murakami's husband and daughter, CIS Sachiko Fujita, former Lion Sharon Ige, and James Gonsalves for supporting our project.



A NATION OF DIRTBAGS BY LION IRA TAGAWA

It was the final days of our tour to the Tohoku area of Japan, an area known for its orchards producing delicious fruits and for marvelous scenery. We cruised along numerous peach, pear, cherry, persimmon, and apple farms, all painstakingly maintained to produce the world's finest fruits. It was sakura season, and we were treated to awesome views of cherry blossoms in full bloom. Everywhere we went, we appreciated the beauty and cleanliness of the Land of the Rising Sun. No opala on the streets, no homeless encampments. There are few public trash cans, so people hold on to their trash and discard them later. Even at the ball parks, you will find workers going up and down the aisles collecting food and drink containers. No one throws used napkins, cups, bento boxes and peanut shells on the floors.



While enjoying a leisurely breakfast at our hotel, we chatted with a waitress who spoke excellent English. When she said that she had lived in Canada, I remarked that she was very fortunate to have lived in a country that was not only beautiful but also very clean. I explained to her that we had been to Canada many times, from the regal structures of Victoria, to the majestic Rockies, to the stately capitals, to Niagara Falls, to Nova Scotia and to the pristine forests and lakes of Newfoundland. In all our travels, we encountered impeccable streets void of trash. I



explained to the waitress that unfortunately, the US was not the cleanest place in the world. We are indeed a nation of dirt bags. Gosh, the Lions in Japan and Canada must never have to undertake cleaning projects like us. Just look at the junk down at the Pearl Harbor bike path. You will find all kinds of opala, like shopping carts, tires, engines, millions of plastic bags and drink cups, and anything else you can imagine.

Yeah, there are many unthinking slobs who don't give a hoot about keeping our environment clean. They must think that it's okay to litter, someone will clean it up. It dismays me that we have to devote so much of our energies to clean up someone else's mess. Why should we be proud to submit activity reports stating that we cleaned up bags and bags of trash that shouldn't have been there in the first place? When it becomes my turn to leave this world, I hope I go to a place unlike the US, but to some tidy place like Canada, Singapore or Japan, where people take pride in their surroundings.

Secretary's Board Bits by Brian Akimoto

- Accepted the resignation of Lion Clayton Chang
- Approved Leo Award be given to PC High School Leo Shane Yuen who is attending University of Las Vegas next year
- Approved changing the start times of General Membership Meetings and Board meetings to 6pm
- Approved volunteering at Heart Walk at Kapiolani Park on Aug 4 (setup), Aug 5 (event)
- Announced date of Christmas Meeting: either Dec 2 or 16
- Announced date of Charter/Installation Banquet: May 4, 2024
- Received percentage of surplus funds from D50 Convention Committee



A Poem from Lion Al DeMello

Some members keep
their organization
strong,
While others join and just
belong.

Some dig right in, some
serve with pride,
Some go along just for
the ride.

Some volunteer to do
their share,
While some sit back and
just don't care.

On meeting days some
always show,
But then -- there are
those who never go.

Some always pay their
dues ahead,
Some get behind for
months instead.

Some do their best,
some build some make,
Some NEVER give, but
always take,
Some lag behind, some
let things go,
Some never HELP THEIR
ORGANIZATION GROW.

Some drag, some pull,
some don't some do.

WHICH OF THESE ARE
YOU?



Lions Clubs International

Tail Twister Says by Vaughn Miyauchi

Tailtwister says: "For the July 12 meeting at Big City Diner, as usual, bring an American flag to celebrate Independence Day. July 4th will have passed but we are still proud to be Americans! Any one forgetting a flag will be fined.

Also, since summer is here you may dress casually and share how you spent your Independence Day. This is not a requirement but it is all in the fun of summer. Let's see how you will dress!



BLOOD DONATION (MARCH / APRIL 2023)

BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI



Lions Gerald Hirata, Vaughn Miyauchi, Charlenee Caraang-Gilbert, and Brian Akimoto donated blood in March and April 2023. Former Lion Sharon Ige also donated and credited the Pearl City Lions. Together we saved 15 lives! Thank you Lions and former Lion.

To make an appointment, visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770. Use the Pearl City Lions Club code: 2743.



PEARL CITY LIONS INFO

For District 50 news: www.hawaiiions.org

For Pearl City Lions web news: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pearlcityhi/

Facebook: facebook.com/pearlcitylionsclub

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FROM THE EDITOR

Aloha Pearl City Lions! Let's make this a great 2023 year for our club! Please send in your activity reports and

pictures so we can have great content to share with our club members and all District 50 Lions!

Thank you, Lion John Gephart



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



July Birthdays

Carol Murakami
John Gephart
Lance Soma
Glenn Yokoyama



July Anniversaries

Charlenee Caraang & CIS John
Gerald Hirata & CIS Gail

Upcoming Events

7/1: CPR Training PCCC
9am-12pm
7/7-7/11: 105th Lions
Club International
Convention (Boston)
7/8: PC Legacy Sign
Maintenance 7am
7/12: GMM @ Big City
Diner 6:00pm
7/19: Board Meeting @
PCCC 7:00pm
7/26: GMM Location
PCCC, 6:00pm



JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 CPR Training PCCC 9am-12pm
2	3	4 	5	6	7 105th Lions International Convention (BOSTON)	8 -----> PC Legacy Sign Maint. 7am
9 ----->	10 ----->	11 105th Lions International Convention (BOSTON)	12 GMM @ Big City Diner Pearlridge 600pm \$20pp	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting @ PCCC, 7pm	20	21	22
23/ 30	24/ 31	25	26 GMM @ PCCC 600pm Bring Your Own Bento (BYOB)	27 PC Legacy Sign Maint., 7am	28	29

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