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The Voice of Hawaii Kai

Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all,

Another month of fun events kept our members very active in our community, with even a picture of us in the East O'ahu Voice's September issue. Shaka to Chair Lion Bill Kern and his crew for the Kalama Valley Sign Restoration Project on August 23, and hopefully acquiring a new member in the process. Thanks also goes to the following Chairs

for coordinating their respective events: Lion Frances Lum for the Koko Head Elementary School's HI-5 Recycling on August 29, Lion Cynthia Chun for vision screenings at Hahaione (on September 20) and Kamiloiki (on September 27) Elementary Schools, Lions Frances Lum and Kelvin Kaneoka for traffic awareness at Koko Head Elementary School on September 22, and Lion Kendrick Chang for the Kapahulu Bon Dance on September 23. I also did another Safe Sidewalks Project on September 16 and want to thank all who helped patch the sidewalks in Kalama Valley.

We also had some very interesting guest speakers last month, which included the CEO of Lunalilo Home, Keola Dean, and CEO of CareSift for Seniors, Nicole Coglietta. CEO Keola Dean informed our group of Lunalilo Home's history, and current and future events (can't wait for the clubhouse to be remodeled, although in the interim we would have to find another home for our meetings). And CEO Nicole Coglietta apprised us of the free services she provides for long-term care resources, which many of us may need for our own families.

On September 16, Lion Allen Umeda chaired the New Member Orientation at the Island Brew Coffeehouse. It was great to see our new members Joni Fukuji, Kelvin Kaneoka, Melissa Mullen, and Sarah Overmeyer, present

and focused on the spectrum of what Lions do. Looking forward to seeing them excel in our club! Another noteworthy event was the D50's Best Practices Zoom Training on Vision Screening with our very own Lion Dr. Roger Ede, who presented this on September 25. At least 46 Lions attended from across the islands, as well as members from our club.

And lastly, we would like to welcome ID Bob Lee and Lion Pam Lee as associates to our club, since they live in Hawaii Kai and ID Bob represented us at the LCIF US/Canada Forum in Reno, NV on September 22 to accept the Campaign 100 Model Club Commitment Award. We attained this by contributing donations averaging at least \$500 per member and only five clubs in our District attained this status. Just for information, the LCIF Campaign 100 started in 2018 to raise \$300 million in 3 years to support all of our causes. At the end, \$325 million was raised. So thank you to ID Bob for accepting the award on our behalf and welcome on board to him and his wife, Lion Pam, as associates; as well as a big thank you to all of you for contributing so that we obtained this award!

Lisa Ishibashi



ID Bob Lee pictured at the US/Canada Forum accepting our 100 Model Club Commitment Award with IPIP Brian Sheehan (Left) and PIP J. Frank Moore III.

Kalama Valley Signs Restoration



Hawaii Kai Lions behind the restored Kalama Valley Sign.

Submitted by Bill Kern

Adjacent to Hawaii Kai Drive at the two streets that enter Kalama Valley is a lawn area with two signs designating the “Kalama Valley” neighborhood. Made of several glued-together lumber boards, these two signs had fallen into disrepair over the decades of rain and full sunshine, with carpenter bees, ants of various sizes, and lizards squatting into the tunnels, cracks and crevices.

In coordination with the Mariners Valley Two Maintenance Association (which is comprised of 470 homes in Kalama Valley nearest to the green lawn area), the Hawaii Kai Lions provided time and effort to plan, prep, and paint the two signs, while the Maintenance Association procured all the needed pesticide, paint, and siding materials, and will gratefully promote the services provided by the Hawaii Kai Lions in its upcoming annual communication to membership.

After several preparatory steps in July & August of reviewing plans, applying pesticide, and procuring materials, the core team of four started setting up tents, generator and tools at 8:30am on August 23rd. The process included sanding and applying caulk to the existing wood beams, applying primer paint to new wood trim material, securing Hardie board siding material to the top, sides, and back of the wood beams (for greatly improved weather resistance), framing the front and back with wood trim material, and two coats of paint for the Canyon Clay-colored base and Creamy-colored lettering.

In addition to Hawaii Kai Lions Club volunteers Eric Kwick, Kelvin Kaneoka, Bill Kern, Frances Lum and Ellsworth Fujii, a volunteer from the Mariners Valley Maintenance Association board, Lonnie Bonds, was part of the core team, and is interested in learning more about becoming a member of Hawaii Kai Lions.

Koko Head Elementary HI-5 Sorting



L-R Lions Eric Kimura, Cynthia Chun and Appan Subramanian

Submitted by Frances Lum

Alongside Principal Jeffrey Shitaoka and a slew of Koko Head Elementary School PTSA parents, President Yolisa Ishibashi, Secretary Cynthia Chun, and Lions Eric Kimura, Appan Subramanian, and Frances Lum got down on the ground and sorted through a sea of plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans on August 29, 2023. Sorting required recognizing which items must be trashed (non HI-5 items) and twisting off a lot of bottle caps. Throughout the year, Koko Head Elementary School collects recyclable containers in two large “cages” built by Hawaii Kai Lions years ago. The proceeds from the HI-5 bottles and cans go directly back to support the school and its students. Anyone may donate bottles and cans, but please be sure that they are indeed HI-5 and please remove the caps.



President Lisa Ishibashi sorting through cans and bottles.

Kapahulu Bon Dance Support



Hawaii Kai Lions after set-up shift at Kapahulu Bon Dance.

Submitted by Kendrick S. Chang and Ellsworth Fujii

On September 22, 2023, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club supported fellow zone club, the Diamond Head Lions Club, and Kapahulu Center at the Annual Kapahulu Bon Dance. The Annual Kapahulu Bon Dance is the last major bon dance event on Oahu that concludes obon season. Proceeds from the event (i.e., ticket and food sales) benefits the Kapahulu Center, which provides various programming activities to seniors and the local Japanese-American community. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club have assisted with the Kapahulu Bon Dance in past years and were asked by the Diamond Head Lions Club to once again support this annual event.

Our club signed up primarily to assist with set-up in the morning prior to the event. In a three-hour period, we set-up multiple canopy tents, chairs, and legs-stands to place the obon dance lights that will illuminate the dancing area in the evening.

In addition, the Kaiser High School Leo Club manned the game booths during the afternoon shift. Eleven Leos and Kaiser High School Leo Advisor Gordon Chun and wife, Cheryl came to help with the keiki game booths. Children, some dressed in kimono had a lot of fun playing the games and winning prizes.

Hawaii Kai Lions members who participated in this project included Jeanne Alices, Kendrick Chang, Ellsworth Fujii, Cynthia Chun, Kelvin Kaneoka, CIS Hedy Kaneoka, Tom Ono, Allen Umeda, 11 Kaiser High School Leo Club members and Leo Club Advisor Gordon Chun. Also, a special acknowledgment to Ells Fujii for coordinating the presence and support of the Kaiser High School Leo Club to manage the game booths.

Koko Head School Traffic Awareness



Hawaii Kai Lions and prospective members holding traffic signs.

Submitted by Kelvin Kaneoka

Seven Hawaii Kai Lions were joined by one CIS and two prospective members to participate in sign waving to promote traffic safety awareness from 7:15am to 8:00am. Honolulu Police department personnel, both uniformed and plainclothes led the effort joined by approximately 30 highly enthusiastic Koko Head Elementary school Junior Police Officers. Signs were provided by HPD in addition to creative and colorful signs created by the JPO's. In addition to Koko Head Elementary's 307 students, teachers, staff and neighborhood residents also benefitted from this activity. Traffic around the school is highly congested with student drop-offs compounded by morning traffic. This activity served as a good reminder to all students and drivers throughout the Hawaii Kai area of the need to obey traffic rules, drive carefully and remain vigilant.



Hawaii Kai Lions with Koko Head students and HPD officers.

Safe Sidewalks Project



Hawaii Kai Lions ready to repair sidewalks.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On September 16, 2023, five Hawaii Kai Lions, two CIS, and one potential member patched numerous areas on Kaeleku St. in Kalama Valley. They endured the hot Hawaii Kai morning sun with minimal breezes. Scott Goto, from the City’s Division of Road Maintenance’s Malama O Ka Aina (MOKA) community volunteer program, was present and demonstrated how to mix and apply the concrete-like material (Polyfast) to the cracks. Two teams of four were formed, with each on opposite sides of the street, working from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., with a total of 21 sites/sidewalk cracks being patched.

Lions participating in this event included Kendrick Chang, Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, CIS Anthony Nakamura, Bill Kern, Frances Lum, CIS Lyn Yee, and potential member Lonnie Bonds.

Thank you to those Lions, CISs, and potential member who volunteered for this ongoing project. It was a lot of hard work, but satisfying to know that we’re contributing to the safety of our community. And even with our city-issued safety vests, we were recognized as Lions by at least two individuals biking in the area. Keep up the good work Lions!



L-R: Prospective Lion Lonnie Bonds and CIS Tony Nakamura.

September Project Photos



L:R Lions Bill Kern, Lonnie Bonds (prospective), and Eric Kvick repainting Kalama Valley neighborhood sign on August 23, 2023.



Lion Tom Ono setting up the canopy tents and lighting stands for the Kapahulu Bon Dance on September 23, 2023.



L-R: Lions Cynthia Chun, CIS Hedy Kaneoka, Jeanne Alices, and Jaci Yokogawa at the Kapahulu Bon Dance on September 23, 2023.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Tuesday, 10/3	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening (assisting Koko Head Lions Club)	Kahala Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Thursday, 10/5	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Quarterly Business Meeting	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 10/7	8:00-10:30am	Storm Drain Marking	Kalama Valley	Work Shirt	Bill Kern
Thursday, 10/12	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 10/19	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Open House for Prospective Members	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 10/20	Afternoon Shifts TBA	Kamiloiki Elementary School Keiki Karnival	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Tuesday, 10/24	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening	Hahaione Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Wednesday, 10/25	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Club Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Saturday, 10/28	8:00-11:30am	Livable Hawaii Kai Hui Ka Iwi Explorations Trail Clearing	1298 Mokuhano Street (end of Mokuhano Street Kalama Valley)	Work Shirt	Kendrick S. Chang
Thursday, 11/2	8:00-10:00am	Vision Screening (assisting Koko Head Lions Club)	Star of the Sea School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Thursday, 11/2	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: TBA	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 11/3	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening (assisting Koko Head Lions Club)	Star of the Sea School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
10/11 Les Muramura 10/13 Marja Leivo 10/17 Frances Lum 10/20 Marissa Okada		10/1/1974 Andy Uramoto 10/1/1987 Alvin Hayashibara 10/1/1990 Mary Jorgensen 10/1/1992 Appan Subramanian 10/1/1995 Dr. Russell Imanaka 10/4/2005 Dr. Chip Abbadessa 10/1/2008 Cynthia Chun 10/1/2015 Joseph Baumgartner 10/1/2016 Dr. Kerry Yoon	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged Total	48 0 4 3 0 55

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2023-2024			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President IPP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Secretary	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Dr. Patti Hill	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Tail Twister	Maja Leivo
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