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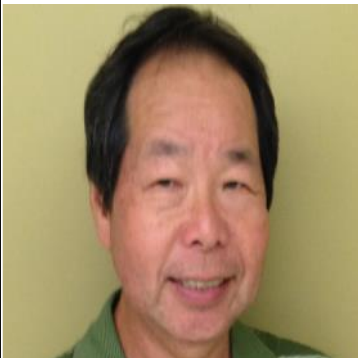
The Voice of Hawaii Kai

# Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello HK Lions,

Writing to you from Hilo, I had planned for trip to visit family and attend KMC. My father turned 100 in January so another good reason for the visit. His memory and reasoning are not so good, but he still has a good appetite. He was happy to see me, and I've

noticed that he enjoys it whenever people come to visit.

This is understandable since humans are social beings and need to interact with people. Covid has been a major nuisance affecting people's mental and emotional health, especially for the elderly and people isolating by personal choice or due to high risk. In my opinion, we joined Lions to serve and satisfy our need to socialize.

I've experienced two great examples of socializing this month, at the Eyeglass cleaning and Leo installation. We all followed precautions and wore masks and everyone seemed happy to see each other. Everyone was talking and catching up while cleaning eyeglasses and really seemed to be enjoying themselves. At the Kaiser High School Leo installation, Lions and Leos mingled before and after the event. Leo President Elana Ingwers' mom and Historian Ashton Taylor's mom also volunteer at the Angel Network on Fridays.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, there's a group of 4 of us that golf. It started off as a way to get some exercise but then we began having a beer after we were done, which led to discussions for anything from national to local politics, UH football, life changes, medical issues, any topic of the day and now 2 beers. They all say that they enjoy our days of golf, not just the "drinking beer" part, but especially for the social interaction. We all look forward to these Mondays and Wednesdays.

Lion Delwin has been calling me periodically since the end of last year, just to keep in touch (he said it was ok to mention him in my bulletin). He tells me how his day was and what he had for lunch. He doesn't want to go out due to COVID, but this is how he socializes. He also calls other HK Lions.

So, follow Delwin's example and give a fellow Lion a call. I would welcome your call or text (808-347-0933 leave me a voicemail with your name so I know it's you). I'm sure HK Lions would also like to hear from you, especially if you haven't attended projects or meetings or spoken to a Lion recently.

In a way, social distancing has taught us that we should cherish our time spent with friends, club members, and family. Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

Lastly, not sure how many of you are on LinkedIn but I wanted to recognize Kendrick who was recently appointed as a Real Property I Teaching Assistant to Professor Jonas Anderson at University of Hawai'i at Manoa - William S. Richardson School of Law. Kendrick will be conducting review sessions and office hours to support the entire first-year class of approximately 90-students taking Real Property law this semester. I also saw Kendrick (representing Livable Hawaii Kai Hui) on KHON2 news with Councilman Tommy Waters attending a blessing to honor ongoing conservation efforts at Wawamalu Beach adjacent to Sandy's last week. See link for news clip:

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/blessing-held-for-conservation-efforts-at-wawamalu-beach-on-oahu/>

Dream Together and Serve!

Lion Ells

### Eyeglass Recycling Cleaning



HK Lions with Kaiser HS Leos after cleaning hundreds of glasses.

*Submitted by President Ellsworth Fujii and Frances Lum*

Fun Eyeglass Recycling Project! On beautiful Sunday, January 16, 8 Hawaii Kai Lions and 8 Kaiser High School Leos (including advisor Gordon Chun) met at Kaiolohia Way Park at 9:00 am for the Eyeglass Recycling project. This was the first in-person project between the Lions and Leos this year and everyone wore masks. The Lions set up Cynthia's tent next to the park's pavilion to protect us from the sun. Some Leos then sorted and selected only reusable glasses, while everyone else cleaned the 1,141 eyeglasses and packed them in shipping boxes. Lions who helped with the project were Lions Jeanne Alices, Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, Yolisa Ishibashi, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, and Ellsworth Fujii. Non-prescription sunglasses were placed in a separate box and will be given to foreign fishermen who are at sea for months and can't afford to buy sunglasses.

Following pandemic protocols, everyone left after the work was done. Six boxes of recycled eyeglasses were dropped off at DHX on Monday. Thank you to Cynthia who made oatmeal cookies for the volunteers!

Thank you to the Lions who collected and stored eyeglasses from the various stores and optometrists throughout the year.



HK Lions cleaning glasses in assembly line fashion.

### Kaiser HS Leo Club Installation



Kaiser HS Leo Club w/ Advisor Gordon Chun and PDG Bob Lee.

*Submitted by President Ellsworth Fujii*

At a special meeting in January, HK Lions attended the Kaiser High School Leo new member induction and officer installation. This was especially special since it was an in-person meeting at Koko Head Elementary School between the two clubs thanks to Frances and KHES Principal Jeffrey Shitaoka. PDG Bob did a great job with the Leo new member induction and officer installation, his first for any Leo club. Although I would have liked more Lions and Leos attend the installation, it is understandable due to the high Covid cases.

Although not getting together physically, the Leos have assisting Lions with Angel Network food distribution and yard clean up, card making for several holiday occasions, and eyeglass Christmas decorations. Hopefully, this is the start of more Lion and Leo joint projects!

Special thanks to Cynthia for putting together a goodie bag for the Leos, which included her delicious cookies.



Lion Silvia with son and Kaiser HS Leo Gabe.

### Rescue Tube News Story & update



Bill Kern and Eric Kwick with the latest rescue tube placement.

*Submitted by Allen Umeda*

The Hawaii Kai Lions Club received front page news coverage in a Honolulu Star Advertiser article on January 14 covering the installation of rescue tubes in Kailua. A Kailua resident reached out to Eric Kwick recently to request assistance in installing rescue tubes at some beach front homes in the Dune Circle neighborhood as there have been drownings in that area in the past few years. Eric and Bill Kern installed the rescue tubes together with area residents. The article also included messages of support and appreciation from the Ocean Safety Division and City Councilman Tommy Waters. It was great publicity for the Club and very helpful to communicate the value and effectiveness of rescue tubes. See article link:

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/01/14/hawaii-news/beach-rescue-tubes-installed-to-prevent-kailua-drownings/>

There has been significant progress in the past two months to complete an agreement to formalize the Lion Club’s installation and maintenance of rescue tubes on beach parks and other property managed by the City and County of Honolulu. This agreement will result in another 15 tubes installed across the East Honolulu and Windward coast to be managed by several Lions Club. Hopefully this agreement will pave the way for large scale installation of rescue tubes across O’ahu.



Group photo with Councilmember Waters in July 2019.

### Next Step Shelter Dinner



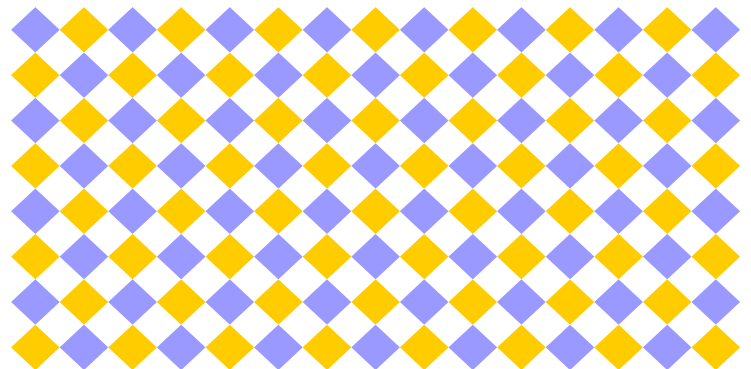
HK Lions joined five other clubs at the most recent dinner project.

*Submitted by Cynthia Chun*

Represented by Lions Marja Leivo and Cynthia Chun, the Hawaii Kai LC took part along with five other Lions Clubs (Honolulu, Mana-Loa Nimitz, Koko Head, Manoa and Hawaii Cyber) with a spaghetti dinner for approximately 100 people in Kakaako on January 22. There were 16 members, more than the volunteers needed, so we quickly served and left before the anticipated time.



Lions Marja and Cynthia working the dinner assembly line.



FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 2/3	7:30am-10:30am	Recyclables Sorting w/ Friends of Koko Head ES.	Koko Head Elem. School	Work	Frances Lum
Thursday, 2/3	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 2/10	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 2/17	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting (Optional) Speaker TBD	Zoom	N/A	N/A

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
2/9 CIS Carole Wee 2/10 Rick Yee 2/28 Stanley Ito			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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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.		