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# PERCI ROARS

Pearl City Lions Club Newsletter  
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District 50 Hawaii, Region IV, Zone 2  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA

### "Fall Is Upon Us Once Again"

Sept 8, Friday, Dr Shannon Ching requested volunteers for hearing screening at Fern ES in Kalihi. D50 volunteers, including myself, assisted in the screenings. Everything went smoothly and the students heeded the directions of their teachers as they moved to the hearing stations and completed their hearing screenings. Mahalo Lion Dr Shannon and June Ching for your continued commitment to young students health.

At our GMM on Sept 13, our club was honored to have 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) President Janice Sakoda speak to our club about the history of the 100th Battalion Nisei soldiers and their accomplishments which we still remember today. Many of our Lions veterans and their relatives that have ties to the 100th Battalion were eager listeners for that evening.

Sept 14, Thursday, Lions Linda, Lion Lisa Yasuda with guest Sharon Ige, and I were invited by August GMM speaker and sight impaired, Mr. Gensen Rabacal to listen to his music group at the Pizza Press at Pearl City Highlands complex. He and his group of about 5 to 7 musicians were well received by the patrons there. They played a mixture of local songs that the audience, at times, sang along to.



Fern School Vision Screening, Sept 8



Vision Impaired Genson Rabacal and Music Group, Sept 14



Charter Lion Ray Jablonski at Charter and Installation Banquet, May 13, 2023

Sept 20, Wednesday was a sad, sad day for our club. Our club's last Charter Lion member Ray Jablonksi had passed away. He was a Charter member since our club's inception in 1965. Lion's Al Demello, and Alice Kudo were able to visit him prior to his passing. I remember him being very feisty at our club's Charter banquet just a few months ago. We will miss him. Funeral arrangements are pending.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TAD TSURUMA continued...

Sept 27, Wednesday at our GMM, our club members conducted vision screening practice for our upcoming October vision screening at our Aiea area elementary schools. Club members also participated and completed the "National Hand Washing Day" poster creation. It was a lot of fun and for a "great cause" to complete this project for our Health and Services committee chair Lion Shelly. Assisting were Lions Jerry, Raymond, Linda, Diane, Alice, Guy, Gerald, Lisa, Vaughn, and Cathy.

That's all for now, and remember to keep safe.

Thanks, Lion Tad



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### BLOOD DONATION BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI



Thank you for saving lives!

Lions Gerald Hirata, Tom Fujita, Brian Akimoto, and Vaughn Miyauchi donated blood to save lives in September. Lion Clarence Nishihara found out that he could no longer donate blood. Our guest and former Lion, Sharon Ige, also donated in September. Thank you, lions, and guest, for saving 15 lives.

Thank you, Lion Clarence, for all your years of donating to save lives!!

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



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### PEARL CITY LIONS INFO

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For Pearl City Lions web news: [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pearlcityhi/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pearlcityhi/)

For Pearl City Lions pictures: [pearlcitylionsclubphotogallery.shutterfly.com](http://pearlcitylionsclubphotogallery.shutterfly.com)

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



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## WRITE-UP AND PHOTOS BY LION BRIAN AKIMOTO

PC Lions, We want to thank our veterans in our club for their service to our country. At last Wed's meeting, the president of Club 100 Infantry Veterans gave an account of the formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). Consisted mostly (if not all) from Hawaii, the 100th was formed after intense lobbying to Congress to allow them to fight. President Janice Sakoda outlined their journey from Hawaii, to Camp McCoy Wisconsin, to Camp Shelby Mississippi, to Salerno Italy, where they experienced tremendous casualties during campaigns in Italy and France. In June 1944, the 100th was attached to the 442 Regiment. And as you know, the 442 Regiment is renowned for its heroic accomplishments and sacrifices during the war.

Tailtwister Lion Vaughn had asked members to submit thank you cards expressing appreciation for the sacrifices our veterans have made. Veterans who attended the meeting were Lions Clarence, Larry, and Roy. We know there are others who were not there. Thank you PC Lions Club veterans for your service to our country. We are proud of you and glad that you are members of our club. - Lion Brian



## ZONE BLOOD DRIVE PROJECT (OCT 1 - NOV 30, 2023)

### BY ZONE CHAIR LION RAYMOND NII



PC Lions, Zone Chair Lion Ray has organized a Zone project to donate blood to Blood Bank. The Blood Drive will start on Oct 1 and end Nov 30. PC Lions, Leeward Lions, and Mana Loa Nimitz Lions clubs are participating. Please schedule a blood donation during this period. Also, ask your friends and family members to make a donation too.

And when checking in that day, don't forget to them the PCLC organization code, which is #2743. Remember to have breakfast and drink water before you donate. **"One pint saves 3 lives."**



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2023





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## October Anniversaries

Brian Akimoto & CIS Ada  
Ryan Abella & CIS Josie



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## October Birthdays

Ryan Abella  
Angela Ho  
Cathy Kuwamoto  
Vaughn Miyauchi  
Wayne Morinaga  
Larry Veray  
Lisa Yasuda

## 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

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**Director 1-year**

Alice Kudo

**Director 2-year**

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**Director 2-year**

Gerald Hirata

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Tad Tsuruma

**Membership Chair**

Guy Inouye

**Incoming**

**Membership Members**

Wayne Morinaga

Glenn Yokoyama

**Bulletin Editor**

John Gephart

## ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

### LEGACY SIGN MAINTENANCE (AUGUST 12, 2023) BY LION GABBY BALAIS

It was a nice and cool morning on August 12, 2023. The Naupaka plant and surrounding grass grew considerably since last time and was in need of some trimming. Lions Gabby and Baron were the first to arrive onsite, with Gabby getting a head start on trimming the Naupaka plant (using his newly acquired hedge trimmer) and Baron cutting the grass with his weed whacker. Lion's Guy, Brian and Vaughn then showed up to further assist with trimming and clean-up. We were also glad to have fellow Lion and Senator Brandon Elefante assist us on this project. Thankfully, there was no rain and that we were able to complete our task before the sun shined down on us.

Thank you to all the Lions that provided assistance on this project Guy Inouye, Vaughn Miyauchi, Baron Yamashita, Brian Akimoto, Brandon Elefante and Gabriel Balais. 6 Lions, 6 hours





## ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS continued



## LIONS HELPING LIONS - MAILBOX REPLACEMENT (AUGUST 26-28, 2023) BY LION VAUGHN MIYAUCHI

Lion Jerry Nagatani purchased the mailbox with a stand, and we schedule the work however it was delayed due to Lion Jerry's surgery. A new date was scheduled. Then unfortunately Lion Jerry couldn't help due to covid. Lion Gabby and I met on a slightly rainy Saturday morning, August 26, and removed the old mailbox and replaced with the new mailbox with the address. On Monday, August 28, CIS Merle Miyauchi and I went back to reinforce the bottom of the stand with rebar and pouring of a small concrete pedestal. Hooray, hooray!! Project completed!! 4 Lions, 16 hours





## Secretary's Board Bits by Brian Akimoto



- Approved PC Lions Club membership for Cory Chun
- Approved donation for Momilani CC's Halloween Bash

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## Tail Twister Says by Vaughn Miyauchi



Tailtwister says: "For the October 11 meeting at Big City Diner bring a HAPPY HALLOWEEN card or note addressing all the personnel at the Queens West. All those without this will be fined."

If you cannot attend and want to participate, send an email to Lion John Gephart ([johngephartis@gmail.com](mailto:johngephartis@gmail.com)) and he will put in the next issue of Perci Roars.

## **\*NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT\*** **CORY CHUN**



- Cory Chun was born and raised in Honolulu. He is a graduate of Iolani School, Gonzaga University, and the Gonzaga University School of Law. He has worked in the non-profit and government sectors for the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the Honolulu City Council. He also worked as in the regulatory department at Hawaiian Telcom.
- Cory served on the Waipahu Neighborhood Board from 2007 to 2022 and held the positions of Vice Chair and Chair of the board. He is a member of the American Cancer Society Hawaii Guam Board of Directors, the Patient Advocacy Council of the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, and the Waikele Community Association's Neighborhood Security Watch and Waikele Association Volunteer Efforts.
- In 2022, Cory was elected to the Hawaii State House of Representatives to represent District 35, which covers portions of Pearl City and Waipahu. He lives in Waikele and is married to his spouse Candice and has two children, Caley and Codey.

# SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GMM!



# OCTOBER / NOVEMBER VISION SCREENING DATES

## FOR GRADES K, 1, & 3 MINIMUM 6 PCLC LIONS

October 3, Tuesday, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8:15am  
 October 5, Thursday, Children's House, 8:15am  
 October 6, Friday, Gus Webling ES, 8:15am  
 October 23, Monday, Alvah Scott ES, 8:15am  
 October 24, Tuesday, Pearlridge ES, 8:15am  
 October 30, Monday, Aiea ES, 8:15am  
 November 3, Friday, Waimalu ES, 8:15am

### ZONE PROJECTS

Oct 1 - Nov 30: Blood Drive  
 October 28: Cleanup along  
 Bike Path - Lehua El 645am  
 November 18: Food Drive TBD  
 November 22: DG CJ visitation  
 at PC Cultural Center, 6pm

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 31: Halloween Bash at  
 Momilani Community Ctr.  
 Dec 1: Salvation Army Bell  
 Ringing, Don Quijote, 430pm  
 Dec 2: Toys for Tots at  
 Momilani Comm. Ctr.  
 Dec 2: PCLC Xmas Mtg/Party  
 at PC Highlands, 5p  
 Dec 15: Caroling @ The Plaza,  
 630pm

## OCTOBER 2023

| SUN  | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU  | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1<br><br><b>OCTOBER</b> | 2  | 3<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>OLGC 815am           | 4   | 5<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>Children's<br>House 815am | 6<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>Gus Webling<br>815am | 7  |
| 8<br><b>ZONE<br/>BLOOD</b>   | 9  | 10  | 11<br><b>GMM @ Big City<br/>Diner Pearlridge<br/>600pm \$20pp</b>     | 12   | 13  | 14   |
| 15<br><b>DRIVE<br/>-----<br/>USE</b>   | 16   | 17  | 18<br>Board<br>Meeting @<br>PCCC, 7pm                                 | 19   | 20  | 21   |
| 22<br><b>CODE<br/>2743</b>   | 23<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>Alvah Scott<br>815am | 24<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>Pearlridge<br>815am | 25<br><b>GMM @ PCCC<br/>600pm<br/>Bring Your Own<br/>Bento (BYOB)</b> | 26   | 27  | 28<br>Zone<br>Cleanup Bike<br>Path 645am<br>(See Details<br>Above) |
| 29<br>                  | 30<br>Vision<br>Screening,<br>Aiea 815am           | 31<br>Halloween<br>Bash @<br>Momilani CC          | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   |



# PEARL CITY LIONS MADE IT IN THE LIONS MAGAZINE!

PC Lions, our club made the news in LCI "Lions" magazine! I don't know how they found out about the shipment of books to Baquio City Philippines. The story continues on page 49. Check it out! WOOHOO!

## IN THE NEWS

### OVERHEARD ON SOCIAL MEDIA




"I wear a Lions pin every day to almost everything I do. It's a great conversation starter."  
—Lion Stu Young

"I wanted a way to serve that targeted my own strengths, so I could give the very best of myself to a project. Lions gave me that opportunity in a way no other club does."  
—Lion Jennifer Adams

"I followed my crush to a Leo club meeting in college. 31 years later ... still serving, but I never dated my crush."  
—Lion Anthony Kojo Omwaeze

"I was a recent empty-nester looking for purpose and something to fill a void in my heart! Since joining, I've had the opportunity to give back to my community, make lifelong friends and meet people from all over the world!"  
—Lion Lisa Gismondi

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## BY THE NUMBERS

39

Boxes of books donated by the Pearl City Lions Club in Hawaii and shipped to the Baguio City Host Lions in the Philippines.

75

Years the Chassell Lions in Michigan have been hulling strawberries for The Copper Harbor Strawberry Festival's strawberry shortcake.

1,300

Handicap ramps built by the Larsen-Winchester Lions in Wisconsin to help individuals with limited mobility.

1.5 million

Members by 2027 to reach Lions International's new MISSION 1.5 goal.



**Aurora Noon Lions Club** in Illinois hosted an American Sign-Language Santa and Mrs. Claus for their 12th annual holiday party for hearing-impaired kids. Guests included 35 deaf and hearing-impaired children, caregivers, teachers and friends.

The **Gwensboro Lions Club** in Kentucky hosted its annual Free Breakfast with Santa at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church.

In Florida, the **South Daytona Lions Club** had its monthly free diabetes screening at the Port Orange Farmers and Flea Market.

On Giving Tuesday, the **Avon Grove Lions** in Pennsylvania donated 150 large Christmas gift bags to Oxford Neighborhood Services. The bags were used by the children's parents to take home the toys they selected from the Christmas Toy Room.

The **Lathrup Village Lions** in Michigan were joined by the Optimist Club of Southfield-Lathrup Village and the Cosmopolitan Detroit Kiwanis Club for "Celebrate

Community 2022" at the World Medical Relief headquarters in Southfield to sort through mounds of medical equipment and supplies to be sent to Uganda.

**Lions Clubs in District 43Y** collected winter coats for those in eastern Kentucky who continued to feel the impact of the July 2022 floods and mudslides. Donations of space heaters, blankets, electrical cords, crock pots, food and more were welcomed as recovery efforts continued in the cold.

In Washington, MD19 Lions clubs earned 19 benches through the Trex Recycling Challenge by recycling plastic bags. The benches have been placed around communities served by the Burlington, Federal Way, Marysville, Lakewood First, Pend Oreille Valley, Olympia, Port Townsend, Sedro Woolley, Skagitway, Sunnyside, Snohomish, Spokane, Spokane Shadle North, Steilacoom, Tacoma, Tumac, Westport, and Yacoma, as well as the Steilacoom Lions Club and the River City Club Branch of Port Falls Lions Club. Lions kept nearly 12 tons of plastic out of landfills.

The **Pearl City Lions Club** in Hawaii donated 39 boxes of books for Manana Elementary School, and East Kailua Lions Club had them shipped to the Baguio City Host Lions in the Philippines. Teachers made the arduous journey to get the books to the remote enclaves of the Cordillera Mountains.

When the snowstorm hit in December, leaving thousands without power, a one-year-old boy was left without the ventilator he needed to breathe. His mother and father had to administer manual breaths for two days until strangers

rescued them and took them to a relative's home. The Lions Club of New York and Bermuda Foundation gave an emergency grant to the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation to purchase a Honda generator, extension cord, and full tank of gas to gift the family so this predicament never happens again. **Lions Club of Western New York** member, Tom Witkowski, and District Governor Michael Yost presented the boy's mother with the gift.

The **Elkhart Lions Club** in Indiana teamed with Monteth Tire to help a local family get new tires for the family's handicap-accessible van used to take a 35-year-old father fighting ALS to medical appointments.

In Ontario, Canada, the **Dorchester & District Lions** and community volunteers have been working with the Magic Yarn Project to create Disney character-inspired wigs for young warriors with childhood cancer. Chemotherapy treatments often leave young scalps too sensitive for scratchy traditional wigs, but yarn wigs are comfy, soft and warm.



Dorchester & District Lions in Ontario, Canada, provided Disney-style yarn wigs to kids with cancer.

## SUPPORT PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL THIS CHRISTMAS!

PC Lions, if you are planning to get a live Christmas Tree this year, you can do so by ordering one from Habilitat, and help PC High School also. The high school will receive 40% of the sales. What a great way to brighten up your home during the holidays and help PC High.



**HABILITAT FUNDRAISING**  
www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com



*Pearl City High school*

**ALOHA PARENTS**

Pearl City High school is proud to partner with Habilitat to offer a no contact fundraiser to keep our keiki safe. It's simple, just ask your ohana to get their Christmas Tree through Pearl City High school Habilitat has been selling Christmas trees for over 40 years. Please share this opportunity with friends, families and co-workers. Place your orders online and don't forget to share on your social media!

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**International Director** - Robert Lee  
**Region IV Zone 2 Chair** - Raymond Nii

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Chairperson** PDG Garrett Ogawa  
ID Robert Lee  
PDG Angie Haramoto  
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IPDG Gary Nip

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## FROM THE EDITOR



Aloha Pearl City Lions! Welcome to the October 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, Sydni, and I having a nice father/daughter dinner date at a fancy restaurant. This was taken about a week before she headed back to UCLA for her 2nd year of college! Rusti and I miss her! Enjoy!

Mahalo! -Lion John Gephart



**Please submit  
articles and  
pictures to  
me by  
October 31st!**



## Lions Clubs International



# Pearl City Lions Club

## 2023 - 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### 1VP Lance Soma

Aloha Committee: Cindy Tamanaha

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

### 3VP Gabby Balais

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Christmas Meeting Committee: Larry Veray

CIS Luncheon Committee: Linda Tsuruma

Environmental Committee: Gabby Balais

International Committee: Vaughn Miyauchi

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## 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**

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If you have any questions, please email Lion Chris:  
[ctamura@hawaii.rr.com](mailto: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:  
[tinyurl.com/nspcy2hw](https://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](mailto:raymondnii808@gmail.com)





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