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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



Wow, it's been a fast month, time to write another article for the Bulletin. I'm still feeling my way around, even if it's my second rodeo.

I want to welcome Linda Le and Patrick Lynch to the Hawaii Kai Lions

Club! Thank you to Kendrick and Merv for inducting them, I know they will be great additions to our club.

Like everyone else, Lions are at the mercy of COVID-19. Although we were planning to have our 1st in-person meeting in over a year, for the safety of our members, <u>we</u> will continue with our Zoom meetings for the time being.

In June, I went to see my parents in Hilo and was fortunate to be invited to the Akaka Falls LC Installation of Officers luncheon. It was held under an open-air section of Nani Mau Gardens and was their first in-person meeting since early 2020. DGE Mitch Tam installed their new officers, Diane Kent is their President this year. Their program is similar to HKLC but they also recognized members who performed outstandingly in various categories throughout the year. PDG Blayne Hanagami provided entertainment and they had lucky number drawings during the buffet lunch. Since everyone in Hilo likes to cook, several members brought pupus and desserts, very delicious!

I want to thank David Iwana who has been helping with Zoom meetings. And, as we all know, he is a good advisor, whether you want it or not, (ha, ha) and has helped me whenever I call him.

I also want to thank Silvia Ardila who is helping with Public-facing website. She has spent hours working on updating the information and has provided very good suggestions on improving and making it more useful.

We had our 1st Cabinet meeting on July 24 which was attended by Frances, Cynthia, David, Silvia, and Lisa. Silvia and Lisa were recognized for completing Proud Lion, Congratulations!!!! Hearing and Vision Chairs reported that we won't be visiting schools until next year, due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and for the safety of the Lions. Eyeglass Recycling has new chairs, Lori Inouye-Yamashita and Jennifer Shintani. Past Chair, Lion Alice Kudo of Pearl City LC, was recognized for the great job she's done for many, many years. Also, Kaiser High School Leo President, Elana Ingwers and her board was introduced by Leo Advisor, Leo Chair Winston Watarai. Leo Elana, is this year's D50 Leo Council President.

As you know, my theme is "Dream Together and Serve!". So, I'm asking all you members to "*Dare to Dream*!". Look around your neighborhood, schools, beaches, parks, and highways for service projects HKLC can do to improve Hawaii Kai. Be creative, ask your neighbors and friends!

We Serve!

Lion Ells



Akaka Falls Lions Club from Ells' visit.

Pohaku Stone Workday



HK Lions and other volunteers working to pick-up pohaku. *Submitted by Lion Tom Ono*

Eight brave and strong Hawaii Kai Lions volunteered to collect and relocate 1,000 pohaku (stone) from Kamilonui Valley to the new Keawawa Wetland Hale (home). There were also about a dozen volunteers from Livable Hawaii Kai Hui and other organizations who helped collect pohaku.

More than 1,000 pohaku were hand-picked with aloha in a matter of a couple hours, loaded into buckets and trucked to the Hale. Kumu Francis Sineci with the blessing of Kamehameha Schools chose the riverbed at Aloha Aina o Kamilo Nui Nursery to gather the pohaku. The pohaku will be used to construct the rock walls for the Hale at Keawawa Wetland. Lion Allen recently led a volunteer project at Keawawa Wetland back in June (see adjacent report).

Pohaku Workday coordinator, Tina Aiu, gave the group some historical background about the Kamilo Valley location. Kamehameha Schools also provides about 20 5x10 foot plots on the property where people can grow their own gardens. There also was a group that harvested dryland kalo (taro). Some of us took home kalo oha (shoots) and haha (stems) that we are going to try to grow.



Lions Tom Ono and Kendrick Chang hard at work while President Ells only take photos of the worker bees.

Keawawa Wetland Restoration



Lions Allen, Cynthia, Peggy, and Reiko hard at work. Submitted by Allen Umeda

Some Hawaii Kai Lions Club members and guest volunteered to do groundskeeping at Keawawa Wetlands on Father's Day. The work involved transferring and spreading mulch to enrich the soil and preserve moisture near the marsh, and removing weeds to allow the native vegetation to be restored. After completing the work, Luka Zavas from Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, the organization that manages the wetlands, gave us a tour of the area including the hale, well and heiau. It was a productive and educational few hours of activity.





Photos of the Hale and workday.

Kupuna Card Project



HK Lions and Cyber Lions presenting Kupuna cards. Submitted by Lion Marja Leivo

The Hawaii Cyber Lions Club member Peggy Oyama invited Hawaii Kai Lions members to participate in the "Women Empowering Women - Kupuna Card Project" in May.

The project was to make and donate greeting cards with messages intended to brighten the day and bring cheer to seniors in the community.

With Board approval, Marja Leivo and CIS Lyn Yee made and donated 83 cards on behalf of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club.

Approximately 15 cards were distributed for donation during the Kaiser High School Open Market event between 5/18/21 - 5/25/21.

Additionally, on 6/20/21 we donated 26 cards to the Lunalilo Home residents, and on 6/24/21 we donated 42 cards to residents at Hale Malamalama. Peggy Oyama, Marja Leivo and Lyn Yee presented the cards at these facilities.

Additional cards were made to be donated on behalf of the Hawaii Cyber Club's Kupuna Card Project.



New Collection "Sight"



New eyeglass collection box at American Savings Bank. Submitted by Frances Lum

The Hawaii Kai Lions Club gained a new eyeglass collection partner: American Savings Bank at the Hawaii Kai Towne Center. We now have a total of ten collection boxes in the community: Bank of Hawaii at Koko Marina, First Hawaiian Bank in Kaimuki, Great Clips at the Hawaii Kai Towne Center, Hawaii Kai Public Library, Hawaii Kai Retirement Community Mauka and Makai, Kaiser High School, and Straub Clinic at Koko Marina. Accepting the collection box is Branch Manager Joseph Amigleo.

New Members At Work



The Hawaii Kai Lions Club recently inducted two new Members this past month — Linda Le and Patrick Lynch. Welcome to the club and thank you for your early contributions. Here is a photo of Lions Patrick and Silvia at the pohaku gathering work-day this past month.

HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2021

DREAM TOGETHER AND SERVE!

Submitted by Secretary Cynthia Chun

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm by President Ells Fujii

Flag Pledge: Yolisa Ishibashi Flag Pledge: Frances Lum

Attendance: 22 members Guests: Peggy Oyama & Reiko Caires

Bulletin & Minutes accepted as sent out – Ells Fujii

FORMAL MEETING: Ells Fujii

1 – Discuss club & business issues, D50 topics, suggestions on improvement. Everyone is welcome to voice opinion w/o feeling negative repercussions from others (Safe Haven Rule)

2 – Introduction of officers on the Board

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ells Fujii

1 – Treasurer: Jeanne Alices

Cut previous budget by 20%, made \$1800 from meal money plus money from KHS Open Market = made approximately \$13,850 for the year

2 – 1st VP: Frances Lum

Committee, chair, budget review completed

3 – 2nd VP: Eric Kvick

a - Committee, chair, budget review completed

- b Eric -Office work at Kaiser HS work entails sanding and staining waiting for laminate sheets for table tops and sides
 - c Eric & Allen Rescue Tube MOU Update been checking rescue tubes

Three Lions clubs and rotary club getting permit to put maybe 15 more rescue tubes at beaches, which would mean more funding and more people to care for the tubes.

- d Jul 18 Move stones from Kamilo Nui Farm to Hale on HK Dr Tom Ono
- e Aug 28 Going Green eWaste at Maunalua Bay Allen permit not received
- $4-3^{rd}$ VP: Appan Subramanian
 - a Committee, chair, budget review completed
 - b Investigate picnic/outside gatherings suggestions for place, food, etc.
- 5 Membership Director: Kendrick Chang

Linda Le & Patrick Lynch completed vetting and will be inducted Jul 15.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1 Silvia put out videos on YouTube
- 2 Voice your opinions/ideas: Send in your suggestions what you are interested in, projects, topics or speakers.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm by Ells Fujii

Hawaii Kai Lions Club – Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2021

DREAM TOGETHER AND SERVE!

Submitted by Secretary Cynthia Chun

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm by Pres Ells Fujii

Attendance: Jeanne Alices, Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, Ells Fujii, Alvin Hayashibara, David Iwana, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum and Appan Subramanian

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1 Donation from Hawaii Information Systems for \$1500 through Cierra Nakakura.
- 2 Inform Ells & Cynthia of your vacation dates.
- 3 D50 Directory Ads for fiscal year 2021-2022
- 4 VPs, ask committee chairs to reach out to project contacts that HKLC is ready to assist them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1 Treasurer: Jeanne Alices
- a Board approved check signatories for this term for two BOH checking accounts, effectively immediately: President Ellsworth Fujii, 1st VP Frances Lum, Treasurer Jeanne Alices and Secretary Cynthia Chun b 990-N, G45, G-49 and DCCA have been filed.
 - $2 1^{st} VP$: Frances Lum

D50 Training – Treasurer 7/2, Secretary 7/13, President TBD

- 3 2nd VP Eric Kvick (no report)
- 4 3rd VP Appan Subramanian
- a Explore 501(c) (3) Frances to chair w/ Appan to investigate application process, pros/cons and get approval from board & members.
 - b Keiki ID contacted Asst Attorney General awaiting approval
 - 5 Membership Chair: Kendrick Chang
 - a Linda Le and Patrick Lynch to be inducted Jul 15.
 - b Reiko Caires to be inducted Aug 5
 - c Awaiting applications from Cameron Sato and Justin Lau. David to follow up.
 - d LCI new member dues will continue to be paid by the club for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1 Committees, Chairs, Budget review and finalize
- 2 HK website will be renamed IT Committee add budget (\$1000), IT organization chart.
- 3 Future Meetings Under present circumstances, recommended to ask club's opinion at next meeting of having one regular meeting a month, which would be after the board meeting on the 2nd Thurs of the month and a regular meeting on the 3rd Thurs.
 - 4 Ask suggestion from club for in person meetings

ADJOURNMENT: 9:06 by Pres Ells

HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021

DREAM TOGETHER AND SERVE!

Submitted by Secretary Cynthia Chun

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04pm by President Ells Fujii

Flag Pledge: Frances Lum Lions Pledge: Ken Nishibun

Attendance: 21 Guest: Reiko Caires

FORMAL MEETING: Ells Fujii

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jul 24 – 1st Cabinet Meeting via Zoom, 9am

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1 – Treasurer: Jeanne Alices

Board met on budget, review & approval at Aug board meeting

2 – 1st VP: Admin Committee – Frances Lum

a – Ken – Update on parade

b – Forming 501(c) (3) investigation team – looking for members

c – Forming team to update Constitution & By-Laws – looking for members

3 – 2nd VP: Activities Committee – Erick Kvick

a – Eric – Update on office work at Kaiser HS – possible start in next few weeks

b – Jul 18 – Hale Ike Ola o Maunalua – Tom – collect rocks & deliver to Hale on HK Dr – 9-2pm

c – Jul 31 – Coral Restoration at Maunalua Bay – Allen – 9-11am

d – Aug 14 – Food Bank – Eric – sign up individually – Tom Haia individually volunteered to raise money for Food Bank

e – Aug 28 – Going Green eWaste at Maunalua Bay – Allen – waiting for permit

4 – 3rd VP: Social & Special Events Committee – Appan Subramanian

a – Picnic/Outside gathering update

b – Possible temporary meeting place – Kalele Kai

5 – Membership Director: Kendrick Chang

Induction of Linda Le & Patrick Lynch by PDG Merv Wee

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

1 – Proposal to have change in member meetings until we find a place for in-person meetings since Lunalilo Home will not be available until 2022.

a – Have a discussion topic at 1st mtg of the month like ideas for meeting methods, new project suggestions and how you envision the club, our purpose and your role.

b – Attendance is optional

c – No agenda with objective to get your feedback and ideas

2 – Regular member meeting will be held on 3rd Thurs (after BOD meeting)

3 – New vests to be ordered - Kerry

CLOSING STATEMENT: Ells Fujii

Aphorism is a short pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation:

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4am. For example, it could be the right number. (*Think about this one!!!*)

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones that mind don't matter.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift. Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.

Enjoy Life! It has an expiration date!!

NEXT MEETING: 8/5/2021

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm by Ells Fujii

| Date | Time | Event | Place | Attire | Project Chair | |
|-------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| Thursday, 8/5 | 7:00- 8:00pm | General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: New Member Induction | Zoom | N/A | N/A | |
| Thursday, 8/12 | 7:15-8:30am | Hahaione School Traffic Awareness Sign-Waving | Hahaione ES Parking Lot | Work | Ken Nishibun | |
| Thursday, 8/12 | 7:00- 8:00pm | Board Meeting via Zoom | Zoom | N/A | N/A | |
| Saturday, 8/14 | 8:00- 11:30am | Foodbank Drive | Koko Marina Shopping Center | Work | Eric Kvick | |
| Thursday, 8/19 | 7:00- 8:00pm | General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: TBA | Zoom | N/A | N/A | |

| BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | DATE OF INDUCTION | Membership |) |
|--|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| 8/14 Ken Nishibun 8/14 Dr. Kerry Yoon 8/18 Chong Fook Leu 8/18 Nancy Rocheleau 8/19 CIS Sandra Lee 8/26 Alvin Hayashibara 8/26 CIS Sally Ito | 8/4 Jeanne & David Alices 8/8 Mino & Patsy Takaesu 8/14 Alvin & Jackie Hayashibara 8/23 Joel & Ellen Leo | 8/1/1991 Tom Jones 8/1/1996 Ken Nishibun 8/1/1991 Mino Takaesu 8/2/2007 Ed Lee | Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged | 47 1 8 3 3 59 |

| District 50 Region V, Zone 2 | | Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2021-2022 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|------------------|--|---|--|
| Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973 | | President | Ellsworth Fujii | | Secretary | Cynthia Chun | |
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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, 5:30 p.m. at Kapahulu Center. Kaimuki Lions Club meets the 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays of each month, 6:00 p.m., Ala Wai Clubhouse. Koko Head Lions Club meets 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of each mont 6:30 pm, Niu Valley Middle School Cafeteria. | | | th, | |

Membership Meeting Date: Thursday, August 5th

7:00pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attire: N/A Cost: N/A

Program:

New Member Induction

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

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Date: Thursday, August 12th 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, August 19th 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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