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Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Aloha Lions, CIS and friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving &/or Friendsgiving! As our year winds down, we have so much to reflect upon and be thankful for.

Your Hawaii Kai Lions Club have conducted or assisted 14 hearing and vision screenings to our Keiki. Thank you to Chair Lion Cynthia.

Mahalo to Lion Cindy Giorgis for organizing our participation at the Keiki Health Fair at Kahala Mall. Lions Cindy, Marja, Peggy, Stanley and I were surprised at the numerous booths and large turn-out of families.

Lion Peggy did a fantastic job in engaging our members with other Leos, Lions, her friends and Malama Maunalua at the invasive seaweed "huki" pull. Big Mahalo to our very own, Lion Tom Jones, of Gyotaku Restaurant and Nelia Solano, general manager for donating such a delicious Katsu Curry lunch and Lion Cynthia Chun for baking those delectable desserts!

We truly have dedicated Lions who commit to the Lions motto "We Serve!" Without being asked and taking it upon themselves, Lions Marja Leivo and Peggy Oyama together with Kamehameha Lion Karen Pack did a beach clean-up for 3 hours!

I would like to give special thanks to Treasurer, Eric Kvick for keeping our books in order. I am doing my best to manage a small portion of the accounting (making deposits and writing checks) and I hope you don't mind the accumulating Voided checks. Mahalo for your service!

We had another successful Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade! A heartfelt Thank You to Committee Chair Lion Ken Nishibun, and Co-Chair Lions Alvin Hayashibara, Eric Kimura, Walter Kuroiwa, Joel Leo and PDG Merv Wee!

Mahalo to All the Lions, CIS' and Family that participated as Staging Coordinators, Marshalls, Marchers, Shuttling members, photographers, check-in table, decorators, traffic control and of course, Santa Claus! The Community that participated in the parade as well as those that watched the parade were so appreciative, they were shouting, "Thank You Hawaii Kai Lions!"

Through Lion Ken's meticulous planning, coordinating and execution I am amazed how he puts on an epic showcase Holiday Parade year after year! His effort secured our Grand Marshalls the Little League Baseball World Champions from Honolulu to ride on the classic fire truck as HPD's Chief Susan Ballard and over 1,200 participants! Thank You!

District Governor Bob Lee made a special appearance to speak to our Hawaii Kai Lion members about the importance of increasing and retaining membership. He generously returned our monetary gift to him and asked that we use it for our Activities to our Community. He and Peggy also provided our members with information about a Cyber Club. We anxiously await more news about the structure as it appears to be new to District 50 Lions.

Please take note, in place of our Business Meeting, we will have our Lions' Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6 at "3660 on the Rise" in Kaimuki. Also, instead of our Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, December 13 we will have our Lunalilo Home Christmas Dinner with a Special visit from Santa!

Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!
Lion President Sandy Gomes

Malama Maunalua Huki



Hawaii Kai Lions at Malama Maunalua Huki Clean-up.

Submitted by Lion Peggy Oyama

On Saturday, November 17th, some 100 plus Hawaii Leos, Lions, and friends, along with the Malama Maunalua organization, pulled almost 6,000 pounds of invasive alien algae from Maunalua Bay in east Oahu! All the seaweed was then donated to a local, organic farm for composting. Attached is a photo of the group, with orange bags filled with invasive seaweed (gorilla ogo) in the front, and Maunalua Bay and Koko Head in the background. We saw two endangered Hawaiian stilts, which is one of Hawaii's 500 plus "endangered" and "threatened" species. Hawaii is known as the endangered species capital of the United States, with at least 528 "endangered" species and 15 "threatened" species – or about one out of every three "listed" species in the U.S.

Many thanks to the following Lions and Leo Clubs who came out to support this worthwhile environmental project: Chinatown Lions (DG Bob Lee, Pam Lee, Steve Yoshimura, Ling Jackson); Moanalua Lions (Guy Hashimoto & Kathy Higa); Hawaii Kai (Cynthia Chun, Sandy Gomes, Marja Leivo, Tom Jones, Ken Nishibun, & CIS Loyal Mehrhoff). We were also fortunate to see our 99-year old, Hawaii Kai Lions Club charter member, Richard Okamoto, who lives down the street from the site. Richard and his caregiver happened to stop by the park while we were doing our huki.

The youth volunteers included Leos from the following clubs: Farrington, Iolani, Kaiser, La Pietra, Moanalua, Roosevelt and Sacred Hearts, plus students from Moanalua Student Council. Mahalo to the Leo faculty advisors for coordinating the sign-ups with D50 Leo Chair, Steve Yoshimura, and to those advisors who showed up in support of the event!

Special thanks to Hawaii Kai Lion, Tom Jones (of Gyotaku Restaurants), and General Manager, Nelia Solano, for donating the chicken katsu curry lunch and salad, and to Cynthia Chun for baking all the desserts! Finally, a big mahalo to the Waikiki 2000 Lions Club and the Hawaii Kai Lions Club for their donations, which covered the cost of the drinks.

Hawaii Kai Parade Recap



Hawaii Kai Lions group photo before the Hawaii Kai Parade.

Submitted by Lion Ken Nishibun

Bright, sunny weather greeted Santa and his merry Elves as they made one of their very first stops of the season in our Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade! Through the joint sponsorship of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club, Koko Marina Shopping Center and the City and County of Honolulu, the parade is always a much anticipated and cherished community tradition (since 1969) in East Oahu.

Bands including the Royal Hawaiian Band, Kaiser High School Band, McKinley High School Band, and the Celtic Band rang in the holiday season. The Kaiser High School ROTC Color Guard led off the parade followed by hundreds of local preschool and elementary school students, Girls and Boys Scouts, soccer and baseball teams, pageant queens, decorated floats, cheerleaders, classic cars, horse-back riders, and many more.

With approximately 1,200 marchers and 40 vehicles, the Holiday Parade is a major annual logistical undertaking, and yet the Hawaii Kai Lions once again pulled it all together and put on a very successful event! Sergeant Clifford Ramson, who coordinated the activities of the Police Officers who lined the route, paid the Club a rare complement saying that the Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade is the best organized and most efficiently run parade of all the community parades he's been involved in.

Special Thank You's go out to Manager Gerald Oda and the World Series Little League Champions who as Grand Marshall rode a vintage red fire truck and were such a hit with everyone. Their tremendous exploits culminating in the defeat of South Korea in the series finals, brought so much pride to our great State of Hawaii. Their unselfish teamwork, their persistence and determination, their spirit of Aloha, and most impressively, their humility in victory, represented so much of what Hawaii is all about.

A special Mahalo also goes out to Police Chief Susan Ballard who joined us for the first time and greeted all with so much Aloha. Her department provided us with 70 Police Officers who did such an outstanding job of ensuring the safety of all our participants throughout the one and one-half mile route.

And what would a Christmas parade be without our very own home-grown Santa, Marty Jorgenson. Thank You Santa!

The planning committee of Lions Tommy Chun, Al Hayashibara, Eric Kimura, Walter Kuroiwa, Ed Lee, and Ken Nishibun spend months planning for this much anticipated community event and the results always seem to exceed our expectations!

Lunalilo Home Thanksgiving



Rick Yee, CIS Lyn Yee, and Cynthia Chun at Lunalilo Home.

Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii

On Friday afternoon, November 16, Iwalani from Lunalilo Home requested assistance from the Hawaii Kai Lions to help with their Happy Thanksgiving Kalua Fundraiser on Wednesday, November 21 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Cynthia sent an email to the HK Lions to ask the HK Lions if any were available.

Cynthia Chun, Mervyn Wee, Rick Yee, CIS-Lyn, Scott Sakata and his nephew answered the last minute call to generously give up their time to help Lunalilo Home on Thanksgiving eve. We helped with traffic control and received and prepared turkey, ham, and pork butt to be placed in an imu overnight. Preparing the item for the imu involved tying the item like a present and attaching a metal tag to identify who the item belonged to. At a cost of \$25 per item, about 200 items were dropped off by people in the community.

The people in-charge of the kalua had dug the hole and heated the rocks that would be placed in the imu. Along with the Lunalilo Home staff, there were also students from Kaiser High School helping to prepare and collect the items. The people in charge of the kalua and Lunalilo staff came back the next morning to take the items out of the imu and distributed them.

Laie Beach Clean Up

Submitted by Peggy Oyama

Taking a break from our indoor scrapbooking activities at a beach house in Laie, Lions Peggy Oyama, Marja Leivo, and Kamehameha Lion Karen Pack, took a walk on the beach. Noticing the brown water and large amount of driftwood littering the shore, we took bags with us to pick up any trash we found. There was a lot of it! We left the organic materials and picked up two large bags of mostly plastic based opala. Much of the trash appeared to have flowed into the ocean from people's yards and storm drains. The ocean tossed it back, and we Lions did what we could to clear some of it away. It's wonderful that Lions can be anywhere, yet do impromptu service projects that make a difference!

Honolulu Greek Festival



James Castillo, Dave Iwana, and Peggy Oyama at the Greek Festival.

Submitted by Peggy Oyama

Although it was short notice, the Hawaii Kai Lions helped at this year's Greek Festival at McCoy Pavilion in Ala Moana Beach Park. The festival had been rescheduled due to Hurricane Lane, so the organizers were short on volunteers. On three separate shifts and on two separate days, eight Lions and one CIS assisted with the pastry sale, making boxes, delivering pastries, putting together orders, and various tasks, as instructed. Feedback regarding our participation in the event was mixed, with some saying they would do it again, while others would not.

Regardless, the festival was a great opportunity to help in the community, and it definitely drew a different crew of Lion and CIS volunteers! Mahalo to Paula Chow, Marty & Emily Jorgensen, Ellsworth Fujii, James Castillo & David Iwana, who all jumped in to help on short notice! Your support was appreciated!

Election Day Count Volunteer

Submitted by Peggy Oyama

On Tuesday, November 6th, CIS Loyal Mehrhoff and Lion Peggy Oyama volunteered for the 2018 federal election. Peggy volunteered in the morning from 4:30 to 6:30 a.m., picking up and delivering polling materials to two east Oahu polling stations. In the evening, Loyal and Peggy tallied, collected and delivered the polling materials back to the State Capitol. This was a great opportunity for the Citizenship Committee to exercise good citizenship, and to help with our election process, as volunteers are always needed. In fact, Loyal was added as a volunteer the day of the election, because Peggy's original delivery partner did not show up in the morning.

Volunteering at the election also provided a small honorarium, which, if the Hawaii Kai Lions chose to participate, could be donated directly to a non-profit, such as the Hawaii Lions Foundation or Lunalilo Home.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Regular Membership Meeting – November 01, 2018

Submitted by: Secretary Lion Cynthia Chun

Location: Hale 'O Aloha at Lunalilo Home

Call to order: 7pm by Pres Sandy Gomes

Opening Song: Alvin Hayashibara, Flag Pledge: Ed Lee, Lions Pledge: Marja Leivo, Invocation: David Iwana

Facilities: Eric Kimura, Ralph Nakamura, Ron Goong

Record Member Attendance and Minutes – Cynthia Chun

19 Members present

Introduction of Guest(s): Mathew Gonser, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

Frances Minato & Melinda Loo, guests of Peggy Oyama

Lion Conrad Renteria, Zone Chair from Turlock, Central Calif

Dinner

Guest speaker – Mathew Gonser, spoke about creating more resilient infrastructure and communities by preparing ourselves for the inevitable impacts of climate change by strengthening our local economy by importing less, reusing more and increasing self sufficiency.

Approval of Oct minutes by Sandy Gomes

Committee Reports:

1 – Treasurer – Erick Kwick – excused

2 – 1st VP – Administrative – Ells Fujii – club survey, what members want – possibly 1st mtg in Feb3 – 2nd VP – Activities – Marja Leivo – excused

a – Many Hearing & Vision Screening posted on website to sign up

b – Cindy Giorgis – Keiki Health Fair, Nov 16, at Kahala Mall 5-7pm

c – Peggy Oyama – Maunaloa Bay Huki, Nov 17, 9am w/ Leo clubs w/ lunch to follow

d – Peggy Oyama – Ka Iwi Coast Run/Walk, Nov 18, 6:30-8:30am

4 – 3rd VP – Social /Special Events – David Iwana – Xmas Party, Dec 6, LH Xmas Party, Dec 13

Correspondence/Announcements:

1 – Thank you from Catherine Nurmi

2 – Thank you from Kalaupapa LC for donation to their pavilion

3 – Manoa LC purchase of rescue tube given to Moiliili Comm Center

4 – Peggy & Ells accepted to Advanced Leadership Institute, Jan 19-21

5 – Lanikila Meals on Wheels – Drivers needed on Thanksgiving and Xmas Day – Koko Head LC to let us know how many are needed.

Unfinished/New Business:

1 – Peggy Oyama – David, Paula, Marty/Emily, Ells and Peggy worked at the Greek Festival

2 – Ken Nishibun – Grand Marshall for parade, the Little League Team, will ride in an antique fire truck

3 – PDG Roy Aoki – Disaster Fund needs to be replenished due to the massive flooding on Kauai and the Kilauea eruption in Puna. A recommended contribution of \$2.40 per member per year will be paid by Dec 31.

Closing Song: Eric Kimura

Adjourned: 8: 45 by Sandy Gomes

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Board of Directors' Meeting – November 08, 2018

Submitted by: Secretary Cynthia Chun

Location: Hale 'O Aloha at Lunalilo Home

Call to Order: 7:05pm by Pres Sandy Gomes

Attendance: Cynthia Chun, Cindy Giorgis, Sandy Gomes, Marja Leivo, Merv Wee

Excused: Jeanne Alices, Ells Fujii, David Iwana, Eric Kvick, Ed Lee, Nancy Rocheleau, Kerry Yoon

Correspondence/Announcements:

- 1 – DG Bob will visit club on Jan 17, 2019
- 2 – Wahine Basketball on Thurs, Feb 21 – Will club attend game instead of having 2nd meeting?
- 3 – Numerous hearing/vision screening on website
- 4 – Fri, Nov 16 – Keiki Health Fair, Kahala Mall – 5-8pm
- 5 – Sat, Nov 17 – Maunalua Bay Huki – 9-12pm
- 6 – Sun, Nov 18 – Ka Iwi Run/Walk – 6:30-8:30am
- 7 – Thurs, Dec 6 – Xmas Party 3660 on the Rise – 5:30-9:30pm
- 8 – Thurs, Dec 13 – LH Xmas Party – 5-8pm

Committee Reports:

- 1 – Treasurer – Eric Kvick – excused
- 2 – 1st VP – Administrative – Ells Fujii - excused
- 3 – 2nd VP – Activities – Marja Leivo
- 4 – 3rd VP – Social/Special Events – excused

New/Other Business:

1 – Eric Kvick has been accepted to attend the Advanced Leadership Institute but with 2 already going, club's decision to pay for 3 – absent board members will be emailed for decision

2 – Stellar Award – All clubs are urged to apply for the award with the guidelines on the application to be submitted by Apr 11, 2019

3 – District Lion of the Year – This year the district will honor a Lion who has made a significant impact to the mission of the District & its programs and activities. Nominees can be sent from region & zone chairs with the final selection by the DG. Please consider anyone in our club or another who deserves this award – due Feb 1, 2019.

4 – Humanitarian Award – Only non-Lions are eligible and only D50 Lions may nominate them. Also, the nominees' community service must not have involved work for which they are compensated. Please consider someone deserving this recognition – nomination submission by Feb 1, 2019

5 – Campaign 100 – To increase the global impact of our foundation, LCIF seeks to raise funds with focus on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian causes in the next 3 years. Will our club support this cause? Will ask PDG Chris Tamura for more info at upcoming meeting.

6 – Peggy is thinking about forming a cyber branch club and wants to know if the HK LC is willing to sponsor it or she can ask another club as she would like to get the club up and running immediately. Will ask Peggy to elaborate at next meeting.

Adjourned: 9pm by Sandy Gomes

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Regular Membership Meeting – November 15, 2018

Submitted by: Secretary Lion Cynthia Chun

Location: Hale 'O Aloha at Lunalilo Home

Call to order: 7pm by Sandy Gomes

Opening Song: Walter Kuroiwa, Flag Pledge: Kaz Nakano, Lions Pledge: Helen Morita, Invocation: Delwin Ching

Facilities: Ed Lee, Marja Leivo, Joel Leo

Record Member Attendance and Minutes – Cynthia Chun

29 Members present

Introduction of Guest(s): DG Bob Lee

Pastor Pat McFall, New Hope Church (donation to club)

Dinner

Begin formal meeting: 7:35pm by Sandy Gomes

Guest speaker: DG Bob and Peggy explained more about forming a cyber club with members voicing their concern.

Announcements by DG Bob of happenings in his year: 1 – Membership – recruitment of Lions is crucial for our work as Lions to serve. 2 – Disaster Fund is at \$10,000 and wants to bring it back up to \$50,000. 3 – District Leo Dues are behind payment. 4 – A new Director of Public Relations, Bob Armstrong, will start Nov 16. 5 – Advanced Leadership – still looking for more candidates. 6 – Cabinet Forum Meeting will be held Feb 16-17 at St. Anthony's Retreat. 7 – Lion of the Year/Humanitarian of the Year – wants clubs to recognize someone in our club(s) and individuals in our community that deserve recognition.

Parade Planning: Last minute instructions by Ken

Police Chief Susan Ballard will be in the parade.

Committee Reports:

1 – Treasurer – Eric Kvick - excused

2 – 1st VP – Ells Fujii3 – 2nd VP – Marja Leivo

a – Cindy Giorgis presented a rescue tube to Hawaii Kai Strong

b – Fri, Nov 16, Keiki Health Fair at Kahala Mall – 5-8pm

c – Sat, Nov 17, Maunalua Bay Huki – 9-12pm

d – Sun, Nov 18, Ka Iwi Run/Walk – 6:30-8:30am

4 – 3rd VP – David Iwana – excused

Ed Lee – Thurs, Dec 6 – Xmas Party 5:30-9:30pm. Signup on web no later than Nov 30.

Thurs, Dec 13 – LH Xmas Party – 5-8pm

Correspondence/Announcements:

1 – Thank you from DG Bob and Lion Chair Ron Ushijima for our support to the Am Diabetes Assn for the Diabetes Keiki Camp held this past weekend.

2 – Wahine Basketball will be held in lieu of our 2nd meeting. Feb 21. We will invite Manoa LC to join us and a signup sheet has been posted.

3 – The board has approved sending 3 qualified applicants to the Advanced Leadership Institute – Peggy, Ells and Eric Kvick

4 – Private funeral services for Lion Bob Harada, late Pres of DH LC, will be next week. If anyone is concerned and would like to send a card or gift, see us for his home address.

Unfinished/New Business: Donation from Haw'n Island Treat and Kaizin Fun Center

Closing Song: Ralph Nakamura

Adjourned: 9pm by Sandy Gomes

FUTURE EVENTS				
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire
Monday, 12/3	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening	Hahaione Elementary School	Work Shirt
Tuesday, 12/4	10:50am-12:10pm	Kaiser HS Mock Interviews for IB students	Kaiser High School (Meet @ Front Office)	Work Shirt
Thursday, 12/6	10:50am-12:10pm	Kaiser HS Mock Interviews for IB students	Kaiser High School (Meet @ Front Office)	Work Shirt
Thursday, 12/6	5:30-9:30pm	Club Christmas Party	3660 on the Rise Restaurant, (3660 Waiialae Ave, Kaimuki, HI)	Aloha/ Christmas Wear
Sunday, 12/9	6:30-10:30am	2018 Honolulu Marathon Volunteer Aid Station	Maunaloa Bay	Work Shirt
Thursday, 12/13	5:00-8:00pm	Lunalilo Home Christmas Party	Lunalilo Home	Club Shirt

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	August Membership	
12/1 Richard Okamoto			Active	50
12/1 Lawrence Liu			Student	1
12/2 Jeanne Alices			Affiliate	7
12/4 Helen Morita				
12/5 James Castillo			Total	58
12/7 Dave Iwana				
12/10 Catherine Nurmi				
12/23 Cynthia Chun				
12/27 Bill Modglin				
12/28 Rich Halverson				

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2018-2019			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Sandy Gomes PO Box 25072 Honolulu, HI 96825 hk10pride@gmail.com (808)398-2498	Secretary	Cynthia Chun 5634 Kanau Street Honolulu HI 96821 ckychun47@gmail.com (808)741-9443
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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		

Date: Thursday, December 6th 2018, 5:30pm attitude adjustment
Place: 3660 on the Rise Restaurant,
3660 Waialae Ave, Kaimuki, HI

Attire: Aloha/Christmas Attire
Cost: members
Member: \$40
CIS: Free
Non-Member Guests: \$60

Program:
Club Christmas Party

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

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Date: N/A
Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse

The Board of Directors Meeting won't
have a meeting in December due to
Lunalilo Home Christmas Party.

Facilities Committee
Chair: Dr. Kerry Yoon

Report by 6:30 pm
Please find your own replacement if
you are unable to fulfill those duties.

Thursday, December 6th 2018
N/A

Thursday, December 13th 2018
N/A

Date: Thursday, December 13th 2018, 5:00-8:00pm attitude adjustment

Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse
Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags
Cost: members
w/ meal plan \$3
w/o meal plan \$7

Program:
Lunalilo Home Christmas Party

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