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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Aloha Lions, CIS and Friends!

Hawaii Kai Lions were busy at work supporting our community and beyond. Thank you to our Chairs and Co-Chairs for coordinating the following:

- Koko Head Elementary Easter Egg Extravaganza,
Chair: Lion Ellsworth Fujii
- Safety awareness – sign waving at Kamiloiki Elementary,
Chair: Lion Marja Leivo.
- Environmental workday and Citizenship Ceremony,
Chair: Lion. Peggy Oyama & Co-Chair Lion Allen Umeda.

Mahalo to our volunteers for your time and compassion for the greater cause.

We had a wonderful celebration of our 46th Anniversary at New Otani Hotel. Big mahalo to Chair Kazuaki Nakano and Co-Chair Ed Lee for a spectacular evening. To kick off the magical evening were the “Friends Quartet.” Thank you to CIS Carole Wee and her lovely members for gracing us with a heartfelt performance. Mahalo to CIS Loyal Merhoff for taking photos during the event.

Joining us in celebration were District Governor Bob Lee and CIS Pamela, seven Nagoya Joto Lions and their CIS and family members. Our sponsored club the Hibiscus Club members and Koko Head Zone Chair Gary Nip, CIS Joyce and Lion Gavin Hall also helped celebrate our special evening.

Aloha to our Charter member Lions – Delwin Ching, Bunny Lee, Chong Fook Leu, Toshi Nishioka, Richard Okamoto and Rick Yee. Congratulations to the clubs 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors inducted by DG Bob Lee.

I had the privilege to select the “Lion of the Year” Award. The award was presented to our outstanding Lion, David Iwana. He has participated in #38 out of the #64 activities and even worked double shifts for some. Lion David has proactively provided me guidance for me to carry out my duties as President and I truly appreciate all he has done for me and other members. CIS Iris is also a tremendous help at our activities.

1st VP Ellsworth had a heartfelt message to the Club and during his term, he would like everyone to be sure to “have fun!”

Mahalo to Lion Peggy and her sister, Michiyo Kishiuchi for their participation in numerous service activities. Please be sure to check out their narratives on their activities.

Thank you all for your support in raising funds by selling breakfast tickets. This will allow our club to continue its service to the community.

Lion Ken summarized your feedback on our Clubs survey. He had us participate in an exercise where we all learned something about ourselves as well as how to communicate with others. Although my term as President is coming to a close, Lion Ellsworth and his new Board will be able to take the information gathered, and prioritize your suggestions and create a map to work on and propel the Club to improvement.

Keep up the Awesome job!

Mahalo,
Lion President Sandy Gomes

Easter Eggstravaganza



Group photo of HK Lions at the Easter Eggstravaganza

Submitted by Lion Ellsworth Fujii

On Saturday, March 30, Lions Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Tommy Chun, Ron Goong, Alvin Hayashibara, Eric Kimura and CIS Wanda, Marja Leivo, Ken Nishibun and nephew Kelan Yoshioka, Peggy Oyama and sister Michiyo, Appan Subramanian, Kerry Yoon, DG Bob Lee and CIS Pam, and Ellsworth Fujii assisted the Parks & Rec. with their annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Koko Head District Park. Although the start time was incorrectly listed on the sign-up sheet, most Lions showed up before 9:00am and in time to receive instructions for the event. The Lions assisted with registration and passing out goodie bags for every child that came back with eggs, even goose eggs. The joy on the faces of the children when they received their goodie bag made this a real “feel good” and successful event. This activity was co-chaired by Marja Leivo.

Aina Haina Library Re-Opening

Submitted by Lion Peggy Oyama

We were asked by the Aina Haina Prepared President, Danny Tengan, to assist with re-shelving books at the Aina Haina Library from approximately March 22 to 28, 2019. The library had been shut down since the April 2018 flooding in Aina Haina and Kalaniana'ole Highway. Many thanks to Walter Kuroiwa, and Peggy's visiting sister, Michiyo Kishiuchi, who answered the call, and helped out at the library. All in all, there were about seven days of re-shelving, for which Hawaii Kai Lions assisted on three days.

At the Aina Haina Library's Official reopening concert which included Jake Shimabukuro as a guest on April 9th, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club was recognized for our contribution, along with the Koko Head Lions Club.



Ka Iwi Trail Management



HK Lions with other D50 Lions at the Honolulu Festival Parade.

Submitted by Lion Peggy Oyama

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, Cynthia Chun, Marja Leivo, Allen Umeda, Shelby Billionaire, Sonny Jakahi, Loyal Mehrhoff, and Peggy Oyama volunteered at the Ka Iwi Coalition's Ka Iwi Mauka trail clearing. We met at Kalama Village Shopping Center at 6 a.m., where we were given a short briefing, and then escorted to the trail head. While walking up the trail, we cleared invasive plants, and in particular surveyed for invasive naio thrips. We also removed koa haole, panini, buffel grass, guinea grass, and other weeds obscuring the trail. We cleared the jeep road, examined naio plants looking for myoporum thrips, and the locations of naio were recorded by a member of the Oahu Invasive Species Council. We created a rock crossing path for a stream, cleared an area where a tent would be set up for this year's public access tour of the trail in June, and worked hard at trail clearing overall. We used hand clippers, loppers, machetes, mattocks, and saws to do the removals. While we had to do a fair amount of hiking on the trail to do the clearings, the Ka Iwi Coalition reported that we were successful in achieving all the goals for the day. The Coalition sent their sincere thanks for our hard work, and in particular, I thank Cynthia Chun, who hates hiking! This was the Coalition's first public trail clearing event, and they were impressed with the results.

In addition, Shelby Billionaire and Sonny Jakahi came to the project all the way from Waianae, to video the experience, and to prepare a PR video promoting Lionism, which will be made available shortly.

Many thanks also to Allen Umeda, for carrying out a large knapsack down the trail. We were also fortunate to meet Hawaii Kai Lion Kendrick Chang's sister, Chelsea (photographer). It is wonderful to see two siblings hard at work in the community!

Special Activity Report



Michiyo Kishiuchi with HK Lion Delwin Ching at a club meeting.

Submitted by Michiyo Kishiuchi (sister of Peggy Oyama)

Enabling me to see and experience the many highlights of your lovely island, the culture and the people of Hawaii is very much appreciated! Getting involved with the Hawaii Kai Lions and volunteering my time to reach out and help has been rewarding for me as well.

Meeting members of your “allergic” walk team, including Hawaii Kai and Kamehameha women Lions at Ala Moana Beach Park again and sharing a meal together, to even a swing dance lesson with Loyal, Cynthia Chun and Paula Chow has been a lot of fun! I also enjoyed girls’ night out with women from Kamehameha and Hawaii Kai Lions Clubs at Burgers on Bishop, as well as the Aina Haina Prepared talk on Disaster Insurance, re-shelving books at Aina Haina Library, and golf with Kerry Yoon at Royal Hawaiian Golf Course, thanks to Ellsworth Fujii! And finally, I enjoyed helping the Hawaii Kai Lions at the Easter Egg Hunt at Koko Head District Park, before I headed home on Marcy 31st.

Cyber Club activities I should also include are: meeting with Lions from other Clubs at Shirokiya Walk on March 15th, strategy meeting at Zippy’s Nimitz on March 22nd, and the open house on March 23rd. Good luck with the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club!

District 50 Convention Committee events I attended include working with District Governor Bob and Pam Lee at the Koko Head District Park Easter Egg Hunt, then a delightful lunch with them and Lori Inouye-Yamashita at Moena Café, then doing the ballroom walk-through with the Fun Night team at Ala Moana Beach Hotel. I’m sure your Fun Night will be a success!

Mahalo to all the Lions of Hawaii who made me feel welcome during my visit this year!

April Photo Highlights



HK Lions busy collecting donations at the annual food drive.



HK Lions with Nagoya Joto Lions at the HK Library Dedication.

Malama Maunalua Huki Update

Submitted by Lion Peggy Oyama

On Saturday, April 20, I attended an Earth Day huki with Malama Maunalua at Maunalua Bay from 9 AM to 12 PM. While the group in attendance was small (@ 25 people), it was a delightful day to be out in the ocean pulling invasive seaweed! As well, at the huki, I was told by Doug Harper (Executive Director) and Alex (Volunteer Coordinator) that they have not had, since our November 17, 2018 Lions and Leos huki, a collection of invasive seaweed as great as our 6000 pounds pulled that day! Doug and Alex were also thrilled to hear of the publicity our photo from the November huki received in the March 2019 Lions Magazine! My thanks again to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club and its members who supported the November huki!

Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Regular Membership Meeting – April 4, 2019
Submitted by: Secretary Cynthia Chun

Location: Hale ‘O Aloha at Lunalilo Home

Call to order: 7pm by Sandy Gomes

Opening Song: Stan Ito, Flag Pledge: Rick Yee, Lions Pledge: Eric Kimura, Invocation: Walter Kuroiwa

Facilities: Roy Aoki, Delwin Ching, Merv Wee

Record Member Attendance and Minutes – Cynthia Chun
27 Members present

No taitwisting
Dinner

Begin formal meeting: 7:40pm by Sandy Gomes

Approval of March Minutes: Sandy Gomes

Committee Reports:

1 – Treasurer – Erick Kvick – no report

2 – 1st VP – Administrative – Ells Fujii

3 – 2nd VP – Activities – Marja Leivo

a – Sat, 6 Apr - Hahaione ES Fun Fair, 5 shifts

b – Sun, 7 Apr – Malama Workday at Kamehame – 6-11am

c – Sat, 13 Apr – Food Drive at HK SC, 2 shifts

d – Wed, 17 Apr – Citizenship Ceremony at Blaisdell, 8-9:30am

4 – 3rd VP – Social/Special Events

a – Sat, 6 Apr – Koko Head LC Charter at Natsunoya, 11-2pm

b – Fri, 19 Apr – Library Presentation, 2pm

c – Fri, 19 Apr – Charter Night at New Otani, 6pm

New/Other Business:

Discussion of club survey results – Overall the results of the members were fairly satisfied with a need to improve in a few areas, which we hope to address. Some of the concerns we have are our need for new members, mentorship for our new as well as our older members to get involved in the committees plus finding the interests of members that can benefit the club.

Closing Song: Eric Kvick

Adjournment: 9:12pm by Sandy Gomes

**Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Board of Directors' Meeting – April 11, 2019
Submitted by: Secretary Cynthia Chun**

Location: Hale 'O Aloha at Lunalilo Home
Call to Order: 7:10pm by Sandy Gomes

Attendance: Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Ells Fujii, David Iwana, Erick Kvick, Ed Lee, Merv Wee, Kerry Yoon, Kaz Nakano

Excused: Cindy Giorgis, Marja Leivo, Nancy Rocheleau

Committee Reports:

- 1 – Treasurer – Eric Kvick

- 2 – 1st VP – Administrative – Ells Fujii
Findings of Club Survey

- 3 – 2nd VP – Activities
 - a – Sat, 13 Apr – Food Drive at HawKai SC, 2 shifts
 - b – Wed, 17 Apr – Citizenship Ceremony at Blaisdell, 8-9:30am

- 4 – 3rd VP – Social/Special Events – David Iwana
 - a – Fri, 19 Apr – Library Presentation, 2pm
Ells motioned to increase the inter club relations budget,
Eric seconded – motion carried
 - b – Fri, 19 Apr – Charter Night at New Otani, 6pm
Kaz gave last minute instructions for the charter.

Other Business:

Kelan Yoshioka has been added to our membership. Possible induction date, 16 May. Potential new members have been asked to attend on that date.

Adjournment: 9:20pm by Sandy Gomes

Charter Night Photo Highlights



FUTURE EVENTS				
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire
Thursday, 5/2	7:00-8:30pm	Regular Membership Meeting	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt
Saturday, 5/4	8:00am-4:00pm	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales @ HK Shopping Center (Shift sign-up on website)	Hawaii Kai Shopping Center	Work Shirt
Sunday, 5/5	8:00-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Canvassing	Burger King Hawaii Kai	Work Shirt
Saturday, 5/5	8:00am-4:00pm	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales @ HK Shopping Center (Shift sign-up on website)	Hawaii Kai Shopping Center	Work Shirt
Thursday, 5/9	7:00-8:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt
Friday, 5/10	11:00am-12:00pm	Koko Head Elementary Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt
Thursday, 5/16	7:00-8:30pm	Regular Membership Meeting	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt
Sunday, 5/19	8:00-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Canvassing	Burger King Hawaii Kai	Work Shirt
Sunday, 5/26	8:00-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Canvassing	Burger King Hawaii Kai	Work Shirt
Saturday, 6/1	8:30-10:30am	Friends of Hanauma Bay Clean-up	Hanauma Bay	Work Shirt
Sunday, 6/2	8:00-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Canvassing	Burger King Hawaii Kai	Work Shirt

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	August Membership		
5/4 Jean Katsuda 5/13 Keith Katsuda 5/14 Donna Ede 5/29 Dr. Roger Ede	5/5 Merv & Carole Wee	5/1/1962 C.F. Leu 5/1/1981 PDG Roy Aoki	Active		53
			Student		1
			Affiliate		7
			Total		61

Date: Thursday, May 2nd 2019, 7:00pm attitude adjustment
 Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse
 Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags
 Cost: members
 w/ meal plan \$3
 w/o meal plan \$7

Program:
 General Membership Meeting

Opening Song: Ed Lee
 Flag Pledge: Marja Leivo
 Lions Pledge: Joel Leo
 Invocation: Helen Morita
 Closing Song: Carl Muraoka

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Date: Thursday, May 9th 2019, 7:00pm
 Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse

Board of Directors Meeting

Facilities Committee
 Chair: Dr. Kerry Yoon

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

May 2nd, 2019
 Paula Chow
 Dr. Roger Ede
 Ellsworth Fujii

May 16th, 2019
 Cindy Giorgis
 Ronald Goong
 Tom Haia

Date: Thursday, May 16th 2019 attitude adjustment
 Place: Lunalilo Home Clubhouse
 Attire: Club shirts, pins, & nametags
 Cost: members
 w/ meal plan \$3
 w/o meal plan \$7

Program:
 Induction of New Member & Visitation of Potential Members

Opening Song: Ralph Nakamura
 Flag Pledge: Kaz Nakano
 Lions Pledge: Ken Nishibun
 Invocation: Peggy Oyama
 Closing Song: Nancy Rocheleau