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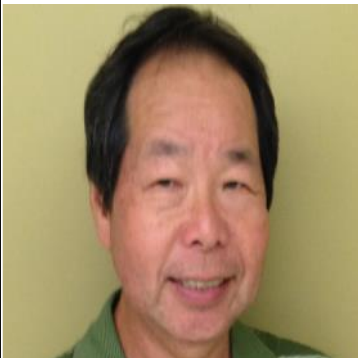
The Voice of Hawaii Kai

Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Lions,

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and got their fill of turkey and pumpkin pie!

We had an in-person November Board meeting at Kaleli Kai. Appan who is a Kaleli Kai resident was able to reserve a meeting room for us. This is an enclosed area which

opens up to additional tables and chairs. We are planning to have our December 2nd member meeting at Kaleli Kai unless social restrictions change due to the Omicron variant. As has been the norm since COVID-19, the venue of our future meetings will depend on case counts and outbreaks. There will be no Board meeting on December 9 or Member meeting on December 16.

Speakers, Lorraine Leslie and Brandee Markwith from the American Diabetes Association gave a presentation at the November 18 meeting. They used several videos in their presentation to educate us on diabetes and things you can do to prevent and control certain types of diabetes.

Allen, Cynthia, and I volunteered to help plant and weed at the Keawawa wetlands on Saturday, November 13. There were also about a dozen students from Hiroshima, Japan who are exchange students at UH. The project leaders again gave us new and interesting historical information about the location and bird and plant facts that live in the area.

Eric and Ken led another successful woodworking project, the picnic table benches for Kamiloiki Elementary School. Thanks to their crew of Tom Ono and Walter Kuroiwa who cut, shaped, drilled and assembled 8 picnic table benches over a 6 week period. About a dozen Lions met at Kamiloiki ES cafeteria on a Saturday to apply the final paint on the picnic table benches. Check out some pictures on Smugmug and article on our website.

Frances continues to lead her team to update our Constitution and By-laws to comply with the Standard Club Constitution. The proposed changes will be presented to the club for adoption so expect to see something from Frances in early 2022.

The Kaiser Leos will be using some of the unused eyeglasses to make Christmas ornaments to be hung at the D50 tent during Honolulu City Lights in the park at Honolulu Hale from December 4 to January 3. Please let me or Frances know if you also want to make ornaments using used eyeglasses.

Another D50 event that has been affected by the Omicron variant is the D50 Winter Forum that will be held at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) on January 28 – 30, 2022. David and I are planning to attend. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. This will be the first D50 in-person get together since 2020.

Here's wishing all of you and your families a Happy Holiday season and a fantastic 2022!

Dream Together and Serve!

Lion Ells



Lions Eric, Ken, Walter, and Tom preparing picnic tables for Kamiloiki Elementary School.

Safe Sidewalks Survey



Lion Marja Leivo inspecting the sidewalks in Kuliouou.

Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi

From October 24 to November 16, 2021, 13 Lions and 2 CIS surveyed the Hawaii Kai communities of Kuliouou, Hahaione Valley, Kai Nui, Anchorage, Mariner's Ridge, Portlock, Koko Head Terrace, Mariner's Cove, and Kalama Valley for unsafe sidewalk conditions. Close to 675 hazardous sites were recorded after 47 hours of walking the sidewalks and estimated 10 hours of recordkeeping. Approximately 50% of the Hawaii Kai sidewalks were surveyed, with the remainder to be potentially surveyed at a later date.

Lions participating in this event included Jeanne Alices, Reiko Caires, Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, Sandy Gomes, Yolisa Ishibashi/CIS Anthony Nakamura, David Iwana, Bill Kern, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Appan Subramanian, Allen Umeda, and Rick Yee/CIS Lyn Yee. A huge mahalo to them for withstanding the heat, humidity, and occasional rain while completing this phase of the project.

The survey data will be submitted to the Lions' Safe Sidewalk Coordinator Jerry Nagatani, who in turn will submit it to the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Facility Maintenance, Division of Road Maintenance for their review. Thereafter, "Phase 2 – Repair of Sidewalks" will commence with a request for volunteers to assist in repairing the designated sidewalks.



CIS Anthony Nakamura noting a cracked sidewalk.

Kamiloiki ES Picnic Tables



Group photo of HK Lions after completing the picnic tables.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

Students at Kamiloiki Elementary School will now enjoy the use of eight bright new, sturdily built picnic tables-benches in their courtyard. This joint collaboration between the Hawaii Kai Lions and Kamiloiki School included the funding of \$2,000 from the school and the expertise and manpower of our Lions in designing, building, and painting the tables.

Thanks to the leadership of contractor Lion Eric Kvick and his superb carpentry skills, these picnic tables should last for many years to come. Although it seemed like a rather easy project at the start, the process was lengthy and detailed and required 160 manpower hours. Forty-eight planks of 14 and 16 feet treated (but wet from the chemicals) lumber were purchased in early October and left to dry under Lion Ken Nishibun's house for 4 weeks to ensure that the paint would adhere properly. Lions Eric, Ken, Tom Ono, and Walter Kuroiwa then spent 4 hours cutting, drilling and shaping all of the 200 various pieces needed for the 8 tables. During the next two weeks, final detailed cutting, assembly, and primer painting was done by Lions Eric and Ken. Stainless steel bolts and screws were used to withstand the outdoor weather.

On Saturday, November 20, a group of 16 Lions gathered to paint the final coat of "Kamiloiki Blue" on the bottoms and tops of the tables. Those participating included Jeanne Alices, Silvia Ardila, Silvia's son Gabriel Ardila who is a Kaiser Leo, Reiko Caires, Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, Sandy Gomes, Bill Kern, John Kratochvil, Walter Kuroiwa, Ed Lee, Patrick Lynch, Ken Nishibun, Tom Ono, Appan Subramanian, Allen Umeda. Lion Ken's son Travis Nishibun assisted on Friday with transporting the 8 tables from Eric's house to the school. Grouped in pairs of old time Lions and newer Lions, the goal was to get more paint on the tables than on themselves. Thankfully they all met their goal. All in all, it was a fun day of working, socializing, bonding, and having school provided lunch and refreshments.

Principal Jason Yoshimoto was truly appreciative of the picnic tables and extended his heartfelt Mahalo to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. He commented that Lions are such great inspiration for his students to emulate in the area of volunteerism and community service.

Volunteers For Keawawa Wetland



Lion Tom Ono and President Ells hard at work.

Submitted by Frances Lum

Have some spare time for a good cause? There are ongoing volunteer opportunities at Keawāwa Wetlands. Ask your neighbor or friend to join you and learn some interesting and historical Hawaiian facts, right in your backyard.

The wetland area provides habitat for the ‘alae ‘ula, an endangered native Hawaiian water bird, and is also rich with Native Hawaiian cultural sites.

Examples of volunteer activities include weeding, gardening, moving materials, trash collection, and counting the birds.

Volunteer Workday Schedule:

Second Saturday of each month, 8:15am to 11:30am
Every Sunday and Thursday from 3:30-6:00pm.

Please directly contact the organizers at directors@hawaiikaihui.org to register for a workday that is convenient for you.

Please notify Allen of days and hours worked. He will provide monthly accumulated hours to Alvin so your service can be credited to the club.



Celebration of Life: Aki Leu

Submitted by Linda Ueyhara (C.F. Leu's Daughter)

Celebration of Life for:
Akiko Furuno Leu
Monday December 27, 2021
Kilohana Methodist Church
(Niu Valley)
5829 Mahimahi Street
Service @11:00AM

Lunch to follow

Attendees must be vaccinated and we're asking that masks please be worn.

Volunteers For Food Distribution



President Ells and Lion Peggy at the Angel Food Distribution.

Submitted by Frances Lum

You are all aware how much the pandemic, which started 19 months ago, disrupted so many lives: businesses were closed and jobs were lost. As a consequence, more people turned to food banks in order to feed their families. Angel Network Charities, located in Aina Haina at the Calvary by the Sea Church distributes food every first and third Thursdays and every Friday. In the month of August, for example, a total of 7,260 adults and keiki were served. While the number served has dropped since the beginning of the year, the number of volunteers on Thursdays has been steadily declining from a high of 72 earlier in the year to only 42 in August.

Volunteers are still needed, especially on the first and third Thursdays to help bag fresh produce, dozens and dozens of eggs, and other food items, starting from 11 am until 3 pm. On Fridays, volunteers are needed from 9 am until 12 noon. Please come! It is hard work, but there are so many good people to meet! If you have questions, please contact President Lion Ells, Lion Cynthia, Lion Yolisa, or Lion Frances.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 12/2	7:00- 8:30pm	General Membership Meeting	Kalele Kai Clubhouse 1 Keahole St c/o Appan Subramanian	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 12/5	1:30- 4:30pm	Koko Marina Candy Lane Drive Thru	Koko Marina First Hawaiian Bank	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
12/1 Richard Okamoto 12/2 Jeanne Alices 12/4 Helen Morita 12/7 Dave Iwana 12/23 Cynthia Chun 12/27 Bill Modglin			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@hawaiiintel.net	Email	ckychun47@gmail.com
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1 st VD Governor	Gary Nip	IPP	Eric Kvik	Tail Twister	Silvia Ardila
2 nd VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Directors	David Iwana
Zone Chairman	Ellsworth Fujii	2 nd VP	Eric Kvik	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
		3 rd 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 nd and 4 th 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 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 month, 6:30 pm, Niu Valley Middle School Cafeteria.		