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Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Aloha Lions!

Wow, I made it half way through what seems to have been a long but successful year! Thank you to club members for your support and giving your precious time to provide services to schools, vision and hearing screening, Lunalilo Home, e-Waste, pancake breakfast, Holiday Parade, and the community.

It took me several months to figure out what my responsibilities as President are with help of the Board and I'm still learning. We throttled down during the Christmas and New Year holidays and the year is coming to an end. I heard that the Lunalilo Home and Hawaii Kai Lions Christmas parties were fun and entertainment was enjoyable. Thank you to Ed Lee, Stan Ito, and Walter Kuroiwa for coordinating these events!

A new year is the perfect window of opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished and prepare for upcoming challenges. As we enter a new decade some existing challenges remain such as building/retaining membership and finding interesting projects but the challenge is how to address them. The beginning of good things is always the hardest. We have enhanced some existing programs and started some new initiatives. We added Instagram to advertise the club more on social media, started updating Bylaws to conform to the current LCI version, and started to document Board positions to help incoming Board members.

On a sad note, we lost 2 Lions this year, Apolonio "Sindi" Sindiong and Keith Katsuda. I feel like our club members are like family, friendships have been built with "service to the community" as the bond that brings us together. Experts have said that providing service to others helps people live happier lives. So, I encourage members to come to projects and meetings and maybe bring a

prospective Lion so they can join our happy family.

My new year's resolution: be little more loving, be little more caring, be little more diligent, be little more kind, and be little more emphatic.

Let's have more fun in 2020!

Lion Ells



Rescue Tube Committee Update



Lions Allen Umeda and Frances Lum installing a rescue tube.

Submitted by Lion Eric Kvick

Lions, CIS's, family and friends finished up a good year for the Rescue Tube Project by installing tube #6 at Rock Bridge, a remote site out past Hanauma Bay. Remote as it is, this site has had several drownings over the years.

Ocean Safety will help us maintain it by keeping an eye on it while patrolling with their jet skis.

Good exercise and fun were had by all.

In other Rescue Tube news, Lions Kelan Yoshioka, Cindy Giorgis, Francis Lum, Allen Umeda and myself have a rotating schedule to check all our rescue tubes on a weekly basis with President Ellsworth Fujii and Nancy Rocheleau as backups. The tube at China wall continues to be the most used, with 2 uses reported in November.

Be safe and have a Happy New Year!

Kaiser High School Mock Interviews

Submitted by Lion Dave Iwana

On December 3, 2019, several students in the International Baccalaureate College Bound (IBCP) program at Kaiser High School, participated in mock interviews for potential jobs. Our Hawaii Kai Lions were volunteers on the interview panels and put the students through their paces by asking questions, listening to their responses and provide guidance. Each panel consisted of a teacher/administrator and a volunteer Lion. This experience will help them develop fluency to boast about their strengths and build their confidence when interacting with professions in the real world.

For our volunteer Lions, it was an extremely rewarding experience meeting students that have such focus on their futures. Participating this year as interviewers were Lions Chip Abbadessa, Cindy Giorgis, David Iwana and Appan Subramanian. Good times had by all!

Honolulu Marathon Aid Station



Group photo of HK Lions at Honolulu Marathon Aid Station.

Submitted by Lion Joel Leo

Scouting is fun, but can sometimes be hard work. On December 8th, 2019, Hawaii Kai Lions assisted Cub Scout Pack 101 and Boy Scout Troop 101, both of whom we charter, in some hard but fun & rewarding work at the 2019 Honolulu Marathon Aid Station at Maunaloa Bay. It was shaping up to be a beautiful day, unlike last year where the wind and rain posed significant challenges.

This event is important to both the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts for a number of reasons. Beyond giving the scouts an opportunity to assist with an event in our community on the scale of the Honolulu Marathon, the marathon gives back to the scouts in the form of a significant monetary donation. This donation is enough to pay for the meeting places of both the cubs and the Boy Scouts for the entire upcoming year at Koko Head District Park, with some left over to defray the costs of other activities such as camping, hiking, and celebrations.

Running one of the main aid stations in the marathon is a strenuous endeavor which starts months before runners bolt off of the starting line. The pack and troop need to be on site by 3AM on the day of the marathon to begin setting up, and require 60+ people over the course of the day to run the location, which is where the Hawaii Kai Lions Club was once again able to assist. The scouts, their parents and siblings can't sustain those numbers over the full span of their responsibility, so once again requested assistance from the Lions that charter them, and once again we answered their call. Lions Cynthia Chun, Cindy Giorgis and CIS Richard, Rick Kvick and CIS Nancy, Frances Lum, Kaz Nakano, Nancy Rocheleau, Appan Subramanian and CIS Niru, and Joel Leo answered the call, starting as early as 5:30AM. Our responsibilities included filling cups with water or Gatorade, handing out refreshments to marathon runners, and cheering them on as they passed by.

What started in the early morning as a few elite runners who passed us by without a glance became a deluge of colorful participants: newlyweds wearing wedding formals and holding hands, firefighters in full gear in honor of their fallen, marines in their gear, a tuba player, some barefoot, and even one of the Pack 101 moms that helped coordinate the aid station! By 10:30AM, the aid station was closing down and moving to the other side of the street, with marathoners still coming by availing themselves of the refreshments provided. The Lions work was done, and the scout organizers expressed their sincerest thanks for our assistance.

The pack and troop have been running this aid station for several years now, and have it down pat – kudos! The organizers of the marathon told the scout organizers that our aid station was noted as the best of the whole event, and they may be offered additional sites next year, if they're willing to take them on. Mahalos to the Lions that took time out of their Sunday to help the pack and troop, and see you next year!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 1/2	7:00-8:30pm	Regular Membership Meeting (Quarterly Business Meeting)	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 1/9	7:00-8:30pm	Board Meeting	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 1/10	7:15-8:00am	Kamiloiki Elementary School Traffic Awareness Sign-Waving	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Delwin Ching
Thursday, 1/16	7:00-8:30pm	Regular Membership Meeting Speaker: Flavor Hook Kids HI	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Sunday, 1/26	9:00-11:00am	Eyeglass Recycling	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Work Shirt	Ellsworth Fujii

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
1/4 Tommy Chun 1/12 Michael Yee 1/16 Walter Kuroiwa 1/19 Kazuaki Nakano 1/23 CIS Troy Nakamura 1/25 CIS Aki Leu 1/26 Dr. Russell Imanaka 1/30 Ron Goong	1/12 Peggy Oyama & Loyal Mehrhoff	1/1/1981 Stanley Ito	Active	43
			Student	1
			Affiliate	6
			At-Large	4
			Privileged	2
			Total	56

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2019-2020			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Ellsworth Fujii	Secretary	Dave Iwana
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		3 rd VP	Stanley Ito s	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
		Treasurer	Jeanne Alices		Kendrick S. Chang
		Lion Tamer	Dr. Kerry Yoon		
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.		Diamond Head Lions Club meets the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of each month. 6:30 pm, 3140 Campbell Avenue.			
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.		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, January 2nd 2020
2019. 7:00-8:30pm**

Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse

Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags

Cost: members

w/ meal plan \$3

w/o meal plan \$7

Program:

Quarterly Business Meeting

Opening Song: Marty Jorgensen

Flag Pledge: Eric Kimura

Lions Pledge: Walter Kuroiwa

Invocation: Eric Kwick

Closing Song: Ed Lee

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Board Meeting

**Date: Thursday, January 9th 2020
7:00pm**

Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse

Facilities Committee

Chair: Dr. Kerry Yoon

Report by 6:30 pm

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill those duties.

January 2nd 2020

Sandy Gomes

Ron Goong

Rich Halverson

January 16th 2020

Alvin Hayashibara

Stan Ito

Dave Iwana

Membership Meeting

**Date: Thursday, January 16th 2020
7:00-8:30pm**

Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse

Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags

Cost: members

w/ meal plan \$3

w/o meal plan \$7

Program:

Flavors Hook Kids HI

(Coalition to prevent tobacco use among minors.)

Opening Song: Marja Leivo

Flag Pledge: Joel Leo

Lions Pledge: Frances Lum

Invocation: Helen Morita

Closing Song: Carl Muraoka