



# LEO LIONA

The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

## Upcoming Cabinet Meetings

**Sat Jan. 27, 2024 9 a.m.**  
Winter Forum  
Kilauea Military Camp,  
Hawaii Island

**Fri, Apr. 26, 2024 9 a.m.**  
Ala Moana Hotel

[www.hawaiilions.org](http://www.hawaiilions.org)

## Clubs Featured in this Issue

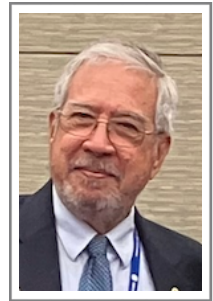
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| Aloha Pono   | Leeward Oahu |
| Arizona MD21 | Manoa        |
| Hawaii Kai   | Mililani     |
| Hilo         | Moanalua     |
| Kahuluu      | Pearl City   |
| Kamehameha   | Wahiawa      |
| Kaneohe      | Waiakea      |
| Kapolei City | Waiakea High |
| Kapolei High | School Leos  |
| School Leos  | Waianae      |
| Koko Head    |              |



## District Governor's Message

Fellow Lions & Leos,

Lion B. J. and I wish every Lion, Companion in Service, Cubs, friends and family a very Happy New Year. The New Year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given you and all the good things that are about to come. In the past 365 days, you have experienced beautiful moments in spite of some hard times and decisions and they wouldn't have been quite the same without all the special people in your life. Convey your warmest New Year wishes and show your friends and family that you put in some extra thought into wishing them the happiest New Year with the perfect sentiment. Cheers to successes and cheers to failures and cheers to those who helped you make your year what it is. **HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW LIONS, THE BEST IS YET TO COME.**



Lion B. J. and I would like to thank the clubs of **Manoa, Hilo, Hawaii Kai, Kamehameha, Mililani**, for the fun that we had participating in their Christmas parades. I would also like to thank the Lions Clubs of **Pearl City, Kahaluu, Kaneohe, Wahiawa, Kamehameha, Leeward Oahu, Pearl City** and **Moanalua** Lions for the great time at their Christmas Parties. It's a weight gain month for me (12 lbs.) and we were very happy to attend each function.

We have Lions projects that are coming up during January. The Lions in Sight on January 20 at the Walmart Stores, MidYear Forum at Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island, District Governors Visitations to various Zones and Clubs, and the 80th D.G. birthday celebration at Marine Corp Base Kaneohe on January 20th. 6:00 pm.

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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 Kahawail

**Board of Governors**PDG Garrett Ogawa (2026),  
ChairpersonPDG Mitch Tam (2027),  
Vice Chairperson

ID Robert Lee (2024)

PDG Angie Haramoto (2025)

IPDG Gary Nip (2028)

DG C.J. Kalopodes (2029)

[www.hawaiiions.org](http://www.hawaiiions.org)**Submissions**

Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the  
February issue by Jan. 25th to  
[leoliona@hawaiiions.org](mailto:leoliona@hawaiiions.org)

This year's resolution quote:

Embrace new ideas, knowledge and every opportunity. Always surround yourself with good people and avoid negative and toxic people to secure your peace of mind and dignity. I wholeheartedly and boldly set my plan as the best year of my life for good health, richness, love, care and abundance. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Lion C.J. Kalopodes

District Governor 2023-2024

[cjkalopodes@hawaiiions.org](mailto:cjkalopodes@hawaiiions.org)

*Presenting Lion PDG Joseph Pontanilla with the Club Excellence award in Maui.*



*Moving District 50 Forward Committee at Lion Kalae's home in Waimanalo.*



*Kahaluu Lions Christmas Party at Key Project in Kahaluu.*



**Correction:**

Sincere apologies to **Aloha Pono** Lion Mariette Blaide. This cutie is her daughter Jonah. Jonah was misidentified in the December Leo Liona.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS SEMINAR**

**Sunday Jan. 21, 2024 7:00p.m.**

Join us for a Zoom presentation with  
Lion Dr. James Yamashita  
Topic: Mental Health



## Best Practices

with PDG Cecelia Izuo

**Monday Jan. 22, 2024 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**



## KMC Winter Forum Golf Tournament

**Jan. 26, 2024 Volcano Golf Course**

**Register by Jan. 12, 2024**

**The Humanitarian Award**

<https://www.hawaiilions.org/humanitarian-award/>

Application Deadline: Feb. 1, 2024



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**Feb. 17 - 19  
2024**

**Application Deadline: Jan. 10, 2024**

<https://www.hawaiilions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-RLLI-form.pdf>

# 88th D50 Hawaii Lions Convention

**April 26 - 27, 2024**

**Ala Moana Hotel**

<https://www.hawaiilions.org/2024-district-convention/>

Click the link above for everything you need:

- Registration Form
- Schedule of Events
- Pins & Souvenir Booklets
- Souvenir Booklet Advertisement Packet

Deadline: Feb. 28, 2024

- Convention Registration - \$45
- Souvenir Booklet Advertisement Agreement & Payment

More information on pages 21 - 27 of this newsletter.



**ROAARR!!!**



# **DG CJ & BJ 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Extravaganza**

**Tickets: \$80 for 80 years, or sponsor a table for \$800  
RSVP by Jan 6 for base access**

**Contact Lion Diane Fujio for more details.**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**5:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Officers Club, Marine Corps Base Hawaii**



## On the Board

Submitted by Lion Robert Lee,  
International Director

TRAVELING 100,000 MILES TO  
SERVE LIONS AROUND THE WORLD

**H**appy New Year! Pam and I hope that you and your loved ones have had a very Merry Christmas, and that the joyous spirit of the holidays continues on through the new year. It's hard to believe that 2023 flew by so quickly, and that my term as International Director will be over in six months. It has been an honor and privilege to serve not only the Lions of Hawaii, but the 1.4 million Lions members who proudly serve, CHANGING THE WORLD!

Since the International Convention in Boston in July, Pam and I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Reno in September, and the October International Board meeting in Cairo, Egypt, and the service project in the Masai Mara, Kenya. International President Patti Hill chose these locations for her meeting and service project to highlight our newest Constitutional Area 8 – Africa. Our visit will spur membership growth and extension of new clubs and districts on the African continent.

Our service projects in Kenya covered Diabetes, the Environment, Hunger, Vision and Youth, five of our eight global causes. The



*Lions in Kenya feeding a thousand students a day.*



*Donating a solar cooker to women in the village.*



*Vision screening with a Doctor from the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.*



*Planting our tree in the Nashulai Lions Forest.*

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projects were meaningful and impacted the lives of thousands of people. Being halfway around the world, we were reminded of the true global nature, the ever-growing sphere, of our Association, and the impact we have around the world through our service and LCIF. We truly are "Changing the World"! Pam and I would like to thank the Lions of Egypt and Kenya, especially their Host Committees, for their phenomenal hospitality and kindness while we were there.

Our first official visitation for this fiscal year was to MD35, in Orlando, Florida, at the beginning of November, and our next will be to MD5M-5 in Wilmar, Minnesota, later this month. District 5M-5 is the home district of Past President Brian and Lori Sheehan, so we will finally discover where Bird Island is.



*MD 35 : Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao Council Chair Chip and his District Governors.*

For this year, our International Board meetings will be in Vancouver, Canada in March, and concludes at the International Board Meeting and Convention, in Melbourne, Australia in June. In between, Pam and I will once again cross the country over a dozen times, visiting Lions from Oregon to Maine, flying almost another 100,000 miles, just like last year.

In addition to the in-person Board meetings, there are numerous virtual LCI Committee and Area meetings to attend and deal with during

the year. When home, Pam and I have been involved with the District and our club whenever our schedule permits. When the wildfires devastated Maui in August, we immediately contacted LCIF for emergency funding, and I networked with my fellow Lions around the world, to raise additional disaster relief funds and directed them to HLF. On August 11, Pam and I flew to Sacramento to connect with friends actively involved with the California Lions Foundation, who promised to help raise substantial donations for Hawaii. We also heard from our fellow Directors and other members of the International family, and from the Lions and Districts that we had met during our visitations, who offered help and support for the people of Hawaii, especially those affected in Lahaina.

To date, due to the efforts of all involved, HLF has received over \$500,000 from Lions and Districts all over the world, proving that the Lions Ohana truly exists. I want to thank all those, here and abroad, who were actively involved in the fundraising efforts. During the USA/Canada Forum in Reno, I was given time to thank the Lions assembled there, for their overwhelming support and contributions. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lori, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sean and District LCIF coordinator, IPDG Gary, joined me on stage to express our mahalo.



*Addressing the attendees at the USA/Canada Forum in Reno, Nevada*

In the District, I have submitted two proposed changes to the District's Constitution and By-

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Laws Committee for consideration this year. First, as I reflect upon the donations received by HLF from Lions around the world, I believe it is time for us to consider and discuss a method for us to “pay it forward”. We have received hundreds of thousands of dollars from other Lions Districts and Foundations to help us at our time of need. Unfortunately, we have no mechanism in place for our District to reciprocate in kind. I propose that the District establish a “Kokua” fund to help other Districts during their time of disaster.

Secondly, as Pam and I travel across the country, we encounter many Districts with a shortage of Vice District Governor (VDG) candidates running for office. One of the primary reasons given for this is cost, as the creation of the office of first and second VDG was an unfunded mandate from LCI, with expenditures for those offices being a personal expense.

I feel it is time that the District recognize this problem and help defray some of their costs. I have proposed an In-District budget of \$1,500.00 for each of our VDGs, to help cover some of the transportation, hotel and other associated costs for visitations and invitations

within our District. They would be reimbursed upon receipt of such expenditures in a timely manner. I look forward to discussion and your support on these two proposals.

While we are busy, we always look forward to being with you during in-district requests and events. Please feel free to contact and invite us, as we will be there if our schedule permits.

As the New Year dawns, Pam and I would like to thank you for being Lions, and for being part of our Lions Ohana. May you discover and relish, the joys of service along your Lion’s journey, as much as I have through the years. May 2024 be a joyous and prosperous one for you and yours.



Hau’oli Makahiki  
Hou!

*Lim Bob Lee*  
International  
Director  
2022-2024

## Australia 2024 International Convention **What You Need To Know**

Submitted by Lion Kobey Arai

—The following information was obtained from the [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) website—

### **Passport requirements**

You are required to have a valid passport to enter Australia. It is recommended, but not required, that your passport be valid for at least six months from the time of entry.

### **Visa requirements**

There are different types of Australian visas available depending on the length of your stay, your passport and the purpose of your visit.

Use the visa finder tool

<<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>> to determine which visa best fits your needs.

You’ll also need to:

Meet certain financial and medical requirements

Be outside of Australia when applying

Maintain health insurance for the duration of your stay

—The preceding information was obtained from the [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) website—

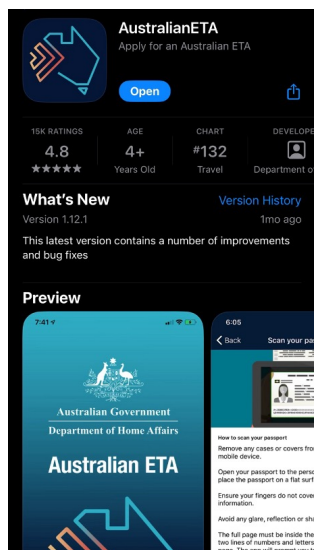
The visa that most should apply for is the Tourist ETA Visa (Subclass 601). It costs \$20.00AUD or roughly \$13.60USD.

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One way to obtain the Tourist ETA visa is to apply online through the AustralianETA mobile app. A screenshot of the app store page is shown to the right, please make sure you download the correct app.

Follow the prompts until you reach the end, the application process took me less than 10 minutes to complete. The visa was approved within another 10 minutes.

Hope this helps!



## MISSION 1.5

Submitted by  
PDG Cecelia Izuo,  
Global Membership Team Coordinator  
Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui,  
Global Service Team Coordinator

**We're on a mission to grow.**

**M**ission 1.5 is a drive to reach 1.5 million members in the next 4 years. More members in your club will enable your club meet the growing needs of your community.



### Membership Focused

Mission 1.5 starts with you and your club. Are you and your club inviting new members to projects or events? During the Christmas Holidays, one club invited 4 potential new members to their annual Christmas Party. Great food, fellowship, and fun. Those 4 potential new

members have their own unique interests and skills to start new projects to help their community.

Many clubs invite potential new members to their clubs projects. This is a great way for them to meet the members and help the community.



### Teamwork Ready

A quick way to increase membership is to find a group of five friends and form a Club Branch.

Examples of speciality Club Branches: knitters, motorcyclists, college students, young professionals, wine enthusiasts, travel, etc.

Clubs that market themselves and their projects attract potential members faster.

Lions International's website has many resources that you and your club can look at and utilize.

If you sponsor a new member during the program, you will receive a nice sponsor's pin.

There are retention awards available to qualified clubs also.



### Proven Process

Achieving success with Mission 1.5 is more than recruiting new members. DG CJ has encouraged D50 Lions to "Ask 1, Induct 1 & Mentor 1." 1st VDG Lori has recommended take small steps achieve your club's goals. 1st VDG Sean has mentioned provide leadership training and opportunities for new members. District 50's Proud Lion Program is a great way to engage, grow, and retain your new members.

Accept the Mission 1.5 Challenge to grow your club to meet the growing needs of your community.

Please contact PDG Cecelia and members of her GMT if you need additional information and assistance.





**Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui**  
Global Service Team Coordinator

### District 50 Metrics as of 12/01/23

|                              |                 |                |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>1,990</b>                 | <b>25,569</b>   | <b>612,559</b> | <b>\$68,237</b> | <b>\$80,523</b> |
| Service Activities Completed | Volunteer Hours | People Served  | Funds Donated   | Funds Raised    |

### Reporting

| Lions              | Leos              | Total              |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>75%</b>         | <b>14%</b>        | <b>54%</b>         |
| 42 out of 56 clubs | 4 out of 29 clubs | 46 out of 85 clubs |



### Lions Clubs

| 5 of 5  | 4 of 5  | 3 of 5  | 2 of 5  | 1 of 5  | Other  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Completed & reported projects in 5 of 5 areas of service. | Completed & reported projects in 4 of 5 areas of service. | Completed & reported projects in 3 of 5 areas of service. | Completed & reported projects in 2 of 5 areas of service. | Completed & reported projects in 1 of 5 areas of service. | Completed & reported projects in other areas of service. |
| Hilo Crescent City  | Akaka Falls   | Ala Moana   | Aloha Pono  | Diamond Head  | Hilo   |
| Hawaii Lions Unlimited                                    | Kauai   | Chinatown   | East Kauai  | Ewa Beach   | Koolaupoko   |
| Koloa   | Koko Head   | Kahului   | Hamakua   | Hawaii Filipino   |  |
| Manoa   | Kona  | Kamehameha  | Hawaii Cyber  | Kahuluu   |  |
|   | Moanalua  | Lanai City  | Hawaii Kai  | Kailua Kona   |  |
|   | Waiakea   | Leeward Oahu  | Pearl City  | Kaneohe   |  |
|   | West Kauai  | Mana Loa-Nimitz   | Wahiawa   | Kapahulu Moiliili   |  |
|   |   | Pali  | Waikiki 2000  | Kapolei City  |  |

### Leo Clubs

| 3 of 5   | 2 of 5   | 1 of 5   |
|--|--|--|
| Completed & reported projects in 3 of 5 areas of service | Completed & reported projects in 2 of 5 areas of service | Completed & reported projects in 1 of 5 areas of service |
| Hilo Crescent City                                       | Kona   | Roosevelt  |
| Moanalua   |  |  |

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### Top 10 District 50 Community Service Award

| Rank | Club                   | Number of Projects Completed |
|------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1    | Hawaii Lions Unlimited | 615                          |
| 2    | Waiakea                | 164                          |
| 3    | Mana Loa-Nimitz        | 150                          |
| 4    | Manoa                  | 144                          |
| 5    | Moanalua               | 139                          |
| 6    | Koko Head              | 104                          |
| 7    | Hilo Crescent City     | 50                           |
| 8    | Chinatown              | 49                           |
| 9    | Akaka Falls            | 43                           |
| 10   | Leeward Oahu           | 30                           |
| 11   | Waikiki 2000           | 28                           |
| 12   | East Kauai             | 23                           |
| 13   | Aloha Pono             | 22                           |
|      | Hawaii Kai             | 22                           |
|      | Kona                   | 22                           |
|      | Wahiawa                | 22                           |
| 14   | Ala Moana              | 21                           |
| 15   | Kapolei City           | 20                           |
|      | Koloa                  | 20                           |



Top 10 Club projects reported to My LCI by Sunday March 31, 2023 will receive a \$25 check. If there is a tie, both clubs will receive a \$25 check.

Please continue your amazing community service projects but don't forget to report them on MyLCI. For those clubs who have LEO Clubs who are doing community service projects, please help them report at least one of their projects on MyLCI.

Mahalo to the clubs who have reported their projects this year that did not last year!

### Lions Together We Serve



Diabetes



Vision



Please feel free to contact myself or any of the Island Directors if you need help!

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| GST Chair:  | Lion Cedric Mitsui  |
| Kauai:      | PDG Eric Nordmeier  |
| Oahu:       | PZC Pamela Young    |
| Maui:       | PDG Mark Mizuno     |
| Big Island: | Pres Leelen Park/ZC |

## Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) Grant Success Story

Submitted by HLF Trustee Lion Gary Nip

Information/Photos by Lion Wayne Kuwaye

Another Hawaii Lions Foundation grant-in-aid allowed **Waiakea Lions Club** to provide humanitarian assistance for the mother of a former **Waiakea High School Leo**. The recipient is wheelchair bound and struggled transferring between vehicle and her home because of the “rough loose gravel.”



On November 5, 2023, three Lions Wayne Kuwaye, Collins Tomei, George Ribao, one Companion In Service and three friends expended 51 total hours to pour a 16 feet by 20 feet concrete pad. The smooth concrete surface is so much easier now to use the wheelchair to get in and out of the vehicle.



The total project cost \$2,907.87. HLF grant-in-aid provided \$1,474.89 and the balance of \$1,432.98 was provided by in kind services and donation of materials.

Project chair Lion Wayne Kuwaye reported that Region VII HLF Trustee Lion Greg Ayau helped him prepare and present the grant-in-aid application to the HLF Board of Trustees. Lion Wayne provided the details to HLF and remarked “it was worth the effort.”

The Hawaii Lions Foundation Grant-In-Aid program provides financial support beyond the means of Lions Clubs of District 50 to better deal with sight, hearing and other humanitarian efforts within their communities. If you are interested in the HLF Grant-in-Aid program download an application from District 50 Hawaii Lions website [hawaiilions.org](http://hawaiilions.org).





## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip, LCIP D50 Coordinator  
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### Club Meeting Speaker

Do you need a speaker for your club meeting?

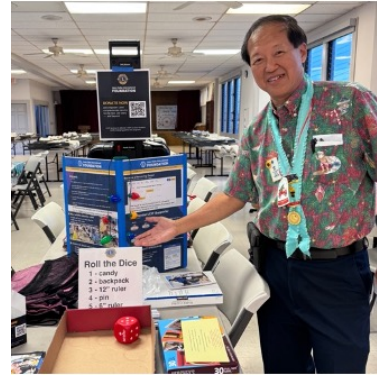
Invite D50 LCIF Coordinator Lion Gary Nip to your club/Zone meeting.



### Mahalo to Region VI Zone 1

Maui Lions raised \$424.00 for LCIF at their holiday celebration on Thursday December 14 in Wailuku. D50 LCIF Coordinator Lion Gary presented information. See photo to the right.

Photo by FVDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita



### Goals

DG CJ's goal is individual participation increase by 20% & club participation increase by 20%. EVERY member of our newest Lions Club Honolulu Cyber Veterans Golf Club donated to LCIF. Mahalo.

### Grants

In calendar year 2023, 166 grants were awarded in Constitutional Area 1 which includes the United States and the Caribbean for a total of US\$3,562, 272.



17 states received Matching Grants, some of which had several districts receive grants, for a total of 31 Matching Grants awarded



Districts and clubs within 28 states and Jamaica received District and Club Community Impact Grants



Indiana, Minnesota, Texas, and Utah championed diabetes through LCIF's Diabetes Grant awards



16 Districts received Disaster Relief funding to help community members after a disaster struck



Eight states combatted food insecurity through Hunger Grant awards totaling \$634,383

### DONATE ANY AMOUNT

**Online:** <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/more-ways-to-give>

**By check:** Payable to LCIF

Mail to:  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

### Melvin Jones' birthday is January 13

Donate on this day in honor of our founder.



# Maui Wildfire Disaster: A Story About The Lahaina Shingon Mission

Submitted by PDG Angie Haramoto

*Rev. Hogan Yujiri immigrated to Lahaina from Japan in 1902. This was the beginning of the Lahaina Shingon Mission, the oldest Shingon temple in Hawaii. Rev. Takayuki Meguro, our Sensei, shared his experience after visiting the site of our temple which was burned down and seeing his family home burned down also.*



**F**our months have passed since the fire. I recently re-entered the place where our temple was and would like to share with you my thoughts and feelings at that time.

To begin with, I had no idea that it would take me four months to visit the site where our temple and the house where my family and I lived. It doesn't seem like much time has passed since the fire, I was thinking if this was Japan it would be winter, but here there is very little difference between the seasons. What do you think would happen if there is a place like Japan where there is a large seasonal change? August 8<sup>th</sup> would have been a very hot day in the middle of summer, just like Hawaii. In December, snow would begin to fall, and people would shrug off the cold by putting on their warm coats. I think summer feels like a distant memory to me already. It really took a long time for this day to come. That day I entered via the highway from the Puamana side, south of Lahaina. As I drove

down the highway, I gradually felt like I was entering a different world. Even I felt fear as I entered Prison Street. At this point I needed some time to understand where I was. A world without any landmarks was terrifying to me. Of course, I remember the streets, how could I forget, I lived in this town for 20 years. But I couldn't find the road very well. The big tree I had used as a landmark was gone. It was supposed to be the end of the road, but I could see all the way to the ocean beyond it. It was only a few minutes away to the temple, but it was a long and terrifying journey for me.

Right after arriving at the temple site, I performed a service with Watanabe Sensei and Kitagawa Sensei while wearing protective clothing. I thought a lot of emotions would come over me, sadness, anger, frustration. But the most important thing to me to do was to apologize to ODAISHISAMA for making him wait for four months before I was able to visit the site. However, when we began the service,

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my mind was strangely at ease. It was like a calm ocean, like a mirror. I felt a warmth as if the sun was rising from beyond that ocean. I felt that the Buddha was talking to me. "Are you okay? It is a very difficult time for you. You can do it, go for it". I don't have any special abilities, but that's how I felt.

My feelings have changed from terrified to hopeful and full of happiness in those few hours. I also felt my path which I must go was clear. I believe that there is huge difference between having a landmark or milestone and not having one at all in our lives. It doesn't matter how big or small, we need a place where everyone can gather and pray to ODAISHISAMA's guidance in this difficult time.

It has been more than 30 years since I began my Buddhist practice, and this is one of the major revelations that ODAISHISAMA has given me. Nothing will change our difficult situation, but it was a very thankful experience for me.

When we are in a dark place, we can find the light very easily. Even if that light is very tiny. Each light we find may be small, but if we pick it up, we obtain great strength.

Four months was a long time, but I had a very important experience. Although there is nothing left to burn, I feel I gained something significant.

## Hawaii Kai Lions Club

# The Annual Lunalilo Home Christmas Dinner Party

Submitted by Lion David Iwana

**A**t long last, the Annual Lunalilo Home Christmas Dinner Party commenced again after the pandemic. The holiday celebration was early this year, visiting and thrilling the residents at Lunalilo Home on the evening of Thursday, December 7, 2023! The dinner was a Hawaiian dinner, sponsored by the **Hawaii Kai Lions**, with a few of our members serving up meals to 28 residents and 5 staff, as well as our 19 Lions and 9 Companion In Service in attendance.

Following the ono ono dinner, all our Lions and CIS serenaded the crowd with festive holiday songs, led by Lion David Iwana and accompanied by new member Ronnie Ong



and her husband, Ed playing ukuleles. Even Lunalilo Home resident Henry joined in on his washtub bass! This year the club presented lei made by our CIS, to all the residents and wishing everyone a very Mele Kalikimaka!

It was a wonderful and rewarding event for both Lunalilo Home and our club. Also, a monetary gift was presented to Mahina, Assistant Social Director of Lunalilo Home, to use towards the residents games and supplies. Great times was had by all!





Kapolei City Lions Club  
Kapolei High School Leos

## Going Green Day at Kapolei High School



December 2, 2023, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Lion Puna Nouchi

It was a wonderful day to recycle, donate, and clean your house before the end of the year! **Kapolei City Lions** Andy, Carmie, Ed, Elaine, and Puna with our Kapolei High School Leos

Caleb, Geanine, Grant, Lupe, and Romina, and 20 other Kapolei High School students and staff members participated in the Going Green Day at Kapolei High School on December 2.

About 70 community residents dropped off their TV screens, computers, printers, clothing, towels for pets, HI-5 beverage containers, and canned goods for the Hawaii Food Bank.

**Kapolei High School Leo** President Lupe said, "I think it's really cool to help out the community with recycling. It's fun to serve and help people!" Also,

**Kapolei City Lion** Carmie commented, "Going Green is a good thing especially for the environment. You're donating those items to be put in the right places instead of just dumping them elsewhere."

It was a successful day serving others and helping out our planet by recycling!



*Lion Lee recycling a TV screen*



*Canned foods donation*



*Recycling computers*



*Going Green Volunteers*



Moanalua Lions Club

## 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Ho'opono Christmas Party

Submitted by Lion Kathy Higa

**M**oanalua Lions Club held it's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Ho'opono Christmas party at the Honolulu Country Club on December 3, 2024. The event is to honor the students of Ho'opono, their family members and staff.

This is one of our club's favorite project of the year!! A lot of the blind community do not have an opportunity to go out and enjoy a nice luncheon. We subsidized the cost for the students and their family/friends and each student that attended also received a nice goodie bag. 130 students, family members, staff, Lions and friends joined us as we enjoyed Na Hoku Hanohano Award Winner – Jay Larrin and K-pop music band – Crossing Rain.

Seeing all the happy faces and hearing all the laughter is really a “chicken skin” moment!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts and those individuals/clubs who also donated funds/ in-kind items. If you weren't able to attend, stay tune for information about our 50<sup>th</sup> Ho'opono Christmas party.

Thank you for your continued support.



Kapolei City Lions Club  
 Waianae Lions Club  
 Kapolei High School Leos

## Salvation Army Red Kettle & Bell Ringing Campaign

December 16 & 17, 2023, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. each day  
 Submitted by Lion Puna Nouchi



**T**he **Kapolei City Lions Club**, **Waianae Lions Club**, the **Kapolei High School Leos**, and the Grinch (aka Lion Lee Nouchi) were at Walmart Kapolei ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign on December 16 and 17. The money donated to Salvation Army supports food assistance, homeless shelters, disaster relief efforts, rent and utility assistance, and other community outreach programs.

The following **Kapolei City Lions** who volunteered their time included Aimee, Andy, Candace, Carmie, Ed, Elaine, Jaz, Jeannie, Judy, Puna, and Trini. Also, Lion Connie from **Waianae Lions Club** participated in this Zone Project. Our **Kapolei High School Leos** who assisted ringing the bell were Alexandria, Caleb, Erwin, Lupe, Peyton, Romina, and Tyler.

During this holiday season, we were all happy to serve by ringing the bell for Salvation Army who helps others in need in our community!



Kapolei City Lions Club  
 Kaneohe Lions Club  
 Waianae Lions Club  
 Kapolei High School Leos



## Kapolei City Lions Club Holiday Party

December 21, 2023, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Submitted by Lion Puna Nouchi

**H**o! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! DG CJ and CIS BJ Kalopodes from **Kaneohe Lions Club** joined members of the **Kapolei City Lions Club**, **Waianae Lions Club**, and **Kapolei High School Leo Club** at the **Kapolei City Lions Club** Holiday Party on December 21.

Besides fun and games, IPP Lion Thelma Aiwohi received the 2022 – 2023 Club Excellence Award for the **Kapolei City Lions Club**.

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DG CJ Kalopodes presented his “Golden Ant Award” to Lion President Ed Ryglewicz and Lions Ampy and Marcie Cabico from **Kapolei City Lions Club**. Also, Lion President Connie Burchett from **Waianae Lions Club** received a “Golden Ant Award.”

In addition to the yummy food, 32 Lions, Leos, and guests had so fun playing Christmas Bingo, Snow Shovel, Pass the Candy Cane, Build a Christmas Character, and the “Right Left” gift exchange game!



*Golden Ant Awards (left to right): Lion President Ed Ryglewicz, Lions Ampy & Marcie Cabico, Lion President Connie Burchett*



*Presenting the 2022-2023  
Club Excellence Award to IPP  
Lion Thelma Aiwohi*



We wish all of the D50  
Hawaii Lions Clubs and  
Leo Clubs “Happy  
Holidays” and a “Happy  
New Year!”

~ Lion Puna Nouchi





## Koko Head Lions Club

## The Gamesters of Koko Head Lions

Submitted by Lion Richard Ching

**A**s 2023 comes to an end, the Retiree unit held a holiday game day for the residents of Maunalani Care Home. Our team played various games with the residents including connect four, black jack, checkers, Hanafuda, match game, chess and even monopoly. Some of the residents decided to stop playing the games and enjoyed talking with our Lion members.



*The Gamesters  
L to R: Lions Lance, Chris, Ric, PDG Gary, Richard, Stacy  
(Not pictured CIS Steph)*



*It's Connect Four and  
PDG Gary*



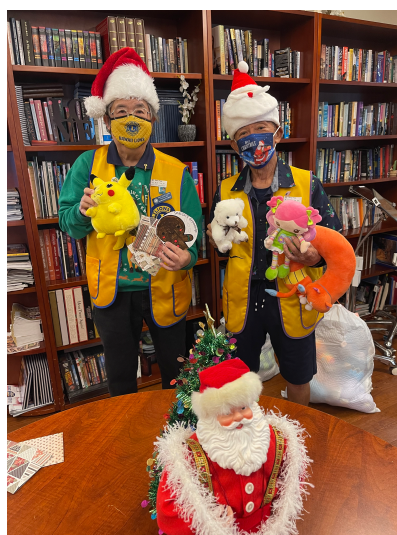
*It's the Match Game with  
Lion Lance*



*"Oh, no.... I might get  
checkmated". Says Lion  
Stacy*

On Christmas Day, a two man team went to Maunalani to read and deliver holiday letters written by local elementary students. We also brought donated and purchased stuffed animals for the residents to enjoy. We paid close attention to the residents who did not normally get visitors. The residents enjoyed receiving the letters and stuffed animals. The smiles on their faces were priceless.

It was a great time for our club's volunteers as well as the residents.



*Merry Lions Ric and Richard  
deliver stuffed animals, cards and  
letters on Christmas Day*



*We read the letters and cards to the  
residents who were bed-ridden.*



## Manoa Lions Club

**Holiday Cheer**

Submitted by 1VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

**T**he Lions of the **Manoa Lions club** brought the holiday spirit to both the young and old.

The club had their annual holiday event with the senior residents at Kuakini's Hale Pulamamau long term care facility. Unfortunately, after the pandemic, no outside food could be brought in. However, the holiday cheer could still be celebrated with games and prizes. The most popular game that they all enjoy is Bingo.

The Lions enjoyed interacting with the senior residents and assisting them wherever needed. It was a very fun and rewarding experience for both the Lions and the seniors.

The giving spirit continued with Christmas gifts for the Pediatric cancer patients at the Kapiolani Cancer Center. Toy donations for the different age groups were presented to the cancer life



coaches, many of the presents were on the wish list that was presented to the club. This time of year, the cold season, there are more admissions of the younger cancer patients due to the viruses that are more prevalent at this time of year. Celebrating Christmas away from home is very tough for these youngsters. Per the Life Coaches, the donations of toys really help lift the spirits of these children. This is the fourth year that the club has been donating toys for the entire cancer ward.



*Multiple carts with prizes were needed to get to the winners. Everyone was a winner.*



*More than 20 residents came down to have fun. Lion members assisted the seniors in looking marking the numbers called.*



*Most of the donation of toys for the cancer patients. The Nintendo switches for the game room was on back order.*



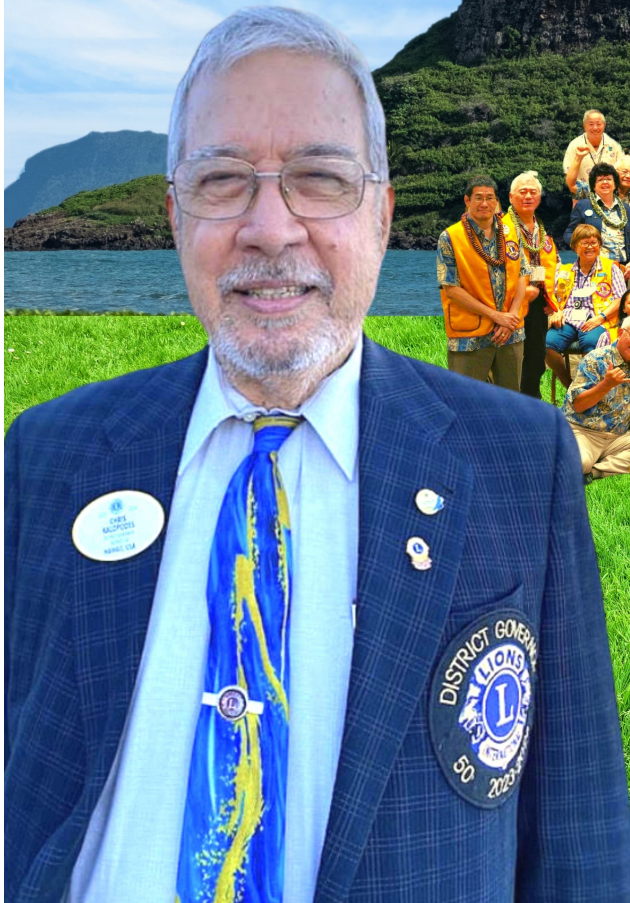
# 88TH D50 HAWAII LIONS CONVENTION



**APRIL 26 & 27, 2024**



*Lions Together We Serve*



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
CJ KALOPODES**







## Schedule of Events

### 4/26/24 Friday

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 7am - 12:30pm    | Registration @ Ala Moana - Hibiscus Foyer  |
| 8:30am - 11am    | Cabinet meeting call to order @ Ala Moana - Hibiscus<br>Flag Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ St. Louis HS JROTC Color Guard</li> </ul>   |
| 11am - 12:30pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Call Convention to order</li> <li>➤ Convention Rules</li> <li>➤ Credentials</li> <li>➤ Memorial Service</li> <li>➤ Resolutions</li> <li>➤ Hawaii Lions Foundation Meeting - Parade of Checks</li> </ul> |
| 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Keynote speaker @ Ala Moana - Garden Lanai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Luncheon w/ International guest ID Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA</li> </ul>   |
| 5:30pm - 10:00pm | Awards Ceremony & Fun night @ Ala Moana - Hibiscus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dinner - No host bar</li> </ul>  |

### 4/27/24 Saturday

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 7am - 8am        | Registration @ Ala Moana - Hibiscus Foyer   |
| 8am - 1:00pm     | General session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Final Credentials Report</li> <li>➤ LCIF</li> <li>➤ Constitutions &amp; Bylaws &amp; Standing policies</li> <li>➤ Nominations</li> <li>➤ Speeches Nominations &amp; Seconding:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2nd VDG Candidate</li> <li>○ 1st VDG Candidate</li> <li>○ DG Candidate</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Elections</li> <li>➤ Acceptance Speeches:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2nd VDG-Elect</li> <li>○ 1st VDG-Elect</li> <li>○ DG-Elect</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 1pm - 5:00pm     | Free time   |
| 5:30pm - 10:00pm | DG Banquet (Ala Moana - Hibiscus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dinner - No host bar</li> </ul>  |

\*Schedule is tentative & subject to change\*



# LIONS REUNION

Ala Moana - Magic Island

Thur, April 25, 2024

4:30pm - 6:30 pm

RSVP: by March 25, 2024

Sign up



# 2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER LUNCHEON

**\$55  
INCLUDES  
LUNCH**



## **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO**

Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.

**\$55 Per Person Includes Lunch**

**APRIL | 26<sup>th</sup> | 2024**  
**12:30pm - 2:30pm**

88th Lions Convention


# AWARDS

\*CELEBRATING LIONS ACHIEVEMENTS

&

# FUN NIGHT

\*60'S-70'S DRESS UP  
\*LIONS FUN NIGHT KING & QUEEN  
\*BINGO \*DOOR PRIZES



APRIL 26, 2024 \* 5:30PM - 10PM

\*Includes dinner & No host bar





# DISTRICT GOVERNOR *Banquet*

Includes Dinner & Music by Uluwale, No Host Bar,  
Humanitarian Award,  
Door Prizes, Karaoke Contest, Aloha attire



SATURDAY  
APRIL

**27 2024**

5:30pm - 10pm

ALA MOANA HOTEL  
Hibiscus Room







# Convention Service Project

## CANNED FOOD

April 8-27, 2024

*drive*



**Hawai'i Foodbank Food and Fund Drive**  
**"Nourish our 'ohana today and end hunger tomorrow"**

**Donation Page Link:**

**<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/CFD/District50HawaiiLionsClub>**

**April 8 – 27, 2024**

**Donate on-line or bring your food to 88th District 50 Hawaii Convention  
on April 26-27 at Ala Moana Hotel**

Save the date, more details coming via email and posting on  
[hawaiilions.org](http://hawaiilions.org) 1<sup>st</sup> week of January.

# Used **EYEGLASS** **HEARING AID** Collection

Saturday January 20, 2024  
Hours: 8am-2pm



**HELP US  
HELP  
OTHERS!**