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Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Hawaii Kai Lions, CIS's and All,

I hope you are all doing well.

As we all move into our second year of Covid I'd have to say things are looking up, here in Hawaii at least. I

hope all Lions who want to get the vaccine have gotten it or are scheduled to be vaccinated. Before my term as president ends there's a chance that we can all get together in person at least once, probably wishful thinking but let's be positive.

Normally this time of year we would be selling tickets for our 48th annual Father's Day pancake breakfast fundraiser. Unfortunately, the in-person part of it has now been officially cancelled. To generate some club exposure and income, our Pancake Committee Chair Alvin Hayashibara has arranged for our club to have a spot at Kaiser High School's farmer's market. Thanks, Alvin, for all your time, effort and organizing the meetings necessary to get this going.

Hawaii kai Lions have been staying busy this past month with a few activities, mostly involved our Environmental committee. Thanks to chair Allen Umeda for keeping us involved in the community projects. Overall, we have kept pretty busy in the current restrictive environment. I just looked in "MyLion" to see we have logged 1,171 hours of community service so far this fiscal year. Most of these hours are new projects since normal projects like vision and hearing screenings at the elementary schools have been canceled. Hats off to all for our improvisations.

We all mourn the loss of one of our charter member Lion Toshi Nishioka. Lion Ken Nishibun is in contact with the family and will keep us informed of services or memorials. Please keep the memory of Toshi's smiling face and pleasant demeanor in your heart.

Have a great April, stay happy, healthy and committed,

Eric

Joke of the Month

Submitted by Lion Ed Lee

Naples Riot!

Riots across US cities had spread to Naples, Florida a well known retirement community with protesters looting items like laxatives, vitamins, hair dye, hearing aid batteries, reading glasses, energy drinks and tennis balls. Most were easily caught because they were using walkers, wheelchairs and golf carts to flee.

The riot was limited to the evening time because many of the rioters had doctors appointments or did not want an interruption of their afternoon nap. Also the riot was short lived due to the fact that many in the protesting crowd had to go home to pee.....some even did not remember why they were out in the street in the first place.

Officials considered a curfew at 9 PM but decided against it since most of the rioters would be in bed at that hour. They did conclude that the problem that the residents were restless and had too much time on their hands since the bingo hall, pools, theaters, shopping malls but especially the bars were ordered closed due to COVID 19.

Community leaders decided to call a meeting the next day to avoid future uprising and 98% of the people were questioning the reason as to why they were calling a meeting and for what purpose. CRS is usually the first thing to hit retired people mainly because of its convenience.

Note: If you youngsters need to inquire what the "CRS" stands for, ask a senior.

A Tribute to Lion Toshi Nishioka



Submitted by Lion Ken Nishibun

On March 3, 2021, we lost our beloved Charter Member Lion Toshio Nishioka at the age of 92. “Toshi” as everyone knew him, was a kind, humble, and compassionate individual who exemplified the true meaning of Lionism as he was also very determined and committed.

Toshi was born and raised on the Valley Isle of Maui in old Wailuku Town and attended Baldwin High School. His island upbringing taught him the values of hard work, “ganbatte” (always trying his best), giving back to his community, and respecting others.

Toshi worked for the State of Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing and rose to the position of Administrator of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division. He ably directed this division to provide rehabilitation services to assist eligible disabled persons find employment and assist visually handicapped persons to lead full and independent lives. One of his responsibilities included overseeing Ho’opono Services for the Blind, which is a beneficiary of the Hawaii Lions. Toshi retired from his position in 1990.

It was on April 9, 1973 that Toshi and a group of service-minded individuals met at Wo Fat Restaurant in Downtown Honolulu and chartered the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. These Lions took to heart the advice of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International who said, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for someone else...”. And take to heart they did, building a club that is fifty-six members strong today, and widely respected as one of the best clubs in Hawaii.

As a Lion, Toshi was totally committed to the Lions motto “To Serve”, leading the club in giving back to the community through numerous service projects. He served in various club, zone, and district positions including Club President in 1980-1981. From 1991 to 1993 he also served as President of The Hawaii Lions Foundation, which promoted services to hearing and visually impaired individuals. An integral part of the Foundation was its Eye-Bank Program which provides ocular tissue for transplants.

Always committed, Toshi made sure that the Club had sufficient funds to fund all of its many projects. Perseverance made him a consistent top seller of pancake breakfast tickets for the Hawaii Kai Lions Club Fathers’ Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. A few years ago, Toshi suffered a heart attack requiring major open-heart surgery. A few weeks after surgery, not to be deterred, Toshi was back pounding the streets of his neighborhood on Sunday mornings and late weekday afternoons. When told he should take it easy, his reply was, “But my clients are all waiting for me!” “Inspirational” is the only comment one can make!

Together with his life-long companion, Companion in Service (CIS) Florence, they both diligently served their community to the fullest extent. Also, together they were able to travel to countries around the world via cruises and tours. Vegas was of course always on their travel itinerary along with Alaskan salmon fishing. Toshi was also an ardent “green-thumb” and loved raising orchids and fruit trees. He was an active member of the Hawaii Kai Orchid Society. Also, many of you may be surprised to know that Toshi enjoyed carpentry work and was a skilled craftsman. He even remodeled his home basement so he could provide storage for the many boxes of eyeglasses collected by our Lions Club.

Toshi is survived by wife Florence; son Lance and daughter LuAnn (Ryan) Takamori; 3 grandchildren and sister Mildred “Aiko” Goya. Services are pending.

Aloha Lion Toshi! You will certainly be missed!

**Hawaii Kai Lions Membership Meeting
March 4, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Eric Kvick.
- Secretary Rich Halverson was present.

OPENING CEREMONY:

- Flag Pledge: Lion Frances Lum
- Lions Pledge: Lion John Kratochvil

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Alvin Hayashibara, Appan Subramanian, Cynthia Chun, David Iwana, Delwin Ching, Ellsworth Fujii, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, John Kratochvil, Kazu Nakano, Ken Nishibun, Marja Leivo, Marty Jorgensen, Merv Wee, Peggy Oyama, Rich Halverson, Rick Yee, Thomas Ono, Yolisa Ishibashi. Guests: PDG Eric Nordmeier, PDG Mark Mizuno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 18, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

DISTRICT CABINET VISIT:

PDG Eric Nordmeier and PDG Mark Mizuno spoke and answered questions.

REPORTS:**Treasurer:**

- Lion Eric announced we are getting donations.

1st VP - Administrative Committee: Lion Marty Jorgenson

- No report.

2nd VP – Activities Committees: Lion Cynthia Chun

- Lion Eric reported on possible Kaiser HS, COVID garden 6x6, 6ft apart and new paneling on front of office similar to trophy case
- Lion Ken reported on a possible Hahaione project to build a new countertop.
- Lion David reported the Angel project distributing food at Calvary By-the-Sea church continues.
- Lion Ken reported the Holiday Parade may be on this year.
- Lion Alvin reported Lion Scott Sakata will give the Lions Club part of his commission on any home sale referrals by members.
- Lion Frances reported on a possible Flash Trash pickup project at Koko Head Elementary assisting them with their recycling project next month.

3rd VP – Social & Special Events Committees: Lion Appan

- No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Nominations Committee** Lion Ellsworth reported nominations are not yet complete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lion David reported he is ordering new Hawaii Kai Lions logo black and yellow polo style shirts and needs 2 more shirt orders to complete his minimum order of 6.
- Lion Ken led a discussion with members sharing memories of Lion Toshi Nishioka who passed away on March 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Lion David announced Kaiser High School graduation will be May 21st at Aloha Stadium.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

**Hawaii Kai Lions Board Meeting
March 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Eric Kvick.
- Secretary Rich Halverson was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Alvin Hayashibara, Appan Subramanian, Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, David Iwana, Ellsworth Fujii, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, Kendrick Chang, Marty Jorgensen, Rich Halverson. Guests: Thomas Ono, Kerry Yoon, Bill Kern, John Kratochvil, Yolisa Ishibashi, Sylvia Ardila, Kazu Nakano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 11, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Lion Kazu Nakano reported details of the 8th Annual Charter Night. The board approved it to be held April 22 on Zoom. It will include the installation of new officers.
- Lion Kazu Nakano also reported the Nagoya Lions donation of \$500 to the library netted \$467. Our club agreed to add \$533 so the total library donation will be \$1,000.
- Lion Jeanne reported on the status of the budget and donations. Most accounts are under budget so there may be some surpluses. Lion Alvin led a discussion on fundraising ideas and how we might utilize the farmer's market.
- Lion Kendrick reported new member orientation will be held on Thursday March 25th and that there are three potential new members
- Lion David reported on the 85th District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention will be virtual this year May 13, 14 and 15. \$20 to participate. Let Lion David know if you're interested. Also, the international convention will also be held for a \$50 registration fee to be held June 25 - 29. Club will reimburse registration fees.
- Lion Ellsworth reported 2021 slate for board officers is ready except for membership chairperson.
- Lion David reported on a Kaiser project to re-panel the office front counter to match the trophy case (Kaiser PTSA funded) and a second Kaiser nursery project to remove and replace bushes in the front of the administration office.
- Lion Frances reported the eyeglasses collection box is no longer at Starbucks but now at Great Clips which is also in the Hawaii Kai Town Center.
- Lion Ellsworth took orders for Natsunoya Bentos on March 27th, to use up a \$300 deposit.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

**Hawaii Kai Lions Membership Meeting
March 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Eric Kvick.
- Secretary Rich Halverson was present.

OPENING CEREMONY:

- Flag Pledge: Lion Merv Wee
- Lions Pledge: Lion Bill Kern

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Alvin Hayashibara, Appan Subramanian, Cynthia Chun, David Iwana, Delwin Ching, Ellsworth Fujii, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, John Kratochvil, Kazu Nakano, Ken Nishibun, Marja Leivo, Marty Jorgensen, Merv Wee, Sandy Gomes, Peggy Oyama, Rich Halverson, Thomas Ono, Yolisa Ishibashi, Bill Kern, Tom Jones, Kendrick Chang, Kerry Yoon, Joel Leo, Allen Umeda, Jeane Alices, Roger Ede.

COMMUNICATION:

- Lion Secretary Rich reported a thank you note and donation was received from Linda Uesato and thank you card from the family of Akiko Leu.

REPORTS:

- Treasurer Lion Jeanne reported donations to the activity fund have gone well since July. Dues invoice should be received in the middle of April and are due at the end of May. Dues are Regular/Affiliate: \$94, Life: \$51, Student: \$37.90.
- Lion Ellsworth announced elections for board members will be held at the next meeting.
- Lion David reported on the 85th District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention will be virtual this year May 13, 14 and 15. \$20 to participate. Let Lion David know if you're interested. Also, the international convention will be held June 25 - 29.
- Lion Frances reported we lost the Starbucks location but now have Great Clips as a location for the collection box. Lion Eric reported that Kaiser High School has agreed to host a collection box inside the front door. Lion Tom Jones offered Gyotaku Restaurant to host a collection box.
- Lion David reported on a Kaiser project to re-panel the office front counter
- Lion Ken reported on a second Kaiser nursery project to replace the hedges in the front of the administration office. Looking at 23 Golden Eldorado hedges.
- Lion Eric reported a rescue tube was missing from China Wall which Lion Allen replaced.
- Lion Allen reported on the Moanalua Bay cleanup project to remove invasive seaweed scheduled for Saturday April 24. Seaweed given to local farms for fertilizer.
- Lion Allen reported on the Koko Head Elementary School recycling project Saturday April 3 morning. Electronic waste will be accepted.
- Lion Alvin reported on ideas for the Farmer's Market fundraising project, e.g., to sell pancake breakfast tickets without the pancake breakfast. A \$5 ticket sale would amount to a \$4 donation plus \$1 toward the purchase of a ticket next year. President Eric appointed Lion Alvin chair of a committee for determining how to utilize the Farmer's Market stall.
- Lion Kaz announced our Zoom Charter Night on April 22 from 7:00 pm. Nagoya Lions will also attend.
- Lion David announced the Nogoya Lions \$500 donation will be combined with a \$500 donation from our club to the Hawaii Kai Lions.
- Lion Ken announced the Christmas Parade may be possible this year.
- Lion Kendrick announced a new member orientation next Thursday March 25 at 7:00 for new members and sponsors. There are two potential new members named Linda and Patrick.
- Lion Frances announced that District 50 has already sent the resolution and memorial plaque for Lion Toshi Nishioka. The family will make plans for the services. Lions will also have a service or play a part in the family service.
- Lion President Eric announced the next meeting is April 1st.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 4/1	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: TBA	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Saturday, 4/3	8:45-11:30am	Going Green Recycling Event	Koko Head Elem. School	Work	Allen Umeda
Thursday, 4/8	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting via Zoom	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 4/15	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: TBA	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Saturday, 4/22	7:00-8:30pm	48th Charter Night & Installation	Zoom	Club/Aloha	Kaz Nakano
Saturday, 4/24	9:00am-12:00pm	Invasive Seaweed Removal	Kuli'ou'ou Beach Park (100 Bay Street)	Work	Allen Umeda

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
4/7 CIS Wanda Kimura 4/19 CIS Kelli Baumgartner 4/25 PDG Roy Aoki 4/26 William Liu 4/28 CIS Amy Ching 4/30 CIS Ellen Leo	N/A	4/1/1991 Mervin Wee 4/9/1973 Rick Yee 4/9/1973 Delwin Ching 4/9/1973 Richard Okamoto 4/9/1973 Toshi Nishioka 4/9/1973 Bunny Lee	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged Total	47 1 8 3 3 59

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2020-2021			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Eric Kvick	Secretary	Rich Halverson
Intl President District Governor 1 st VD Governor 2 nd VD Governor Zone Chairman	Dr. Jung-Yul Choi Garrett Ogawa Mitch Tam Gary Nip Ellsworth Fujii	Email Cell IPP 1 st VP 2 nd VP 3 rd VP Treasurer Lion Tamer	eekvick@gmail.com (808) 780-7018 Ellsworth Fujii Marty Jorgensen Cynthia Chun Appan Subramanian Jeanne Alices Dr. Kerry Yoon	Email Cell Tail Twister Directors Mem. Dir. Bull. Ed.	richhalverson@gmail.com (808) 371-7424 Frances Lum David Iwana Ed Lee Kendrick S. Chang Kendrick S. Chang
Meetings			Make Up Meetings		
The Hawaii Kai Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Hale O Aloha room of Lunalilo Home, 511 Kekauluohi Street. The Board of Directors meets the Thursday following the first club meeting of each month at Hale O Aloha room of Lunalilo Home, 511 Kekauluohi Street, unless otherwise noted.			Diamond Head Lions Club meets the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of each month. 6:30 pm, 3140 Campbell Avenue. Kaimuki Lions Club meets the 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 pm, Crane Lodge, 3640 Crater Road. Koko Head Lions Club meets 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Niu Valley Middle School		

Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 1st 7:00pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags
Cost: members
w/ meal plan \$3
w/o meal plan \$7

Program:

Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 8th 2021
7:00pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Facilities Committee
Chair: Dr. Kerry Yoon

NO IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 15th 7:00pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Attire: N/A
Cost: N/A

Program:
TBA

Opening Song: N/A
Flag Pledge: N/A
Lions Pledge: N/A
Invocation: N/A
Closing Song: N/A

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