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The Voice of Hawaii Kai

# Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club





### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Lions, CIS's and All,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. I don't know about the rest of you but I'm ready to say goodbye to Covid 19 as we welcome the new year and put 2020 in the rear view mirror.

As you can see from the articles below, December ended up being a busy month for Hawaii Kai Lions, it was a good mix of social and service activities. Some of my personal highlights besides Santa was, Richard's drive by, our flash trash pickup and just when you think life cannot get any better, we end up owning a pink mailbox.

Besides Zoom, we found a new way to discuss lions projects and had the first 6 foot 6 pack. Lions Alvin, Dr. Roger, Frances, Ells and myself had a socially distanced meeting to discuss how to best utilize pinkie (see below). The 6 foot 6 pack is actually a good way to discuss projects and actually see other lions. Almost everyone drank wine (but that doesn't rhyme well). So if anyone has a project/idea to discuss, my house is always open for a 6 x 6 (5 persons max for now), contact me to schedule, invite who you want.

January doesn't have a lot of projects planned yet but I'm sure we will come up with something. It's hard to keep Lions laying around. January 7th will be our Zoom open house for several potential new members. Everyone reading this is welcome to attend and to invite potential new members to attend. If you invite anyone, please inform Membership Director Kendrick Chang, so we are ready to welcome them.

Special mention this month to:

- Lions Peggy Oyama (cyber Lions), Gordon Lum (Honolulu Lions), and our own Cynthia Chun. The three of them did most of the work for the Next Step Shelter Project, thank you all.
- Lion Ells, who pulled the trigger for Pinkie, Lion Alvin who showed his extreme flexibility going from no Pinkie, no way to loving it.
- Lion Frances who is there for everything

So lets roar into the New Year. Stay healthy, happy, and committed.

Take care, Eric

### **Joke of The Month**

Submitted by Lion Ed Lee

"There was a bad accident on the H-1 that involved a woman in one car and a man in the other. Both the cars were demolished, however both the man and the woman crawled out unscathed. The woman proclaimed that it was a miracle and the man agreed. The woman looked into her car and said there is a second miracle.... the bottle of 75 year old scotch lying on the back seat that she had just purchased was still intact. The woman said "We are indeed lucky. We should drink to our luck". She handed the bottle to the man to open which he did and offered it to the woman. She said you that the first swig and the man did. He then gave the bottle to the woman who did not drink out of the bottle which prompted the man to ask why and she said that she would wait for the police to get there and they may have a coffee cup that she could use. Men never learn. ..... Not even after the apple incident."

### **Richard Okamoto's 102nd Birthday**



Lion Richard Okamoto with his family during the birthday parade. Submitted by Lion Eric Kvick & Frances Lum

On December 1, 2010, Hawaii Kai Legacy Lion Richard Okamoto celebrated his 102nd birthday. Yes, you read that right, 1-0-2! All dressed up in his Lions' vest and with a big smile under his mask, Lion Richard sat in his carport with his family while the Hawaii Kai Lions drove by to wish him a very happy birthday. The "parade" of cars was led by Miss #1 Fan of Richard Okamoto aka Lion Peggy Oyama who held a golf club, a nod to Lion Okamoto's favorite pastime. Lions decked out their cars with streamers, balloons, and happy birthday banners.

### **Richard Okamoto's Thank You Letter**

To President Eric Kvick and Nancy Sidun, Past District Governors Roy Aoki and Mervin Wee, Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Alvin and Jackie Hayashibara, David and Iris Iwana, Eric and Wanda Kimura, Frances Lum, Walter Kuroiwa, Sylvia Nakakura, Kazu and Tae Nakano, Ken and Kaleen Nishibun, Peggy Oyama and Loyal Mehrhoff, Andy and Nancy Uramoto, Rick and Lyn Yee, Kerry Yoon, Silvia Ardila and anyone my failing eyesight missed!

To all of you who got together and gave of your precious time to decorate your vehicles and come past my house to wish me Happy 102nd. My family and I return a deep aloha and thank you. Your efforts were surely successful and lifted our spirits sky high!

Thank you so very much for your great good wishes. May the great one bless you.

Richard Okamoto



### **Rescue Tube Project Update**



Hawaii Kai Lions' Rescue Tube at China Walls. Submitted by Lion Eric Kvick

As the Rescue tube Project moves into its 5th year, here's a summary to keep everyone up to date and provide information for new members. Rescue tubes are personal flotation devices designed to assist swimmers in distress until rescue personnel arrive. The best thing about the tubes is that they are on duty 24/7. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club currently provides and maintains 7 tubes at 6 locations in east Oahu. The tubes are religiously checked weekly by Lions Allen Umeda (co-chair), Frances Lum, Kelan Yoshioka, Cindy Giorgis and myself. Other members of the committee are Lions Kendrick Chang, Ellsworth Fujii, Joel Leo, David Iwana and mainland Hawaii Kai Lion Bill Modglin. Bill was Co-chair and a key element in the startup of this project.

The tubes have so far accounted for more than a dozen documented saves as well as countless "welcome assists". The tubes at China Wall and Spitting Cave are obviously used most weeks as noted when they are inspected. The Honolulu City Council is presently considering a Memorandum of Understanding with 5 Lions Clubs to allow more tubes on city and county beaches. This MOU was introduced by CM Tommy Waters. Five Lions Clubs have committed to the MOU including: Hawaii Kai Lions 15 tubes, Hawaii Cyber Lions 3 tubes, Manoa Lions 2 tubes, Koko Head Lions 1 tube and Wahiawa Lions 2 tubes.

So, lets hope that the MOU passes and that Lions can provide at least 21 more tubes around our island. The Rescue tube project has its own fund in the activity account and currently has 25 tubes in stock in addition to the 7 in use. On average 2 tubes go missing per year (stolen lost at sea).

For more information or to get involved, please contact Lions Eric Kvick or Allen Umeda. Mahalo!

### **Kamiloiki School Sprayer Donation**



Lions Walter Kuroiwa and Ken Nishibun with Principal Yoshimoto. Submitted by Lion Ken Nishibun

On Friday the 4th of December, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club through its members Walter Kuroiwa and Ken Nishibun, delivered a brandnew Victory Professional Cordless Electrostatic Handheld Sprayer to Kamiloiki Elementary School.

Principal Jason Yoshimoto requested the Professional Sprayer for the School due to the continuing COVID crisis. The cordless sprayer's patented technology provides an electrical charge to disinfecting solutions, allowing them to wrap conductive surfaces with an effective and even coverage. The sprayer will be used for all facilities at Kamiloiki School.

Also, Lion Frances Lum delivered to the school 18 rolls of adhesive labels measuring 3 inches by 1 ½ inches. Each roll consists of 400 labels. These labels were donated to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club by Starbucks and redistributed to the local elementary schools.

Principal Yoshimoto was truly appreciative of the generous donations and extends his heartfelt Mahalo for all the support that the Hawaii Kai Lions Club gives to Kamiloiki Elementary School throughout the school year.

#### **October Tail Twister Answers**

Submitted by Lion Frances Lum

Keep talking to your fellow members and see what you can learn about them. How many did you guess correctly?

Board Member D is Jeanne Alices. She said: 1. I was a band geek and played the trombone; 2. I worked on a pig farm; and 3. I am the youngest of 8 siblings. #3 is a lie.

Board Member E is Kerry Yoon. He said: 1. In high school, I rode a 15-foot wave at Makaha; 2. In 1970, I drove a'63 English 6-cylinder car 145 mph on I95 outside of Atlanta; and 3. I worked construction jobs for 7 summers in a row starting as a sophomore in high school. #1 is a lie.

Board Member F is Marty Jorgensen. He said: 1. I went to college on the mainland; 2. I have been Lion of the Year twice; and 3. I am a Past President of HK Lions Club. #3 is a lie.

### **Meet "Pinkie" — The Mailbox**



Submitted by Lion Eric Kvick

Thanks to keen-eyed President Eric Kvick, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club is the proud owner of what is affectionately named "Pinkie." Pinkie is a full-sized mailbox that is, appropriately, pink. It currently resides in the Hawaii Kai Towne Center Starbucks as an eyeglass collection receptacle. The plan is for Pinkie to make the rounds to our other Hawaii Kai partners throughout the year. Next time you make a trip to Costco, take a stroll to Starbucks and you can see Pinkie in the window.

### **HK Lions Holiday Party Zoom**

Submitted by Lion David Iwana

...On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day! Our Hawaii Kai Lions gathered on Thursday evening, December 17, 2020, in a virtual Zoom celebration for the holidays. In lieu of our Club's traditional Christmas dinner party, the Board decided to have a social, giving the opportunity to our members to see and talk with each other, something that has been difficult in the past year. There was no business agenda, only fun and games!

The gathering of 17 participants started with Facilitator Lion David Iwana having President Lion Eric Kvick propose a warm heartfelt toast and then introduced guests (and potential members!) Sylvia Ardila and John Kratochvil. Next was a costume contest where everyone in attendance presented and described their festive attire. Judge Lion Eric announced that CIS Iris Iwana dressed as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, complete with a blinking red nose, won first place. Tail Twister Lion Frances Lum conducted an extremely competitive scavenger hunt, with Lion Sandy Gomes finding the most items in her home. Later she conducted a game holding up our fingers, with Lions Delwin Ching, Appan Subramanian and Merv Wee winning in a three-way tie!

Everyone was assigned a day when we all sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas". This attempt was challenging, but fun, in a Zoom meeting. The evening ended with our traditional "Silent Night" singalong with a fabulous music video performed a cappella by the Pentatonix. We all enjoyed the social gathering, with everyone giving sincere greetings and wishes for a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Next Step Homeless Shelter**



District 50 Lions at the Next Step Homeless Shelter Project. Submitted by Lion Cynthia Chun

Tis the season for sharing to those less fortunate so on Dec 22 Hawaii Kai LC, Honolulu LC and the Hawaii Cyber LC provided dinner for the Next Step Homeless Shelter in Kakaako for 135 people. Run by the Waikiki Health Center, clients are helped w/ job placement with the goal of getting them into permanent housing w/i 90 days or longer, if needed.

Wanting to serve something different, we came up with Chicken Panang w/ Rice, Chow Fun and Chinese Salad. There was banana bread for dessert and a goodie bag w/ cookies from Honolulu Cookie Co, a candy bar & kisses.

With the restriction of 10 people to serve, there were 13 with 3 who stayed outside to tend to other duties. President Eric, Frances Lum, Marja Leivo and Cynthia Chun represented HK. Eric and Cynthia put on their chef's hat and did food preparation, cooking and delivery at the home of Honolulu LC member Gordon Lum. Gordon has been kind enough to let us share his recipe for the Chicken Panang in our bulletin. (See recipe on page 5.)



### **Lunalilo Home Holiday Donation**



Lions Ken Nishibun and Walter Kuroiwa with Iwalani Ah Quin.

Submitted by Lion Ken Nishibun

This Christmas, unlike any other, required creativity in fulfilling Santa's special delivery orders of thirty-six colorful fleece lap blankets to our beloved Kupunas at Lunalilo Home. Christmas Elves Walter Kuroiwa and Ken Nishibun needed to replace Santa and his entourage of approximately 24 Hawaii Kai Lions to accomplish this task!

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, Iwalani Ah Quin, Director of Adult Day Care and Activities, and Residential Kupuna Activities accepted the gifts on behalf of the Lunalilo Home and its CEO Diane Paloma. Director Ah Quin said that the lap blankets were a perfect gift and will be one of the featured items in a gift bag of "goodies" for the Kupunas.

These lap blankets took a lengthy trip all the way from Las Vegas where Lion Al Hayashibara and CIS Jackie discovered them on one of their gambling junkets pre-COVID, and thought they would make ideal gifts from the Lions. So, they made the purchase and lugged two big boxes worth of blankets back to Hawaii.

### Tail Twister— What's In A Name

Submitted by Lion Frances Lum

Using the clue given, identify the name of a club member. For example, name of a tool common in build-it-yourself kits. Answer: Allen (wrench) Umeda. The answer may be part of a person's first or last name, and a person's name may be used more than once.

- 1. A two in one (a name in a name).
  - A. Girl's name
  - B. Boy's name
- 2. Something used in the kitchen.
- 3. Add an "s" and rub it on your chest.
- 4. This one has value.
- 5. Perfect bread for sliders.
- 6. Lots and lots of enthusiasm.
- 7. Noise a piggy makes all the way home when doubled.
- 8. Country known for its romantic city (and wine).
- 9. Popular place to hang out before COVID.
- 10. Makes your mouth water.
- 11. Appropriate Zodiac sign for our Club.
- 12. A kidney, for example (slightly misspelled).
- 13. "Yes" in Japanese.
- 14. Go shopping in this "village."
- 15. Aries symbol.
- 16. When you get this, it is often accompanied with a hug and peck.
- 17. An artist did it.
- 18. A triumph.
- 19. Windward side of the island.
- 20. Computer speak (abbreviation).

### **Recipe of the Month**

Send your favorite recipes, main course, desert, whatever (one per lion per month) to: <a href="mailto:everyone@hawaiikailions.org">everyone@hawaiikailions.org</a>

In the subject line enter "Recipe of the Month submission" early in the month so we all have time cook it. After cooking, all lions send your VOTE to eekvick@gmail.com prior to the end of the month.

# "FAST AND EASY TOMATO/FLORENTINE SOUP" Congratulations CIS Lyn Yee!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 box frozen creamed spinach, thawed
- 1/2 round onion, chopped
- dab of butter
- dash of sugar, pepper and worcestershire sauce
- two slices of bacon cut into approximate 1/4 " width
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 can sliced mushrooms, drained and pressed dry
- 1 can tomato soup
- grated fresh parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

Brown bacon with garlic, add drained mushrooms and onions; season with dab of butter and dash of pepper, sugar and Worcestershire sauce. When bacon, mushrooms and onions have browned nicely, add tomato soup, bring to a boil then add creamed spinach. Heat thoroughly, spoon into bowls and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Serves approximately 2-3 servings (depending on size of bowl).

NOTE: I have also substituted using fresh mushrooms and spinach. Double recipe for larger servings.

## Gordon's Hawaiian Style Chicken Panang Curry

(Served at Next Step Homeless Shelter Project; see report on page 4.)

#### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs deboned chicken thighs
- 2.5 Tbsp Panang curry paste (Mae Ploy brand) (use 1 T or less for mild)
- 1 can coconut milk (Mae Ploy brand 19 oz)
- 3 Tbsp macadamia nuts, roughly ground
- 2 Tbsp raw sugar
- 3 kaffir lime leaves, finely diced
- 2 tsp fish sauce, to taste
- 1bell pepper, sliced (any color)
- 1 onion, sliced
- Hawaiian salt, pepper, flour, oil
- 4-5 Thai basil leaves, optional

#### Technique:

Rinse then dry the chicken thighs. Lightly salt and pepper the thighs on both sides and then dredge in flour, shaking off excess flour. Sear both sides of thighs in oil until it becomes a light golden brown (about 70% cooked). Set thighs aside. While cooling, slice the bell pepper/onion, dice the kaffir leaves and roughly grind/chop the nuts. After the chicken thighs cool, cut into chunks. Heat about ½ c. oil and add the curry paste, searing the paste for about a minute. Add the chicken chunks and stir until the chunks are coated w/ the paste. Add the peppers and onion and stir until they are also coated. Add the coconut cream, kaffir leaves, sugar, nuts and fish sauce to pot. Bring to a boil then lower the heat and simmer for about 10-15 minutes. Garnish w/ basil

#### Hawaii Kai Lions Board Meeting November 27, 2020 (Special Board Meeting) Video Recording: https://youtu.be/U0RY2JDqXXE

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Eric Kvick. Secretary Rich Halverson was present.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Present: Alvin Hayashibara, Appan Subramanian, Cynthia Chun, David Iwana, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, Kendrick Chang, Jeanne Alices, Kerry Yoon, Marty Jorgensen, Rich Halverson

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lion Eric Kvick

- The board agreed "to inform new members and Active members upon renewal they can decline the meal plan when paying dues." (Debate from 6:04 pm 6:44 pm)
- The board agreed "that a Zoom open house for new members would be presented as part of the January 7th meeting." (Debate from 6:44 pm 6:50 pm)
- Lion Eric and Lion Cynthia agreed to post an activity sheet for the "Make Food for 150 People Project" to be held at the Next Step Shelter in Kakaako, sponsored by the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club on December 22 (Debate from 6:50 pm 6:55 pm)
- The board agreed "that the December 17th meeting will be a casual holiday Zoom cocktail hour." Lion Marty agreed to write a post for the bulletin. (Debate from 6:55 pm 7:00 pm)

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

#### Hawaii Kai Lions Monthly Board Meeting December 10, 2020

Video Recording: https://youtu.be/GZ U4eLgfOY

#### **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, Cynthia Chun, David Iwana, Ellsworth Fujii, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, Jeanne Alices, Kerry Yoon, Marty Jorgensen, Rich Halverson

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

• November 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

#### COMMUNICATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION

- Robert Rules Lesson:
- Lion Rich discussed ratification. Decisions that might have been made improperly (according to the bylaws) must be ratified at the next regular meeting.
- Often, bylaws require a notification period for special meetings. Our bylaws do require a 10-day notice for a special meeting of the entire club
- The November 27th special meeting, although called just two days before, was not improperly called as our bylaws do not require a minimum notification period for special meetings by the board.

#### **Zone Chair Update:**

- Lion Ellsworth discussed the future of Lion Eric's wooden mailbox.
- Lion Alvin discussed his conversation with Christie at Koko Marina on using the box for collecting letters for Santa.

#### **BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Treasurer: Lion Jeanne Alices

Treasurer Jeanne Alices emailed the monthly income and expense report and had nothing to add.

#### 1st VP – Administrative Committees: Lion Marty Jorgenson

• Lion David Iwana reported that the 2021 Lions Leadership Institute will be February 13, 14 and 15 on Zoom. Signup will be available in about one month.

#### 2nd VP – Activities Committees: Lion Cynthia Chun

- President Eric reported the Flash Trash pickup project. Two Saturdays.
- Lion Cynthia Chun reported on a project for cooking dinner for the Next Step Shelter and Keauhou Shelter on Sunday, December 22, 2020. Our donation for \$125 will come from the new project fund out of the activity budget.

#### 3rd VP - Social & Special Events Committees: Lion Appan Subramanian

• Lion Appan Subramanian led discussion on December 17th Zoom Social. It will be a Gala Affair.

#### Membership Director: Kendrick Chang

- President Eric reported that new member Tom Ono passed the 10 day vetting period therefore Tom will be inducted in January. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- Lion Francis agreed to write the report for the bulletin on Richard's Birthday Drive-By event.

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

FUTURE EVENTS							
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair		
Thursday, 1/7	7:00- 8:00pm	Open House Meeting For Prospective Members	Zoom	N/A	Kendrick		
Thursday, 1/14	7:00- 8:00pm	Board Meeting via Zoom	Zoom	N/A	N/A		
Thursday, 1/17	7:00- 8:00pm	General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: Induction of Tom Ono	Zoom	N/A	N/A		

#### Instructions to access zoom:

- 1) Secretary Rich Halverson will send an email link with instructions a couple days before the zoom social.
- 2) On your home computer / laptop, click on the link provided on the email at the schedule date & time.
- 3) If prompted, enter the zoom meeting ID and password. (Meeting ID and password will also be provided in the email).
- 4) Visit the following link to test zoom on your computer: https://zoom.us/test
- 5) \*Zoom requires a stable internet connection and a digital device with audio and camera. Any Mac & Windows laptop/computer or IPAD is acceptable.

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	1
1/4 Tommy Chun 1/12 Michael Yee 1/16 Walter Kuroiwa 1/19 Kazuaki Nakano 1/20 Ralph Nakamura 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 Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged Total	42 1 8 3 3 54

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 1st VD Governor 2nd VD Governor Zone Chairman	Dr. Jung-Yul Choi Garrett Ogawa Mitch Tam Gary Nip Ellsworth Fujii	IPP 1st VP 2nd VP 2rd VP 2rd VP Cynthia Ch		vorth Fujii y Jorgensen hia Chun ın Subramanian ne Alices	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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. 6:30 pm, 3140 Campbell Avenue.  Kaimuki Lions Club meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 pm, Crane Lodge, 3640 Crater Road.  Koko Head Lions Club meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Niu Valley Middle School			

### **Membership Meeting Date:**

Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags

Cost: members w/ meal plan \$3 w/o meal plan \$7

Program:

NO CLUB MEETING ON THURSDAY January 7th.

\*Open House Meeting is mainly for prospective members and some board members. Everyone else is welcome to attend and listen.

Bulletin Editor: Kendrick S. Chang P.O. Box 25163 Honolulu, HI 96825 **Board Meeting** 

Date: Thursday, January 14th 2020

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, January 21st 2020

7:00-8:00pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attire: N/A Cost: N/A

Program:

Holiday Zoom Party

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

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