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Pearl City Lions Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA - "WELCOME BACK STUDENTS"



The joys of summer have faded and once again it's time for students to return to their new classes, with new ideas and chance to catch up with their fellow classmates.

On August 4, PCLC Lions Linda, Vaughn and I assisted 1 st VDG with Hawaii Heart walk preparations which included hanging business banners at tent locations throughout Kapiolani park. There were other D50 Lions who also assisted.

August 9, Hawaiian Electric Company Community (HECO) Services Team were our guest speakers at our GMM (General Membership Meeting). They spoke about the need to replace and upgrade a couple of their old generators at the Waiau HECO power plant which have reached life expectancy. The bids, cost analysis, and (PUC) Public Utilities Commission are invested in this project. On their power point presentation, it was interesting to see historical photos of the power plant and the land surrounding it. The land area was all grass and open space. That was the "good old days."

On Sunday August 13, Lions: Guy, Gabby, Linda, Vaughn, Tony, (Representative) Gregg and CIS Linda, (Senator) Brandon, Brian, and I assisted with the Friends of Pearl City Library fundraiser book sale which drew patrons from near and far.

August 26, was my first visit to (KEY) Kualoa Heeia Ecumenical Youth Project Kahaluu, Kaneohe, for the 1st Cabinet mtg with DG CJ Kalopodes. Our Lion Raymond looked great up at the front table. Our PDG Chris, D50 Treasurer succeeded in implementing an initial D50 Budget via power point, Great Job. Also, Our Lion Stan Wachi is the D50 Auditor. Great selection. Lion Brian is sub chair for D50 sight. Lion Guy is Information Technology Chair. There are others in our club who accepted other chair roles. Congratulations and my very best to all our club Lions.

At our August 23 GMM, Mr Gensen Rabacal from Momilani Elementary School was our speaker. He is visually impaired and is the first known Hawaii instructor to teach music to Momilani Elementary school students. Momilani Principal Garrett Arakawa hired Gensen and has not regretted his decision. Garrett thinks "outside the box". Gensen spoke to us about his difficult path towards attaining his position. All our Lions were very focused and super attentive while he spoke. KUDO's to him.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

Our club's Vision Committee is starting to prepare for its fall (October) Vision Screening of the Elementary students in our area. Dates for our important club events and fundraising have been discussed and set. Stay tuned, more to come.

The speakers at our 9/13/23 GMM at Big City Diner will be talking about the 100 Infantry Battalion and 442 Regimental Combat Team. The speakers are Janice Sakoda and Kathi Hayashi of Club 100 Infantry Veterans. Hope to see you then!

Thanks, Lion Tad

BLOOD DONATION BY LION SHELLY OSHIRO



Lion Charlenee Caraang-Gilbert and Lion Brandon Elefante donated blood in August!

Thank you, Pearl City Lions for your volunteer blood donations!
To make an appointment, visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770.
Use the Pearl City Lions Club code: 2743.



PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - AUGUST 9, 2023



JOIN  US!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - AUGUST 23, 2023



**JOIN US
AT THE
NEXT
GMM!**



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ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

BANNER SETUP AT DISTRICT 50 HEART WALK AT KAPIOLANI PARK (AUGUST 4, 2023) BY LION SHELLY OSHIRO

Lion Vaughn Miyauchi, Lion Tad Tsuruma, and Lion Linda Tsuruma assisted D50 1stVDG Lori Inouye Yamashita with setting up banners for Heart Walk event. 3 Lions, 4.5 man hours.



EYEGLASS RECYCLING - PICK UP, CLEAN, DRY, PACK (AUGUST 17-23, 2023) BY LION ALICE KUDO

Picked up eyeglasses from Don Quijote, Walmart and Airport Lost and Found. Got a dozen donated by HECO workers. Removed cases, cleaned / dried / packed all eyeglasses. Will drop off 4 boxes of packed eyeglasses a total of 602 Clear and 382 Dark eyeglasses to the D50 storage site. Slight revision of numbers on Dark eyeglasses as I pulled 70 darkglasses for the W2K's Seafarer's project (dark glasses for fishermen). Delivered that box today to Lion Chris Chow. 1 Lion, 10 man hours!

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PEARL CITY COMPLEX SCHOOLS CHECK DELIVERY (AUGUST 28, 2023) BY LION LISA HIGA

On Tuesday, August 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Lion Lisa Higa, Lion Alice Kudo and Lion Gerald Hirata ventured out and delivered \$500.00 checks to the ten Pearl City Complex Schools....These checks are critical to the schools as they support students who may be in need of school supplies, basic needs, field trips, and other schoolwide activities and events. Lions =3, Hrs=6

Our day began at Waiiau Elementary -our adventure was a go
We were happily greeted and the check was received by
Principal Troy Takazono



Then we noticed that Momilani Elementary's principal wasn't
there-so..
The check was given to teachers-Lisa Nishihara and Lynn
Wakahiro



Next stop-Principal Joseph Halfmann at Pearl City High School
He graciously appeared from a hallway-that was pretty cool!



Ventured to Palisades Elementary next in line- I must say
We patiently waited to see Principal Gavin Tsue



Headed for Highlands Intermediate-they were next and nearby
We handed the check to Vice Principal Tom Kutsunai



ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

PEARL CITY COMPLEX SCHOOLS CHECK DELIVERY CONTINUED...

PCHES next-we still had much to deliver and do
It was great to see Teacher -in -Charge-Mrs. Mila Wu



Off to Manana Elementary -to see Principal Bryan Loo
His school camera was working -we took a few pictures, too



Principal James Suster -we located him on the school grounds
Presented him with the \$500 check-all safe and sound



Next to Lehua-where they were about to do a fire drill
Out comes Principal Lance Tanouye-surprised and thrilled



Principal Neil Blomberg at Kanoelani Elementary -our final
destination

THANK YOU Pearl City Lions Club -for placing a priority on
education!!



I appreciate ALL of you!!! - Lion Lisa Higa

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FRIENDS OF PEARL CITY LIBRARY (AUGUST 13, 2023) BY LION GUY INOUE

The Friends of the Pearl City Library had an annual book sale in the conference room of the Pearl City Regional Library on August 13, Sunday, from 9:00 am – 12 noon. The book sale is a fundraiser event for the library's operation. Although this is an annual event, it was not held for the past couple of years due to the pandemic. It was well attended the entire time with patrons lining up before 9:00 am and was full all the way till 12 noon when the event was completed.

There were Pearl City Lions who assisted before the event with planning, setting up books before the event, restocking tables with more books and materials as they were sold and the all important clean up. Where the entire room had to be cleaned out by boxing all unsold material and putting back tables and chairs. The atmosphere of the event was positive since the Pearl City Lions were able to see many of their friends who came as customers. So, it doubled not only as a book sale for fundraising, but a great social event to catch up on conversations and stories with the patrons of Pearl City and neighboring communities. Total Lions = 9, Hours = 45

Tad Tsuruma, Linda Tsuruma, Brian Akimoto, Vaughn Miyauchi, Brandon Elefante, Gregg Takayama, Gabriel Balais, Tony Velasco, Guy Inouye, CIS Linda Chu Takayama



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

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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:
ctamura@hawaii.rr.com

Club Policies The Board will also be
reviewing the club's policies at its
next Board meeting. They are
available on the shared drive:
<https://bit.ly/3p1Leec>

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



Secretary's Board Bits by Brian Akimoto

- Approved PC Lions Club membership for Gwen Fukunaga
- Approved Health and Social Services projects being planned, which include: Social outing with LEOs, Participating in Alzheimer's Walk and Christmas Parade, Caroling at PC Plaza, Salvation Army's Bell Ringing, Volunteering at Momilani CC's Halloween Bash and Easter Egg Hunt, Blood Donation Blood Drives and Sign Waving, and Card making activities to be sent to hospitals and first responders in celebration of our holidays.
- Approved project (after the fact) to volunteer during Friends of PC Library Book Sale



Tail Twister Says by Vaughn Miyauchi

Tailtwister says: "For the September 13, general membership meeting at Big City Diner bring a photo of yourself with a crushed soda or beer can for "National Crushed Can Day." For those who cannot make it to the meeting you can participate also, just email your photo to shellyo3@hawaii.edu. All those attending the meeting without a photo will be fined. Thank you for your participation."



PEARL CITY LIONS INFO

For District 50 news: www.hawaiilions.org
For Pearl City Lions web news: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pearlcityhi/
Facebook: facebook.com/pearlcitylionsclub
Instagram: instagram.com/pearlcitylionsclub



DISTRICT 50 LEADERSHIP

District Governor - CJ Kalopodes
1st Vice District Governor - Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita
2nd Vice District Governor - Sean Benito
Immediate Past District Governor - Gary Nip
Honorary District Governor - Chris Tamura
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Cabinet Treasurer - Chris Tamura
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International Director - Robert Lee
Region IV Zone 2 Chair - Raymond Nii

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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ID Robert Lee
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IPDG Gary Nip

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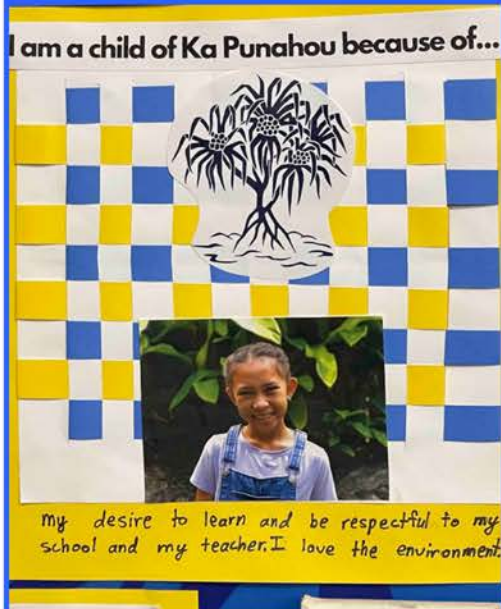
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FROM THE EDITOR



Aloha Pearl City Lions! Welcome to the September 2023 issue of Perci Roars!!!

Please send in your experiences and help us make this the best newsletter in District 50!

Thank you for all your support with photos and activity/project reports.

The picture on the left is of my daughter (Averi) in her first year at Punahou. She is now a 5th grader and we are so proud of her!

Mahalo! -Lion John Gephart



**Please submit
articles and
pictures to
me by
September
30th!**



Lions Clubs International

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September Anniversaries

John Gephart & CIS Rusti
Lance & Nancy Soma



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

Gabby Balais
Dick Fujiwara
Dion Mesta
Ira Tagawa
Gregg Takayama
Glenn Tamura

Upcoming Events

9/13: GMM @ Big City
Diner 6:30pm
9/20: Board Meeting @
PCCC 7:00pm
9/27: GMM Location
Pearl City Cultural
Center, 6:30pm

10/11: GMM
10/18: Board Meeting
10/25: GMM
5/13/24: Charter Banq.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT IN PERSON MEETING!

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 HAPPY ★ LABOR ★ DAY	5 Zone Advisory Waiau Zippys 630pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 GMM @ Big City Diner Pearlridge 600pm \$20pp	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting @ PCCC, 6pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 GMM @ PCCC 600pm Bring Your Own Bento (BYOB)	28	29	30

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