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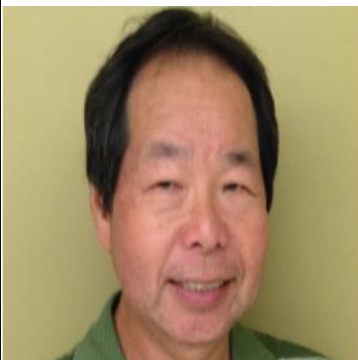
The Voice of Hawaii Kai

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello HK Lions,

The topic for the February GAT (Global Action Team) Zoom meeting was: What can we do to help neighbor island (NI) Lions feel more inclusive? The conversation started out as 'how to include the NI Lions in committees and decision-

making' but seemed to change to more of a discussion about personalities. In my opinion, asks the question: "Why can't we all get along?"

The short answer is, "Because we can't." Conflict is part of human nature, with its conflicting viewpoints and dysfunctional behavior. It's a wonder anything gets done at all. Considering how important relationships are to our personal and Lions Club lives, I think we can agree that getting along is both a noble and practical goal.

This may strike you as counterintuitive – there are times when it's important to confront our differing viewpoints and learn to conflict in productive ways. The great irony is that the process of learning how not to get along is critical to building successful relationships and effective teams.

If you choose any two people at random, they will likely disagree on any number of topics, now extend that to 10 individuals and you can see why disagreement on key issues is so common. And yet, important decisions must be made.

My work experience has taught me to stick to the issue and don't let things get personal, attack the problem, not the person. Ensuring complete transparency and brutal honesty, this is key. Communication is important! Personally, I welcome feedback, to tell me what they're thinking, whether they disagree with me or not and, sooner rather than later. And I would rather hear it from that person than from someone else. The goal is to arrive at the

best decision! The team does eventually have to come to a decision but that doesn't mean everyone has to agree. But those who disagree must put aside their differences, fully commit to the decision that's reached, and do everything in their power to help make it successful.

Conflict is critical to smart decisions and positive outcomes and we're all the better for it. Knowing what to say, but more importantly how to say things. Give each other a benefit of a doubt. Respect each other.

On a personal note, and remember, "What happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas"! A bunch of friends go to Vegas during the football season. To make things interesting, we pool our money (not much), and each select a team. Then, we sit down over drinks to justify our selections until we pick a team to bet on. We then watch the game and everyone roots for the team. We live with our decision but, the harassment we get if your team loses is worse than losing the money.

Again, this is my opinion, I welcome your feedback!

Lion Ells

Happy Easter and Earth Month!



In Memoriam
Lion Mervin G. C. Wee
Past District Governor



Submitted by President Ells Fujii

Lion Merv touched and inspired so many Lions. When I joined the HK Lions in 2017, Merv was the one who made me feel welcome and comfortable as a new member. I remember how easy it was to ask for his advice and guidance and his willingness to help. I was fortunate to have attended Lions Leadership training when Merv (and Ken) were the chairs. I enjoyed our conversations about Lions and our club. I will really miss him. Thank you, Merv! – *Lion Ells*

Will always remember his positive attitude despite his continuing severe medical issues. He always greeted you with a smile and a helping hand whenever needed. – *Lion Ken*

Past District Governor Merv made the greatest lasting impact on me as a Lion! He provided wonderful guidance that piqued my interest in the Club's rules, especially when he continually told me "it's in the constitution"! With great fond memories, Merv will be missed. – *Lion David*

After meeting Merv well over 25 years ago, he didn't change from the jokey yet serious and sincere person that I've always known him to be. I'll never forget a time he chewed the club out at a meeting for something we did wrong but only at that moment was he angry and we respected his stance. We all agree that he was someone we could confide in and will sorely be missed. – *Lion Cynthia*

Merv was a kind and generous guy. He was always welcoming and available to answer my questions. He was a dedicated Lion, someone you could always count on, and a friend to all. RIP Merv, you will be missed but never forgotten. Sending prayers for peace and comfort to Merv's family. – *Lion Jeanne*

I have memories of Merv from back while he was still working. But for years, Lion Merv was one of the first smiling, convivial face I saw at the annual Father's Day Pancake breakfast. When I became a Lion, he warmly welcomed me (and also teased me about the good old working days). – *Lion Frances*

He will be deeply missed. I will miss his smile, his jokes, his friendship, his wealth of knowledge as a Lion and in Life. He also made me feel comfortable and part of the HI Kai Lions Ohana when I became a member. Merv, Rest in Peace. – *Lion Sandy Gomes*

Merv was the nicest person that I have ever met. He was a Lion's Lion. All of us have lost a good friend. – *Lion Ed Lee*

Your smile always made everyone happy. Thank you, Lion PDG Merv. – *Lion Kazuaki Nakano*

Industrious, Dedicated and Proud balanced with Appreciation, Humility and Humor" that's how I will remember Lion Merv. Lion PDG and twice President of Hawaii Kai Lions. Lion Merv was truly a 'Servant Leader' and yet kept his priorities straight. I remember Lion Merv telling me that serving others as a Lion is important work, but what comes first is your family and your vocation; as for Lions work, do what you can! – *Lion Roger Ede*

Merv was my sponsor when I joined HK Lions Club. He was always pleasant, accommodating and always willing to assist me. Tammy and I send out heartfelt condolences to Merv's wife, Carole, and his entire family. – *Lion Thomas Haia*

I was honored to serve as Zone Chair during PDG Merv's year. He and PID Mel Nakamura were the reasons why I became the Eye Bank Chair, then HLF President, and if that wasn't enough, appointed me as Host Committee Chair for the 2015 International Convention. My arms were sore after all that arm twisting. After that, whenever I saw Merv and Mel coming towards me, I learned to turn around and run away as fast as I could!

All kidding aside, Lion Merv was a mentor and friend who will be greatly missed by us all. He inspired us all to be better Lions. – *PDG Bob Lee*

I've had the pleasure of knowing PDG Merv for many years prior to becoming a Lion as we were both employees of the Department of Labor. But I've seen another side of him when he led our District as Membership Chair. The visual of Merv standing on tabletops leading his cheers will be my lasting memory of this inspirational leader. We will miss you, PDG Merv! – *PDG Blayne Hanagami*

PDG Merv was a guiding light in Region V Zone 2. Clubs could depend on PDG Merv to give a talk, induct a new member or to install new officers. His Lions knowledge was incredible leading many to seek his counsel. Rest in peace PDG Merv and mahalo for your service. – *Lion Gary Nip*

PDG Merv had a huge heart, in serving the community and guiding the Lions. I thank him for being a huge supporter for my campaign and more. – *Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita*

It is with much sadness that I heard about the passing of a great Lion, Past District Governor Mervin Wee of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. A friend to many of us 'old timers' in the Koko Head Lions. He always made the time and I never, ever felt I was a bother to him. I will miss you, my friend, and one day look forward to seeing you again on the other side. Your friend in service – *Lion Gavin Hall*

I remember all the times I carpoled to LCICON meetings and other events with Merv, and how he was always "Mr. Aloha" and everyone wanted to stop to chat with him! Carole always said Lions club kept him going! (Merv will certainly be missed by Loyal, me and the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club!) – *Peggy*

Lion Toshi Nishioka Remembered



Lions Alvin, Walter, and Ken with Nishioka Family.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

It was one year ago on March 3, 2021, that we lost our beloved Charter Member Lion Toshio Nishioka. “Toshi” as everyone knew him, was a kind, humble, and compassionate individual who exemplified the true meaning of Lionism.

During the past year, due to COVID related concerns, Toshi’s family was not able to hold a funeral service. Normally at such a service, our Lions Club would conduct a short ceremony to present a Lions memorial plaque commemorating his almost 48 years of service, and a memorial resolution outlining his outstanding contributions to Lionism.

Since it had been a year since Toshi’s passing, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club represented by Lions Alvin Hayashibara, Walter Kuroiwa, and Ken Nishibun, took the initiative to visit Toshi’s family on Sunday, February 20 and conduct a brief ceremony to present the plaque and resolution. Present were Companion in Service (CIS) Florence, son Lance and his wife Doreen

Florence and her family were especially touched by the presentations and the many remembrances. Florence was a very active CIS and participated in most of the Club’s projects. Although a little forgetful, it was nice to see that she is physically healthy; in fact, she recently enjoyed a much needed get-away to Las Vegas with Lance and Doreen.

Kamiloiki Traffic Awareness



HK Lions with Principal Yoshimoto and students.

Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi

On March 29, 2022, eight Lions participated in the traffic awareness sign waving event coordinated by HPD Officer John Mau at Kamiloiki Elementary School from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. There were also two additional HPD officers, six Kamiloiki School students, and three City & County Department of Transportation Services employees joining in this activity. Hundreds of cars passed by during this time period, with several drivers and passengers waving back or honking their horns in acknowledgment.

Lions participating included Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, Eric Kimura, John Kratochvil, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, and Appan Subramanian.

In support of 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 beneficial projects with them and other schools within the community.



HK Lions sign-waving during morning commute.

Kaiser High School Recycling



Group photo of HK Lions at recycling event.

Submitted by Allen Umeda

Kaiser High School hosted a recycling event on March 26, 2022. Volunteer activities included directing traffic, unloading, moving, and organizing donated items. A variety of recyclable items were collected including office and home electronics, building materials, clothing, drink containers, scrap metal, cooking oil, paper for shredding, and glasses.

Around 20 Kaiser High School students, staff and parent volunteers were joined by Hawaii Kai Lions Club members Tom Ono, Silvia Ardila and son Gabriel, Nancy Rocheleau and CIS Bob, Joel Leo, Appan Subramanian, Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, and Allen Umeda.



HK Lions formed assembly line to handle recycling items.

Hawaii Kai Library Donation



HK Lions presenting check to HK Librarian Colleen Lashway.

Submitted by Marja Leivo

Since 1987 the Hawaii Kai Lions Club has presented the Hawaii Kai Library with an annual donation, with matching funds from the Nagoya Joto Lions Club. The funds have been used to purchase books and materials for the library and to promote Japanese cultural awareness. The Nagoya Lions have also presented the library with cultural artifacts and art work that are displayed throughout the library and in a showcase made by Lion Eric Kvick. On March 29, 2022 Ellsworth Fujii presented the \$1,000. check to Librarian Colleen Lashway. Attending with him were: Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Kazuaki Nakano, Eric Kimura, Nancy Rocheleau, and Yolisa Ishibashi. The Librarian provided a tour to show us some of the art works that were donated to the library by the Nagoya Joto Lions Club. and thanked us for our Hawaii Kai Lions Club's support.

Father's Day Breakfast Tickets



After a two-year hiatus, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club will be resuming its Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast this year via a bento drive through pick-up system. Neighborhood canvassing to sell tickets will occur on the morning of Sunday, April 10th and 24th, and May 1st, 15th, and 29th. We will be meeting at Zippy's Koko Marina 8:00am for breakfast and to receive map instructions from Ken Nishibun. Please sign-up on the website if you plan to attend any of the canvassing otherwise contact Lion Jeanne to pick-up tickets to sell.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 4/7	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting (Breakfast Committee Meeting afterwards 8:00-9:00pm)	Kaleli Kai Condo Clubhouse (1 Keahole Place)	Club Shirt	N/A
Sunday, 4/10	8:00-11:00am	Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Thursday, 4/14	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Kaleli Kai Condo Clubhouse (1 Keahole Place)	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 4/16	8:00-11:00am	Safe Sidewalks Project	Pepeekeo Street, near Hahaione Elementary School	Work Shirt	Yolisa Ishibashi
Saturday, 4/16	9:00am-12:00pm	Invasive Seaweed Removal	Kuliouou Beach Park (100 Bay Street)	Work Shirt	Allen Umeda
Saturday, 4/23	11:00am-1:30pm	Club Charter Celebration	Gyotaku Restaurant (S. King St.)	Club Shirt	Kaz Nakano
Sunday, 4/24	8:00-11:00am	Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun

Kaleli Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings

Aloha everyone!

Take a deep breath and get ready for in-person meetings again. They will be held at 1 Keahole Place, Hawaii Kai. (Kaleli Kai Condominiums). Please arrive between 6.45 PM and 7.00PM. Someone will be at the Main entrance "IN" to open the gate.

Once in, you can enter the Clubhouse ("Cabana") area via Gate 1 or 2. Gate 1 opens normally from the outside; but with Gate 2, you have to reach over and inside the gate to release the latch. There is generous parking, but in case everyone shows up in separate cars there is even more parking next door at the Safeway mall, immediately adjacent to the condo complex. Remember the meetings start at 7 P.M. and anyone arriving after that time please park at the Safeway lot, and, at the main "IN" gate call 808-384-7415 for the gate to be opened. Please email me if you have any questions.

Lion Appan

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
4/7 CIS Wanda Kimura 4/19 CIS Kelli Baumgartner 4/25 PDG Roy Aoki 4/30 CIS Ellen Leo		4/9/1973 Rick Yee 4/9/1973 Delwin Ching 4/9/1973 Richard Okamoto 4/9/1973 Bunny Lee	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
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2 nd VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Directors	David Iwana
Zone Chairman	Ellsworth Fujii	2 nd VP	Eric Kvick	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
Zone II		3 rd VP	Appan Subramanian	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
HLF Trustee	David Iwana	Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Service Chair	Kendrick S. Chang
		Lion Tamer	Dr. Kerry Yoon		Alvin Hayashibara