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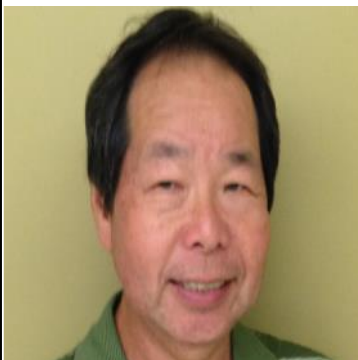
The Voice of Hawaii Kai

Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello HK Lions,

Boy, I sure had a lot to write this month.

Everyone who attended the 49th Charter Celebration on April 23 seemed to have a wonderful time. And it was nice to see everyone in person and socializing.

This month, I would like to talk about “building relationships”. And this is what I observed when helping at the International Director’s meeting and attending the District Convention. No matter what level a Lion is, from sitting-International President to a new member, the way we interact and build relationships is key to serving.

The way to build relationships is to build people skill. Get a feel of the person and pay attention to what is important to them. Be sincere and honest. Develop your Emotional Intelligence to help identify and handle the emotions and needs of others. Practice mindful listening and you'll talk less and understand more. Genuinely compliment the people around you when they do something well. Focus on being positive. It is contagious. People gravitate toward those that make them feel good. These practices work in personal life, in the workplace, or Lion related environments. It's easy when you're among Lions because we all have the same goal of wanting to serve.

People who have a best friend at work are seven times more likely to be engaged in their jobs, but it doesn't necessarily have to be a BFF. Just having a friend, a good relationship, makes the work more enjoyable. The more comfortable workers are around one other, the more confident they'll feel voicing opinions, brainstorming, and accepting new ideas. Good work relationships also give you freedom. Instead of spending time and energy dealing with negative relationships, you can, instead, focus on

opportunities. A good work relationship requires trust, respect, self-awareness, inclusion, and open communication.

At the District Convention, first-time attendees (like Lion Frances) were given the task to get signatures from D50 officers and club presidents. The purpose was to help them introduce themselves and meet other D50 lions. This exercise will also help them build relationships with D50 officeholders who they may have to work with in the future. Lion Frances really did build relationships at the convention which will help her as President and beyond. She was the winner who collected the most signatures and won several collectable Lion pins and a retractable back scratcher!!! I wonder what the meaning of the back scratcher was. Maybe, in order to build relationships, you have to scratch each other's backs.

Lion Ells



Safe Sidewalk Repairs



HK Lions lined up along Pepeekeo Street.

Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi

On April 16, 2022, seven Hawaii Kai Lions met at Hahaione Elementary School to repair the sidewalk cracks on Pepeekeo Street surrounding the school. Scott Goto, from the City’s Division of Road Maintenance’s Malama O Ka Aina (MOKA) community volunteer program, as well as Lions’ Safe Sidewalk Coordinator Jerry Nagatani, were also present. Scott demonstrated how to mix and apply the concrete-like material to the cracks. Thereafter, the Lions split up into two groups to begin the repairs; but unfortunately, it rained heavily and the project had to be cancelled.

Lions participating in this event included Cynthia Chun, Alvin Hayashibara, Yolisa Ishibashi, Bill Kern, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, and Allen Umeda.

Since this project was cancelled, a future date will be worked on with the City to complete this portion of the project. Other streets will also be scheduled for later in the year. A great big “Thank You” to those Lions who showed up for this event, even though it had to be cancelled and everyone got drenched.



49th Charter Anniversary Luncheon



HK Lions lined up for a group photo.

Submitted by Frances Lum

47 Lions, CIS, and guests gathered together on April 23, 2022 at Gyotaku Restaurant to celebrate the Hawaii Kai Lions Club’s 49th Charter Anniversary. Everyone was happy to re-connect with each other in person. (We now know that everyone owns pants!) What a celebration it was! We were graced with the presence of two of our four remaining Charter members: Lion Bunny Lee and CIS Pat Lee and Lion Rick Yee and CIS Lyn Yee. Special guests included Immediate Past District Governor Garrett Ogawa, Kaiser High School Leo Advisor Gordon Chun and his wife, Cheryl Iwasaki-Chun, and Hibiscus Lions Club President Albert Kim along with members of the Hibiscus Club.

The celebration started with its usual tradition: an opening song by Lion Bunny, the flag pledge by Lion Rick, the Lions’ pledge by Lion Cynthia Chun, and the invocation was delivered by Lion Stanley Ito. The Club also honored its four Charter members: Lions Delwin Ching, Richard Okamoto, Bunny and Rick. Thank you for starting the Hawaii Kai Lions Club and staying with the Club for 49 years!

When it came to co-emcee, Zone chair, and Hawaii Kai Club President Ellsworth Fujii’s speech, however, he surprised us with new award categories before presenting the Lion of the Year award. The new categories were Go To award which went to Lion Alvin Hayashibara (you go to Lion Alvin for all your design and printing needs); Hidden Gem award to Lion Yolisa Ishibashi (took on responsibility starting in the first month as a Lion and attends many projects); Jedi of Environmental Projects award to Lion Allen Umeda (for coordinating all our environmental projects -- there were many during the pandemic -- and being a faithful partner at Keawawa Wetlands), and the Go That Extra Mile award to Lion Cynthia (for participating in all the projects, feeding us, and keeping Lion Ells in line). Lion Ells also added a new twist to an old tradition by recognizing two Lions of the Year: Lion Silvia Ardila for helping to achieve Lion Ells’ goal to enhance the Club’s web presence and social media and to Lion Frances Lum for updating the constitution and by-laws (which isn’t quite finished), but mostly for giving him unsolicited advice. Congratulations are also due to Lion David Iwana, who was selected as the Melvin Jones Fellow!

Finally, the Club’s new officers were installed by IPDG Garrett Ogawa who bestowed “gifts” appropriate for the position. For example, he gave Lion Tom Ono, who will be the Club’s Lion Tamer, a bag since Lion Tom will have to carry around supplies, and to the Membership Chair Lion Kendrick Chang, zip ties which can be used to retain members (by tying them to the clubhouse).

To see highlights of the celebration in less than 4 minutes click here: <https://youtu.be/LwSCG6hgCQ8>

Kaiser High School Recycling



Group photo of HK Lions at Easter registration booth.

Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii

After a 2 year interruption due to COVID-19, the annual Easter Eggstravaganza was held at Koko Head District Park complex on Saturday, April 9. Lions Jeanne Alices, Reiko Caires, Cynthia Chun, Alvin Hayashibara, Frances Lum Ken Nishibun, and Ellsworth Fujii assisted with registration. This year, the parents had to register their children and it was limited to the first 200 children. The Easter egg hunt was held on the 4 baseball fields by age group. Lions from Palolo and Cyber helped with the on-field coning and placing of plastic eggs on the fields. There was 1 special egg in each age group which was awarded an Easter basket. It was nice to see the excitement of children having fun again! Including Lion Frances lining up to race the kids to gather eggs.



Honolulu Parks & Recreation staff.

86th District 50 Convention



Lions Ells, Frances, Cynthia, CIS Sally, and Stan at convention.

Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii

The District 50 Hawaii Lions 86th Annual District Convention was held at the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel in Kailua-Kona from April 28 – 30. This was the first in-person convention since 2019, a goal of DG Mitch. Cynthia Chun, Frances Lum, Stan Ito (and CIS Sally), and I attended the convention. This convention was particularly special because International President, Douglas X. Alexander was the keynote speaker. It is not often that a sitting-International President attends a District Convention in Hawaii, so we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to attend the convention. He is a great speaker and shared experiences as a Lion and during his Presidency. He announced that LCI will officially become Lions International beginning July, 2022. He also announced that there is a proposal to increase International dues by \$7 over 3 years to be effective in 2023; the proposal will be voted on at the International Convention in Montreal.

About 150 Lions from D50 attended the convention. It was great to see Lions getting back to normal as the Governor and Vice District Governor candidates marched and campaigned for their office during the Nomination and Election portion of the convention. Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita was elected 2nd Vice District Governor, CJ Kalopodes as 1st VDG, and Gary Nip as District Governor.

At the Awards luncheon, the HKLC was presented the 2020-2021 Club Excellence award for outstanding work done during IPP Eric's year. Reiko Caires received the Proud Lion award and Frances received the Proud Lion Too award. The recipient's pictures are in the convention booklet. Our Lion Merv Wee was remembered during the necrology session. The Sight is Beautiful poster submitted by a Koko Head Elementary School 5th grader was the 2nd place winner in their division. The theme for the Fun Night was Gilligan's Island which has a natural backdrop at the beach of the hotel. Frances was selected to the cast of Gilligan's Island as the "Professor" as Lions vied for other characters of the cast.

I went to Hilo a week earlier to help PDG Bob Lee at the International Board of Directors meeting at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. PDG Blayne Hanagami and I were assigned to "guard the coffee" and we had the opportunity to meet and talk to many of the International Directors that you see on LCI emails and magazines. What a treat that was!!!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 5/5	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 5/12	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 5/13	10:00am-2:30pm	Koko Head Elementary School Keiki Karnival	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Saturday, 5/14	9:00am-12:00pm	PDG Merv Wee Celebration of Life	Nuuanu Mortuary, East Chapel	Club Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Sunday, 5/15	8:00-11:00am	Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Thursday, 5/19	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 5/21	10:00am-3:00pm	Breakfast Ticket Sales Booth & Koko Marina Center	Koko Marina Center	Work Shirt	Appan Subramanian
Sunday, 5/22	8:00-11:00am	Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Sunday, 5/29	8:00-11:00am	Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
5/14 CIS Donna Ede 5/29 Dr. Roger Ede		5/1/1962 Chong Fook Leu 5/1/1981 PDG Roy Aoki 5/16/2019 Kelan Yoshioka	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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1 st VD Governor	Gary Nip	IPP	Eric Kvick	Tail Twister	Silvia Ardila
2 nd VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Directors	David Iwana
Zone Chair	Ellsworth Fujii	2 nd VP	Eric Kvick	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
Region 5 Zone 2	David Iwana	3 rd VP	Appan Subramanian	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Zone II		Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Service Chair	Kendrick S. Chang
HLF Trustee		Lion Tamer	Dr. Kerry Yoon		Alvin Hayashibara