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# Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



How are you all doing? Hope you and your family are keeping safe!

Not sure about you folks but the days are sure moving fast for me!!! It's probably because of deadlines to prepare the meeting agendas and writing the monthly message.

Thankfully, I have Cynthia and Kendrick to make sure I meet my deadlines.

At their September 8th meeting, all members of the City Council unanimously approved the Rescue Tube Memorandum of Understanding (MOU Resolution 21-170). Congratulations to Eric who is leading this project. He has a great team, of Kendrick, David, Allen, and Frances supporting him! Next, they will meet with other Lion clubs and City departments to implement the MOU. They will notify the club when they need assistance to deploy the rescue tubes at Oahu beaches.

I thought *The Static Movie* was great! Not only because our, David Iwana, was in it but because it accurately portrayed what a person with Alzheimer's and their caretakers go through.

A BIG Thank You to Alvin who produced our 2021-2022 HK Directory. Hope you folks took a look at it, Alvin did a fantastic job with the new photos and content and recognition of Toshi. Silvia keeps doing her thing! Updating our website with projects that were done in September. Chairs send Silvia their reports and photos and she publishes it to our website within a day or 2.

One of the fun projects that I go to is the Angel Network Charities food distribution at Calgary by the Sea on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 for

fresh produce distribution and every Friday from 9:00 to 1:00 for canned goods. HK Lions Cynthia, Frances and Lisa are also regular volunteers. Hunger is one of our Global focus areas so our volunteer hours are entered into MyLion. The Manoa, Kapahulu-Moilili, Kaiser High School Leos (when they were able to participate) and Waikiki 2000 Lions are also there along with volunteers from other organizations or people just volunteering.

We bag and distribute food provided by Hawaii Food Bank, Foodland, Wholefoods, and Great Harvest. The part-time manager ensures that recipients get a balanced diet of vegetables, meat, and carbs. It's hard work, as there are 600+ drive-through and walk-in at-risk families that come but you get to meet a nice group of volunteers. We follow Covid rules such as getting temperature checks and wearing masks and gloves. I encourage those who can make it to attend, it's also a good workout. Like any of our projects, you go when you can.

Dream Together and Serve!

Lion Ells



Lisa watches Frances giving Cynthia an ear full...

**Kamiloiki ES Traffic Sign-Waving**



HK Lions holding signs with Officer Mau and Principal Yoshimoto.

*Submitted by Lion Yolisa Ishibashi*

On September 1, 2021, nine Lions met with HPD Officer John Mau at Kamiloiki Elementary School at 7:15 a.m. to participate in traffic awareness sign waving before the start of the school day. They were joined by HPD Officer Kaimi Kellett, Principal Jason Yoshimoto, and five student council members. Some messages on the signs included “Yield to Pedestrians”, “No Need to Speed”, “Bad Choices Ruin Lives”, and “Honk if You’re Happy”; the last sign being made by the student council members.

Lions participating in this event included Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, Eric Kimura, Walter Kuroiwa, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, Nancy Rocheleau, and Appan Subramanian.

In supporting the Community Policing Team of District 7 East Honolulu and Kamiloiki Elementary School, the Hawaii Kai Lions continue to encourage safe driving near our schools and look forward to future sign waving projects with them and other schools within the community.

**TV Donation to Kamiloiki Elementary**

*Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi*

On September 7, 2021, three Lions and one CIS met at Costco to buy and transport a 70” Samsung Crystal UHD TV to Kamiloiki Elementary School. Principal Jason Yoshimoto requested a TV to be used in their library as a teaching tool for the students in reading comprehension, research, and other subjects. A \$50 Costco gift card was also donated for the staff to use for their working lunch meetings.

Lions participating in this event included Yolisa Ishibashi, Walter Kuroiwa, Ken Nishibun, and CIS Tony Nakamura. Principal Yoshimoto was very grateful for the generous donations and for the continued support of the Hawaii Kai Lions. In turn, the Hawaii Kai Lions look forward to assisting him and Kamiloiki Elementary in future endeavors.

**Keawawa Wetland Restoration**



Photo montage of coral work provided by Silvia Ardila.

*Submitted by Allen Umeda*

Keawāwa Wetland conducted one of its regular Second Saturday volunteer workdays on the morning of September 11, 2021. The day started with the staff explaining the wetland and its role in helping to grow the population of the endangered 'alae 'ula, Hawaiian waterbird, and providing instructions on the work activities. It was nice to do an activity to improve our environment on the 20th anniversary of a day of senseless destruction in the US.

Activities included watering plants, transporting and spreading mulch to provide fertilization and help the ground retain moisture, and removing weeds.

In addition to Hawaii Kai Lions Club volunteers Tom Ono, Ellworth Fujii, Alvin Hayashibara, Allen Umeda, around a dozen Japanese exchange students at the University of Hawaii joined the event.

**Did you Know...?**

*Submitted by David Iwana*

Did you know that The International Association of Lions Clubs chartered our club on April 17, 1973 with 33 charter members? Our original official name on our charter document was The Lions Club of Honolulu (Hawaii Kai), however Lions Clubs International (as the Association is now known) registered us as Honolulu Hawaii Kai Lions Club. It is common to indicate the city in which the Lions Club is located. In recent years, our organization is also known as the Hawaii Kai Lions Club and is considered a premier club in District 50 Hawaii! Now you know!

If you are curious about our Club or anything Lions, please ask and I'll try to answer it to the best of my knowledge!

### Koko Head Yoga Mats



Principal Shitaoka and office staff practicing yoga positions.

Submitted by Frances Lum

When Koko Head Elementary School learned that the Hawaii Kai Lions Club had some funds that could be used to purchase needed supplies and equipment, Principal Jeffrey Shitaoka asked for thirty yoga mats. Yoga is a practice that can help improve both the mind and body, and it is integrated into Koko Head Elementary School’s curriculum. The entire student body – 335 students – take yoga classes and enjoy it. When the mats were delivered, Principal Shitaoka was excited, and he struck a tree pose; his staff, Celise Nakakura and Sydnee Halcro, later joined in.

### Sorting of HI-5 Recyclables



Hard at work are Lion Marja, President Fujii, and Lion Yolisa.

Submitted by Frances Lum

The two HI-5 recycle cages at Koko Head Elementary School were filled nearly to the top and required sorting in order to turn the bottles and cans into cash. Joining Koko Head Elementary School parents, faculty and staff, and students on the morning of September 30, 2021, were Hawaii Kai Lions Ellsworth Fujii, Appan Subramanian, Marja Leivo, Yolisa Ishibashi, and Frances Lum. You’d be amazed at the variety of sodas, juices, beers, and other alcoholic drinks!

### Voice Amplifier Donation

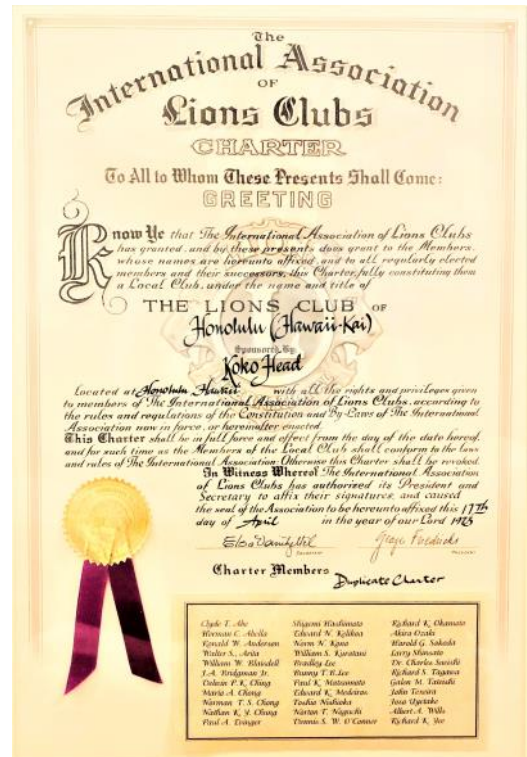


Lion Silvia presenting donation to Principal Shitaoka.

Submitted by Frances Lum

Can you hear me now? That has been the challenge for the Koko Head Elementary School teachers and students because of masks. Voices are muffled and vocal chords have been strained. To help alleviate the problem, the Hawaii Kai Lions donated ten portable mini voice amplifiers with a microphone headset. Teachers will be able to speak at normal volumes even with masks on, and their voices will be amplified through a speaker that can be worn on a waistband. This should improve the learning environment for teachers and students.

The proceeds from the recycled bottles and cans will go to the Friends of Koko Head Elementary School and directly supports the school. If you have HI-5 recyclables, please consider donating to the school. You can’t miss the



Digital copy of club charter.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 10/7	7:15-8:30am	Koko Head Elementary School Traffic Awareness Sign-Waving	Koko Head ES Parking Lot	Work	Frances Lum
Thursday, 10/7	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: Business Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 10/14	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting via Zoom	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 10/21	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting via Zoom Agenda: TBA	Zoom	N/A	N/A

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
10/11 Les Muramura 10/13 Marja Leivo		10/1/2015 Joseph Baumgartner 10/6/2016 Dr. Kerry Yoon	Active	44
			Student	1
			Affiliate	8
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	3
			Total	56

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
Intl President	Douglas Alexander	Email	etf808@hawaiiantel.net	Email	ckychun47@gmail.com
District Governor	Mitch Tam	Cell	(808) 347-0933	Cell	(808) 741-9443
1 <sup>st</sup> VD Governor	Gary Nip	IPP	Eric Kwick	Tail Twister	Silvia Ardila
2 <sup>nd</sup> VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Frances Lum	Directors	David Iwana
Zone Chairman	Ellsworth Fujii	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Eric Kwick	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
		3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Appan Subramanian	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
		Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Service	Kendrick S. Chang
		Lion Tamer	Dr. Kerry Yoon	Chair	Alvin Hayashibara
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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month, 5:30 p.m. at Kapahulu Center.		
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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, 6:00 p.m., Ala Wai Clubhouse.		
			Koko Head Lions Club meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Niu Valley Middle School Cafeteria.		